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Session 1: Word List

introductory

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

synonym: beginning, preliminary, initial

(1) **introductory** biology text, (2) product **introductory** sale
The **introductory** class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

awkward

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

synonym: embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation difficult.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym : resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

genetic

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

synonym : hereditary, genetical, inborn

(1) have **genetic** testing, (2) a **genetic** disorder

Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the **genetic** code.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

synonym : degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym : choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym : vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym : hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

disabled

adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

synonym : handicapped, impaired, incapacitated

(1) a **disabled** veteran, (2) a learning- **disabled** child

She was **disabled** in a car accident.

detonate

v. to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events

synonym : explode, blow up, ignite

(1) **detonate** a missile, (2) **detonate** a plan

The bomb squad had to **detonate** the suspicious package found at the train station.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

utterly

adv. completely or absolutely

synonym : absolutely, completely, perfectly

(1) **utterly** changed, (2) **utterly** ignorant

We are **utterly** opposed to any form of terrorism.

disregard

v. to pay no attention to or to ignore someone or something

synonym : ignore, pay no attention to, overlook

(1) **disregard** for human rights, (2) **disregard** the rules

She **disregarded** all the warnings and proceeded with her dangerous plan.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

overt

adj. open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret

synonym : open, unhidden, obvious

(1) **overt** hostility, (2) **overt** symptoms

His **overt** lack of enthusiasm was noticeable to everyone in the room.

accommodation

n. a place to live, work, or stay, particularly for a temporary or short-term period; adjustment or adaptation to meet various needs or circumstances

synonym: lodging, housing, quarters

(1) temporary **accommodation**, (2) for your **accommodation**

The hotel offers comfortable **accommodations** for both business and leisure travelers.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

synonym: worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

convey

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

synonym: communicate, transfer, deliver

(1) **convey** a complex idea, (2) **convey** goods by truck

An ironic remark often **conveys** an intended meaning obliquely.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym : encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior

Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

rampant

adj. (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

synonym : prevalent, dense, uncontrolled

(1) **rampant** growth of weeds, (2) **rampant** corruption

In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be **rampant**.

entice

v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting

synonym : lure, tempt, attract

(1) **entice** foreign investment, (2) **entice** shoppers

The salesperson tried to **entice** the customer into buying a new car.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym : great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

fancy

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

synonym : imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**

I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

pillar

n. a tall, vertical column or support structure that helps to hold up other parts of a building or structure; a person or thing regarded as providing essential support or core strength to something

synonym : column, post, support

(1) **pillar** of society, (2) **pillar** decoration

The **pillar** of smoke rising from the building signaled a massive fire.

acumen

n. the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters

synonym : keenness, insight, sagacity

(1) critical **acumen**, (2) financial **acumen**

His business **acumen** helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym: adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed
I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
synonym: consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock
The sponge **absorbs** water well.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details
synonym: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate**
measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**
The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

exhaust

n. the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
synonym: emission, fumes, (verb) deplete

(1) **exhaust** pipe, (2) **exhaust** a topic

The factory's **exhaust** fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

- cue** *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
synonym : signal, sign, hint
(1) **cue** card, (2) visual **cue**
The director gave the actor a **cue** to begin the scene.
- tease** *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
synonym : bully, annoy, provoke
(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool
This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.
- determinant** *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
synonym : cause, factor, element
(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields
One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- ricochet** *v.* to rebound or deflect off a surface at an angle or series of angles, changing direction multiple times; to have a sudden and unintended effect or outcome; (noun) the motion of an object or a projectile that is deflected off a surface
synonym : bounce, rebound, spring
(1) **ricochet** off the walls, (2) **ricochet** into a crowd
The police officer fired a warning shot that **ricocheted** off the pavement and hit a nearby car.
- kale** *n.* a type of leafy green vegetable that belongs to the cabbage family, often eaten raw in salads or cooked as a side dish
synonym : collard greens, cabbage, broccoli

(1) **kale** salad, (2) baked **kale** chips

I like to add chopped **kale** to my smoothies for an extra boost of nutrition.

