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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### tradition

*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

*synonym*: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

### galaxy

*n.* an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity

*synonym*: star cluster, nebula, star system

(1) elliptic **galaxy**, (2) a **galaxy** of famous actors

The Milky Way **galaxy** has numerous water-bearing planets.

### planet

*n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

*synonym*: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

### decide

*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

*synonym* : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action  
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## excerpt

*v.* to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.

*synonym* : extract, take out, quote

(1) **excerpt** a passage from a book, (2) **excerpt** comments from the news release

Here are **excerpts** from several recent books on quantum computing.

## novella

*n.* a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel

*synonym* : short novel, long story, narrative

(1) write a **novella**, (2) a **novella** set in a medieval kingdom  
I am reading a famous **novella** about a group of friends who go on a road trip.

## trilogy

*n.* a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme

*synonym* : triple, triptych

(1) **trilogy** series, (2) **trilogy** format

The Lord of the Rings **trilogy** is a classic in the fantasy genre.

## transport

*n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

*synonym* : shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

## silent

*adj.* without any or little sound

*synonym* : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

## pray

*v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

*synonym*: implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

## droplet

*n.* a small drop of liquid

*synonym*: bead, drip, dewdrop

(1) **droplet** size, (2) **droplet** formation

A single **droplet** of water can reflect the entire world upside down.

## moisture

*n.* small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance

*synonym*: dampness, humidity, wetness

(1) **moisture** level, (2) lot of **moisture**

My hair looks greasy because there is too much **moisture** in the air.

## grain

*n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

*synonym*: seed, piece, cereal

(1) a **grain** of sand, (2) flour made from **grain**

Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen **grains**.

## sand

*n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

*synonym*: grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

## faulty

*adj.* having a defect or flaw that affects performance or operation

*synonym* : defective, flawed, imperfect

(1) **faulty** equipment, (2) make a **faulty** diagnosis

The **faulty** wiring caused a power outage.

## restart

*v.* to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption

*synonym* : continue, resume, begin anew

(1) **restart** a game, (2) **restart** a nuclear reactor

She tried to **restart** the conversation after the awkward silence.

## shiver

*v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly

*synonym* : quiver, tremble, shake

(1) **shiver** with delight, (2) **shiver** in fear

I **shiver** in the cold winter air as I wait for the train.

## breath

*n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

*synonym* : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

## buzz

*v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one a bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

*synonym* : hum, murmur, whisper

(1) the **buzz** of a cicada, (2) **buzz** marketing

I heard the **buzz** of conversation from the next room.

## fin

*n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

*synonym* : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

## baggage

*n.* the personal belongings that a person carries with them, particularly when traveling; any emotional or psychological issues or problems that a person carries with them

*synonym* : luggage, suitcases, belongings

(1) emotional **baggage**, (2) **baggage** cart

I always pack light when traveling to avoid excessive **baggage** fees.

## grin

*v.* to smile broadly

*synonym* : smile, smirk, chuckle

(1) **grin** from ear to ear, (2) **grin** with pleasure

He couldn't help but **grin** as he remembered the good times.

## shuttle

*n.* a vehicle or boat that regularly moves between two places; bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads

*synonym* : ferry, transport, convey

(1) space **shuttle**, (2) **shuttle** service

The **shuttle** bus will take you to the airport in 15 minutes.

## swipe

*v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

*synonym* : flick, brush, pinch

(1) **swipe** a card, (2) **swipe** left on a dating app

He tried to **swipe** the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

## forehead

*n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline

*synonym* : brow, frontal bone, temple

(1) **forehead** wrinkles, (2) kiss on the **forehead**

The athlete had sweat dripping down her **forehead** after the intense workout.

## index

*n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index

*synonym* : list, directory, indicator

(1) a full-text **index**, (2) health **index**

The stock market **index** measures the performance of a group of stocks.