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym: foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym: certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym: acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

millennial

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

synonym: thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign

Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

accidentally

adv. by chance or without planning

synonym: by chance, unintentionally, unwittingly

(1) they met **accidentally**, (2) **accidentally** coincide

He was **accidentally** killed by friendly fire.

arena

n. a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events

synonym : stadium, theatre, auditorium

(1) indoor **arena**, (2) political **arena**

The company is planning to build a 20,000-seat **arena** with a retractable roof.

splash

v. to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force

synonym : scatter, dash, gurgle

(1) **splash** water, (2) **splash** everywhere

The mountain was **splashed** with snow.

sour

adj. having a taste that is acidic or tart; (noun) a person or situation that is unhappy or negative

synonym : acidic, tangy, tart

(1) turn **sour**, (2) a dollop of **sour** cream

The pickles had a tangy and **sour** flavor that went well with the sandwich.

frantic

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

synonym : wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

bakery

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

synonym : bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have

faith or confidence in something

synonym: stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym: disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

disability

n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

synonym: impairment, disadvantage, restriction

(1) a **disability** pension, (2) a learning **disability**

Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing **disability**.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym: skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

rocket

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

synonym: projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

snap

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

synonym: break, crack, fracture

(1) **snap** a whip, (2) **snap** judgment

She **snapped** a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym : bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym : throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

upside

n. the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

synonym : advantage, benefit, top

(1) have no **upside**, (2) market **upside**

Many people see the **upside** of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

synonym : push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

cliff

n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

synonym : crag, escarpment, precipice

(1) a bold **cliff**, (2) **cliff** diving

He stood at the edge of the **cliff** and looked out to sea.

demise

n. death or the end of something

synonym : death, passing, end

(1) **demise** of bureaucracy, (2) meet their **demise**

The sudden **demise** of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.

linebacker

n. a defensive player in American football whose primary responsibility is to tackle the ball carrier or block pass attempts by the opposing team

synonym : defensive back

(1) **linebacker** position, (2) rookie **linebacker**

The team's defensive strategy relied heavily on their **linebacker's** ability to read the opposing team's offense.

blitz

n. a sudden and intensive military attack designed to achieve a quick victory; a sudden and intense effort to accomplish a task or objective, often involving a rapid and concerted action

synonym : onslaught, assault, attack

(1) marketing **blitz**, (2) snowstorm **blitz**

The football team used the **blitz** strategy to overwhelm their opponents quickly.

tackle

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

synonym : deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change

The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

fumble

v. to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something

synonym : botch, bumble, mishandle

(1) **fumble** about in a bag, (2) **fumble** a grounder

The receiver **fumbled** the ball, and the other team recovered it.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym : move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym : innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

syndrome

n. a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and are characteristic of a particular condition or disorder

synonym : disorder, condition, complication

(1) **syndrome** of dementia, (2) acute **syndrome**

The patient was diagnosed with a rare genetic **syndrome**.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym : revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

adventure

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym : experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym : smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

Session 2: Spelling

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22. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
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24. di_____rd the rules *v.* to pay no attention to or to ignore someone or something
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29. sp___h everywhere *v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
30. for your acc_____ion *n.* a place to live, work, or stay, particularly for a temporary or short-term period; adjustment or adaptation to meet various needs or circumstances
31. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 22. prioritize, 23. accidentally, 24. disregard, 25. fumble, 26. bet, 27. label, 28. sour, 29. splash, 30. accommodation, 31. label

32. ex____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
33. sp____t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
34. sy____me of dementia *n.* a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and are characteristic of a particular condition or disorder
35. im____r insulin sensitivity *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
36. ad____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
37. marketing bl__z *n.* a sudden and intensive military attack designed to achieve a quick victory; a sudden and intense effort to accomplish a task or objective, often involving a rapid and concerted action
38. ab____b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
39. ov__t symptoms *adj.* open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret
40. fu____e about in a bag *v.* to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something
41. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

ANSWERS: 32. exciting, 33. spirit, 34. syndrome, 35. impair, 36. adventure, 37. blitz, 38. absorb, 39. overt, 40. fumble, 41. bias

42. meet their de___e *n.* death or the end of something
43. inc_____ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
44. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
45. en___e shoppers *v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
46. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
47. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
48. fr_____c pace *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
49. c_e card *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
50. with fr_____c haste *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
51. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
52. ro___t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

ANSWERS: 42. demise, 43. incentivize, 44. optimistic, 45. entice, 46. spirit, 47. achieve, 48. frantic, 49. cue, 50. frantic, 51. typical, 52. rocket

53. te__e the children *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
54. temporary acc_____ion *n.* a place to live, work, or stay, particularly for a temporary or short-term period; adjustment or adaptation to meet various needs or circumstances
55. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
56. cl__f diving *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
57. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
58. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
59. baked k__e chips *n.* a type of leafy green vegetable that belongs to the cabbage family, often eaten raw in salads or cooked as a side dish
60. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
61. visual c_e *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something

ANSWERS: 53. tease, 54. accommodation, 55. pursue, 56. cliff, 57. strength, 58. trait, 59. kale, 60. blur, 61. cue

62. ra____t corruption *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
63. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
64. acute sy____me *n.* a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and are characteristic of a particular condition or disorder
65. political ar__a *n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
66. pr____r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
67. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
68. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
69. im____r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
70. snowstorm bl__z *n.* a sudden and intensive military attack designed to achieve a quick victory; a sudden and intense effort to accomplish a task or objective, often involving a rapid and concerted action
71. vi____l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 62. rampant, 63. adapt, 64. syndrome, 65. arena, 66. prefer, 67. lean, 68. cycle, 69. impair, 70. blitz, 71. visual

72. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
73. sh__e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
74. co___y a complex idea *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
75. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
76. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
77. gastronomic ad_____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
78. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
79. de___e of bureaucracy *n.* death or the end of something
80. inc_____ze carpooling *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
81. de_____te a missile *v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events

ANSWERS: 72. superpower, 73. shove, 74. convey, 75. tip, 76. accurate, 77. adventure, 78. transfer, 79. demise, 80. incentivize, 81. detonate

82. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
83. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
84. abruptly in____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
85. a ra__m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
86. fa__y a cup of coffee *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
87. improved student ou____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
88. a det____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
89. the mi____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
90. a bold cl__f *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

ANSWERS: 82. process, 83. calm, 84. interrupt, 85. random, 86. fancy, 87. outcome, 88. determinant, 89. mindset, 90. cliff

91. sh__e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
92. market up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
93. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
94. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
95. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
96. the mil_____al reign *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
97. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
98. de_____te a plan *v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events

ANSWERS: 91. shove, 92. upside, 93. process, 94. tip, 95. confident, 96. millennial, 97. bias, 98. detonate

99. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
100. ri_____et off the walls *v.* to rebound or deflect off a surface at an angle or series of angles, changing direction multiple times; to have a sudden and unintended effect or outcome; (noun) the motion of an object or a projectile that is deflected off a surface
101. motion b____r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
102. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
103. ut_____y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
104. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
105. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
106. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
107. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 99. straight, 100. ricochet, 101. blur, 102. outcome, 103. utterly, 104. transfer, 105. appreciate, 106. bet, 107. achieve

108. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
109. ex_____t pipe *n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
110. lin_____er position *n.* a defensive player in American football whose primary responsibility is to tackle the ball carrier or block pass attempts by the opposing team
111. field of vi____l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
112. product int_____ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
113. a learning-di_____ed child *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
114. ta____e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
115. en____e foreign investment *v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
116. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
117. pi____r of society *n.* a tall, vertical column or support structure that helps to hold up other parts of a building or structure; a person or thing regarded as providing essential support or core strength to something

ANSWERS: 108. employee, 109. exhaust, 110. linebacker, 111. visual, 112. introductory, 113. disabled, 114. tackle, 115. entice, 116. confident, 117. pillar

118. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
119. em_____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
120. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
121. a di_____ed veteran *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
122. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
123. a learning dis_____ty *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
124. an aw_____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
125. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
126. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
127. answer co_____ss questions *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
128. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 118. prefer, 119. employee, 120. tremendous, 121. disabled, 122. blind, 123. disability, 124. awkward, 125. blind, 126. straight, 127. countless, 128. rely

129. co_____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
130. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
131. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
132. di_____rd for human rights *v.* to pay no attention to or to ignore someone or something
133. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
134. ab___b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
135. ov__t hostility *adj.* open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret
136. k__e salad *n.* a type of leafy green vegetable that belongs to the cabbage family, often eaten raw in salads or cooked as a side dish
137. critical ac____n *n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters
138. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
139. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 129. countless, 130. rely, 131. recognize, 132. disregard, 133. sight, 134. absorb, 135. overt, 136. kale, 137. acumen, 138. entitle, 139. perspective