## kneel

*v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees

*synonym* : genuflect, crouch, bend

(1) **kneel** down and worship, (2) **kneel** in protest

The players are **kneeling** during the national anthem.

## clay

*n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

*synonym* : ceramics, pottery, dirt

(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground

The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired shape.

## whisper

*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

*synonym* : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

## desert

*n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

## straighten

*v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

*synonym*: even up, align, untangle

(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked picture

I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

## pause

*v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

*synonym*: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

## defy

*v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

*synonym*: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

## clue

*n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

*synonym*: hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

## sibling

*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

*synonym*: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

## absence

*n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

*synonym*: dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

## growl

*v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval

*synonym*: snarl, rumble, grumble

(1) **growl** menacingly, (2) **growl** a command

The dog began to **growl** at the stranger approaching the house.

## gossip

*n.* conversation or discussion about other people's personal affairs, often of a trivial or idle nature involving sharing rumors, hearsay, or speculation about the lives of others

*synonym*: rumor, chitchat, tittle-tattle

(1) **gossip** magazine, (2) celebrity **gossip**

I heard some juicy **gossip** about our co-worker at the water cooler.

## scandal

*n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

*synonym*: controversy, outrage, uproar

(1) **scandal** magazine, (2) a corruption **scandal**

The political **scandal** rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.

## bloodline

*n.* the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species

*synonym*: ancestry, lineage, descent

(1) **bloodline** inheritance, (2) royal **bloodline**

The new champion racehorse came from a long line of strong **bloodlines**.

## pariah

*n.* an outcast or social reject; a person who is despised and avoided by society or a particular group

*synonym*: outcast, untouchable, reject

(1) **pariah** community, (2) treated as a **pariah**



Being a whistleblower can often lead to becoming a social **pariah** in some industries.

## ankle

*n.* the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg

*synonym*: mortise joint

(1) **ankle** injury, (2) pair of **ankle** boots

He accidentally sprained his **ankle** playing squash.

## jingle

*v.* to create or make a ringing sound, particularly one that is musical or catchy

*synonym*: tinkle, chime, ring

(1) **jingle** a little bell, (2) **jingle** money in my pocket

The keys on her keychain **jingled** loudly as she fumbled to unlock the door.

## noisy

*adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

*synonym*: loud, cacophonous, clamorous

(1) **noisy** neighbor, (2) **noisy** party

The construction outside was creating a **noisy** distraction from my work.

## sweat

*n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

*synonym*: perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

## brow

*n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead

*synonym*: forehead, hilltop, eyebrow

(1) the **brow** of a hill, (2) furrowed **brow**

She wiped the sweat from her **brow** after finishing the marathon.

## atop

*adv.* on, to, or at the top

*synonym*: upon, onto

(1) stand **atop**, (2) sit **atop** a stack of books  
The eagle perched **atop** the tallest tree in the forest.

## 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.

## sigh

v. to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way

*synonym*: breathe out, exhale, groan

(1) **sigh** deeply, (2) let out a **sigh**

He **sighed** in relief when he finally found his lost keys.

## relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

*synonym*: remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

## distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

*synonym*: far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

## mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

*synonym*: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

## genius

*n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

*synonym* : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

## ethnic

*adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

*synonym* : racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

## vein

*n.* a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation

*synonym* : artery, blood vessel, capillary

(1) spider **vein**, (2) collapsed **vein**

The nurse inserted the needle into the **vein** in his arm to draw blood.

## adorn

*v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

*synonym* : decorate, beautify, embellish

(1) **adorn** a bride, (2) **adorn** the table with flowers

The architect **adorned** the interior with great artworks and frescoes.

## progression

*n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

*synonym* : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

## fiction

*n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

*synonym* : fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

## classic

*adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

*synonym* : definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

## octopus

*n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

*synonym* : devilfish

(1) giant **octopus**, (2) venomous **octopus**

He experienced nausea after eating live **octopus**.