140. re____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
141. justice of the su____e court *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
142. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
143. joint rec_____on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
144. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
145. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
146. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
147. l__n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
148. help ta___e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
149. co___y goods by truck *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
150. te__e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

ANSWERS: 140. recover, 141. supreme, 142. tremendous, 143. recognition, 144. recognition, 145. exciting, 146. entitle, 147. lean, 148. tackle, 149. convey, 150. tease

151. provide ac____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
152. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
153. au_____us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
154. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
155. int_____ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
156. the su_____e commander *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
157. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
158. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
159. a dollop of s__r cream *adj.* having a taste that is acidic or tart; (noun) a person or situation that is unhappy or negative
160. ut_____y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
161. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

ANSWERS: 151. accurate, 152. superpower, 153. audacious, 154. perspective, 155. introductory, 156. supreme, 157. adapt, 158. inspire, 159. sour, 160. utterly, 161. strength

162. in_____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
163. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
164. ba___y industry *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
165. mil_____al record *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
166. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
167. s__p a whip *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
168. ra_____t growth of weeds *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
169. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
170. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

ANSWERS: 162. interrupt, 163. cycle, 164. bakery, 165. millennial, 166. pursue, 167. snap, 168. rampant, 169. appreciate, 170. flip

171. they met acc_____lly *adv.* by chance or without planning
172. sp___h water *v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
173. ro___t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
174. high vo___e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
175. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
176. cultural n___m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
177. an aw_____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
178. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
179. n___m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
180. pi___r decoration *n.* a tall, vertical column or support structure that helps to hold up other parts of a building or structure; a person or thing regarded as providing essential support or core strength to something

ANSWERS: 171. accidentally, 172. splash, 173. rocket, 174. volume, 175. recognize, 176. norm, 177. awkward, 178. volume, 179. norm, 180. pillar

181. have no up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
182. rookie lin_____er *n.* a defensive player in American football whose primary responsibility is to tackle the ball carrier or block pass attempts by the opposing team
183. have ge_____c testing *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
184. ex_____t a topic *n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired

ANSWERS: 181. upside, 182. linebacker, 183. genetic, 184. exhaust

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
adj. relating to seeing or sight
2. We are _____ opposed to any form of terrorism.
adv. completely or absolutely
3. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
4. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.
n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
5. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
n. the ability to see; anything that is seen
6. In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be _____.
adj. (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
7. She _____ a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.
v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
8. The food chain causes a material _____.
n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

ANSWERS: 1. visual, 2. utterly, 3. mindset, 4. rocket, 5. sights, 6. rampant, 7. snapped, 8. cycle

9. She researched gender _____ in politics.

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

10. The mountain was _____ with snow.

v. to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force

11. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

12. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

13. He worked at the _____ as a baker.

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

14. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

15. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

16. I like to add chopped _____ to my smoothies for an extra boost of nutrition.

n. a type of leafy green vegetable that belongs to the cabbage family, often eaten raw in salads or cooked as a side dish

ANSWERS: 9. bias, 10. splashed, 11. straight, 12. interrupted, 13. bakery, 14. perspective, 15. random, 16. kale

17. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
18. Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by _____ changes in climate.
adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
19. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
20. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.
v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
21. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.
adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
22. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
23. She _____ all the warnings and proceeded with her dangerous plan.
v. to pay no attention to or to ignore someone or something
24. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.
n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

ANSWERS: 17. achieve, 18. millennial-scale, 19. flipped, 20. tackle, 21. calm, 22. entitled, 23. disregarded, 24. volume

25. I'm not _____ in our victory.

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

26. The factory's _____ fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.

n. the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired

27. An ironic remark often _____ an intended meaning obliquely.

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

28. The patient was diagnosed with a rare genetic _____.

n. a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and are characteristic of a particular condition or disorder

29. The salesperson tried to _____ the customer into buying a new car.

v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting

30. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

31. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

32. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 25. confident, 26. exhaust, 27. conveys, 28. syndrome, 29. entice, 30. exciting, 31. countless, 32. label

33. The mother was _____ as she searched for her lost child.

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

34. The _____ design of the interface made the operation difficult.

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

35. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

36. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

37. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

38. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

39. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

40. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

ANSWERS: 33. frantic, 34. awkward, 35. spirit, 36. Lean, 37. prefer, 38. adapt, 39. rely, 40. typical

41. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
42. The sudden _____ of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.
- n.* death or the end of something
43. The police officer fired a warning shot that _____ off the pavement and hit a nearby car.
- v.* to rebound or deflect off a surface at an angle or series of angles, changing direction multiple times; to have a sudden and unintended effect or outcome; (noun) the motion of an object or a projectile that is deflected off a surface
44. His business _____ helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.
- n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters
45. The accident made his vision _____.
- v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
46. He was _____ killed by friendly fire.
- adv.* by chance or without planning
47. His _____ lack of enthusiasm was noticeable to everyone in the room.
- adj.* open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret
48. The sponge _____ water well.
- v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

ANSWERS: 41. determinant, 42. demise, 43. ricocheted, 44. acumen, 45. impaired, 46. accidentally, 47. overt, 48. absorbs

49. The bomb squad had to _____ the suspicious package found at the train station.
- v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events
50. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.
- n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
51. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.
- n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
52. The _____ of smoke rising from the building signaled a massive fire.
- n.* a tall, vertical column or support structure that helps to hold up other parts of a building or structure; a person or thing regarded as providing essential support or core strength to something
53. She was _____ in a car accident.
- adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
54. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.
- adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
55. Governments _____ their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.
- v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
56. The receiver _____ the ball, and the other team recovered it.
- v.* to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something

ANSWERS: 49. detonate, 50. adventures, 51. blur, 52. pillar, 53. disabled, 54. supreme, 55. incentivize, 56. fumbled

57. We had a _____ time yesterday.

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

58. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

59. The football team used the _____ strategy to overwhelm their opponents quickly.

n. a sudden and intensive military attack designed to achieve a quick victory; a sudden and intense effort to accomplish a task or objective, often involving a rapid and concerted action

60. The young entrepreneur had an _____ plan to start his own company.

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

61. She intends to _____ a political career.

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

62. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

63. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.

n. a particular feature of your nature

64. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

ANSWERS: 57. tremendous, 58. blind, 59. blitz, 60. audacious, 61. pursue, 62. strength, 63. traits, 64. recovering

65. He forcibly _____ the flyer into my bag.

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

66. Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the _____ code.

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

67. The director gave the actor a ____ to begin the scene.

n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something

68. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

69. Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing _____.

n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

70. I will introduce some ____ on learning English in this class.

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

71. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.

adj. correct and exact in all details

72. The pickles had a tangy and _____ flavor that went well with the sandwich.

adj. having a taste that is acidic or tart; (noun) a person or situation that is unhappy or negative

ANSWERS: 65. shoved, 66. genetic, 67. cue, 68. process, 69. disability, 70. tips, 71. accurate, 72. sour

73. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
- n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
74. The team's defensive strategy relied heavily on their _____ ability to read the opposing team's offense.
- n.* a defensive player in American football whose primary responsibility is to tackle the ball carrier or block pass attempts by the opposing team
75. He stood at the edge of the _____ and looked out to sea.
- n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
76. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.
- v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
77. Many people see the _____ of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.
- n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
78. We would _____ an early reply.
- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
79. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
80. This ad is intended to _____ a competing product.
- v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

ANSWERS: 73. employee, 74. linebacker's, 75. cliff, 76. transferred, 77. upside, 78. appreciate, 79. norms, 80. tease

81. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
82. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.
- n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
83. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
- v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
84. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.
- adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
85. I ____ that you know it.
- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
86. The hotel offers comfortable _____ for both business and leisure travelers.
- n.* a place to live, work, or stay, particularly for a temporary or short-term period; adjustment or adaptation to meet various needs or circumstances
87. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
- n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
88. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.
- n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

ANSWERS: 81. inspired, 82. superpower, 83. prioritized, 84. optimistic, 85. bet, 86. accommodations, 87. outcome, 88. recognition

89. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
90. The company is planning to build a 20,000-seat _____ with a retractable roof.
- n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
91. The _____ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.
- adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
92. I don't _____ acting in such an important role.
- v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

ANSWERS: 89. recognize, 90. arena, 91. introductory, 92. fancy