## analogy

*n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept

*synonym* : metaphor, comparison, parallel

(1) draw **analogy**, (2) historical **analogy**

Some kinds of machine learning models show an **analogy** to how people learn.

## intelligent

*adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

*synonym* : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

**Intelligent** robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

## creature

*n.* a living being, especially an animal

*synonym* : being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists

had ever seen before.

## intelligence

*n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

*synonym*: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

## evolve

*v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

*synonym*: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

## evolutionary

*adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

*synonym*: developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process

**Evolutionary** algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

## separate

*v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

*synonym*: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

## specification

*n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job

*synonym*: description, requirement, guideline

(1) functional **specification**, (2) engineering **specification**

The project's **specifications** outlined the goals and requirements for the team to complete.

## ancestral

*adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past

*synonym* : hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots

The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

## relate

*v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

*synonym* : connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

## preoccupied

*adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

*synonym* : absorbed, engrossed, occupied

(1) **preoccupied** idea, (2) **preoccupied** with other things

He was **preoccupied** with work and didn't notice me.

## xenophobia

*n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

*synonym* : fear, hatred, aversion

(1) suffer from **xenophobia**, (2) linguistic **xenophobia**

The **xenophobia** in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

## colonize

*v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

*synonym* : settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

## alien

*n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

*synonym* : foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

**Alien** species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

## narrative

*n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

*synonym* : the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

## extraterrestrial

*adj.* relating to or existing outside of the Earth's atmosphere or planetary boundaries; pertaining to beings or phenomena that originate from beyond the Earth

*synonym* : alien, outer, otherworldly

(1) **extraterrestrial** planet, (2) **extraterrestrial** intelligence

Scientists are constantly searching for signs of **extraterrestrial** life in the universe.

## 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.

## opera

*n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

*synonym* : musical, operetta, oratorio

(1) ballad **opera**, (2) **opera** performance

She loves going to the **opera** house and hearing the beautiful music.

## conflict

*n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

*synonym*: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

## ancestor

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym*: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## immigrant

*n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

*synonym*: settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

## statistics

*n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

## birthplace

*n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born

*synonym*: hometown, native place, origin

(1) ancestral **birthplaces**, (2) **birthplace** of modern soccer

The **birthplace** of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.

## heritage

*n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

*synonym*: legacy, tradition, inheritance



(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

## specifically

*adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

*synonym*: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

## cite

*v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened

*synonym*: quote, mention, note

(1) **cite** various authorities, (2) **cite** a fact as evidence

The devil can **cite** Scripture for his purpose.

## magical

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

*synonym*: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

## fantasy

*n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

*synonym*: fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

## cosmology

*n.* the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe

*synonym*: cosmogony

(1) physical **cosmology**, (2) modern **cosmology**

**Cosmology** evolved from people's philosophical questions about the natural world.

## spiritual

*adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

*synonym* : otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

## cable

*n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

*synonym* : wire, cord, rope

(1) **cable** television, (2) coaxial **cable**

This system uses submarine **cables** to exchange information between continents.

## scam

*n.* a clever and dishonest, and often illegal, business scheme; a fraud

*synonym* : swindle, blackmail, deception

(1) a phishing **scam**, (2) **scam** phone call

That bank employee prevented the older woman from falling for the **scam**.

## occupy

*v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

*synonym* : inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position

The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

## cyber

*adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

*synonym* : digital, computer, Internet

(1) **cyber** bullying, (2) **cyber** crime

**Cyber** espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

## cousin

*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

*synonym* : relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

## desktop

*n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities

*synonym*: computer, workstation, PC

(1) **desktop** software, (2) **desktop** wallpaper

I need to upgrade my **desktop** computer since it's become quite slow.

## intrigue

*v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

*synonym*: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

## 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**.

## eventually

*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

*synonym*: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

## novel

*n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

*synonym*: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

## lagoon

*n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean

*synonym* : pond, pool, bayou

(1) **lagoon** island, (2) **lagoon** paradise

The mangroves around the **lagoon** provide a habitat for a unique ecosystem

## introduction

*n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

*synonym* : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

## mess

*n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

*synonym* : disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

## glowing

*adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

*synonym* : burning, bright, flaming

(1) **glowing** reviews, (2) **glowing** cheeks

The western sky was **glowing** pink.

## vibrate

*v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

*synonym* : oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger

During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

## chirp

*n.* a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers

*synonym* : tweet, chirrup, peep

(1) the **chirp** of a bird, (2) the **chirp** of a cricket

The sound of the **chirp** woke me up early in the morning.

## tweet

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

*synonym* : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

## communicate

*v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

*synonym* : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

## device

*n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

*synonym* : gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

## practically

*adv.* almost or nearly

*synonym* : almost, nearly, virtually

(1) **practically** constant, (2) **practically** impossible to find a parking spot

The store is **practically** empty.

## modern

*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

*synonym* : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

## spider

*n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

*synonym* : arachnid, wanderer

(1) **spider** venom, (2) web **spider**

The **spider** spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

## fascinate

*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym* : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

## horror

*n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

*synonym* : fear, terror, dread

(1) **horror** movie, (2) **horror-struck** look

The stories of war crimes filled her with **horror**.

## entertainment

*n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

*synonym* : amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

## dominate

*v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

*synonym* : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

## pyramid

*n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

*synonym* : monument, edifice, tomb

(1) **pyramid** architecture, (2) a truncated **pyramid**

The Egyptian **pyramids** consist of a vast number of blocks.

## trapezoid

*n.* a four-sided polygon with two parallel sides and two non-parallel sides; (in North America) a quadrilateral with at least one pair of parallel sides

*synonym* : trapezium, trapeze

(1) the area of a **trapezoid**, (2) isosceles **trapezoid**

The building's windows were arranged in **trapezoid** shapes, giving it a modern look.

## mud

*n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

*synonym* : muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

## dirt

*n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

*synonym* : filth, grime, muck

(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track

The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.

## fond

*adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time

*synonym* : liking, enjoying, affectionate

(1) very **fond** of, (2) **fond** memories of the birthday

He is excessively **fond** of alcohol.

## cosmos

*n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

*synonym* : universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

## mingle

*v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner

*synonym* : mix, blend, merge

(1) **mingle** with colleagues, (2) **mingle** with the locals

I decided to **mingle** with the crowd and converse with some new people.

## 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**.

## dwell

*v.* to live or reside in a particular place; to think, speak, or write at length on a particular subject; to linger or remain as if unwilling to leave

*synonym* : reside, inhabit, occupy

(1) **dwell** on a problem, (2) **dwell** on the past

I love to **dwell** in nature and feel its calming effects on me.

## beget

*v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

*synonym* : be father, procreate, reproduce

(1) **beget** children, (2) **beget** fear

His irresponsible behavior may **beget** many problems for him in the future.



## 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.

## beneath

*adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something

*synonym* : down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

## weave

*v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

*synonym* : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

## responsible

*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

*synonym* : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

## sociopolitical

*adj.* relating to both social and political aspects of society; having to do with how politics and social issues are interconnected or influence each other

*synonym* : social, political, community-based

(1) **sociopolitical** issues, (2) **sociopolitical** unrest

The **sociopolitical** climate of the country has led to a rise in protests and demonstrations.

## homegrown

*adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area

*synonym* : indigenous, local, native

(1) **homegrown** talent, (2) **homegrown** produce

The restaurant prides itself on its **homegrown** ingredients sourced from local farms.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---|------|--|
| 1. sh__e hamburger into my mouth        | v.   | to push someone or something in a rough way  |
| 2. s__m phone call                      | n.   | a clever and dishonest, and often illegal, business scheme; a fraud  |
| 3. int_____nt assisting system          | adj. | having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree  |
| 4. a no_____a set in a medieval kingdom | n.   | a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel   |
| 5. tracking de___e                      | n.   | a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic                       |
| 6. com_____te well with my advisor      | v.   | to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals                                  |
| 7. ji___e a little bell                 | v.   | to create or make a ringing sound, particularly one that is musical or catchy  |
| 8. in_____ue against his rival          | v.   | to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone     |
| 9. the ch__p of a cricket               | n.   | a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers                                     |
| 10. c__y animation                      | n.   | a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics |

ANSWERS: 1. shove, 2. scam, 3. intelligent, 4. novella, 5. device, 6. communicate, 7. jingle, 8. intrigue, 9. chirp, 10. clay

11. engineering spe\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job
12. se\_\_\_\_\_te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
13. ev\_\_\_\_\_e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
14. designed spe\_\_\_\_\_lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
15. a full-text in\_\_x *n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
16. re\_\_\_\_\_t a game *v.* to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption
17. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
18. be\_\_t children *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
19. sh\_\_\_\_r in fear *v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
20. the b\_\_w of a hill *n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead

ANSWERS: 11. specification, 12. separate, 13. evolve, 14. specifically, 15. index, 16. restart, 17. eventually, 18. beget, 19. shiver, 20. brow

21. vi\_\_\_\_e with anger      *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
22. co\_\_\_\_ze planets      *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
23. gl\_\_\_\_g cheeks      *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
24. a phishing s\_\_m      *n.* a clever and dishonest, and often illegal, business scheme; a fraud
25. tr\_\_\_\_y format      *n.* a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme
26. his latest tw\_\_ts      *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
27. a tr\_\_\_\_on of a culture      *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
28. mi\_\_\_\_e with the locals      *v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
29. functional spe\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job

ANSWERS: 21. vibrate, 22. colonize, 23. glowing, 24. scam, 25. trilogy, 26. tweet, 27. tradition, 28. mingle, 29. specification

30. m\_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
31. s\_\_d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
32. artificial cr\_\_\_\_re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
33. de\_\_\_\_p software *n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities
34. tr\_\_\_\_rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
35. self-int\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
36. ad\_\_n a bride *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
37. treated as a pa\_\_\_\_h *n.* an outcast or social reject; a person who is despised and avoided by society or a particular group
38. sigh of re\_\_\_\_f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

ANSWERS: 30. mud, 31. sand, 32. creature, 33. desktop, 34. transport, 35. introduction, 36. adorn, 37. pariah, 38. relief

39. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
40. de\_\_\_e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
41. an an\_\_\_\_\_al graveyard *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
42. in\_\_\_\_\_e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
43. the b\_\_z of a cicada *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
44. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
45. historical an\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
46. ancestral bir\_\_\_\_\_ces *n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
47. fo\_\_\_\_\_ad wrinkles *n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
48. im\_\_\_\_\_nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
49. soc\_\_\_\_\_cal issues *adj.* relating to both social and political aspects of society; having to do with how politics and social issues are interconnected or influence each other

ANSWERS: 39. decide, 40. decide, 41. ancestral, 42. inspire, 43. buzz, 44. eventually, 45. analogy, 46. birthplace, 47. forehead, 48. immigrant, 49. sociopolitical

50. personal na\_\_\_\_\_ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
51. an\_\_\_\_\_al roots *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
52. ba\_\_\_\_\_e cart *n.* the personal belongings that a person carries with them, particularly when traveling; any emotional or psychological issues or problems that a person carries with them
53. mat\_\_\_\_\_cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
54. physical co\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe
55. p\_\_y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
56. sh\_\_e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
57. a good grounding in mat\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
58. a di\_\_\_\_\_t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
59. ab\_\_\_\_\_e from work *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
60. he\_\_\_\_\_ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

ANSWERS: 50. narrative, 51. ancestral, 52. baggage, 53. mathematics, 54. cosmology, 55. pray, 56. shove, 57. mathematics, 58. distant, 59. absence, 60. heritage



61. py\_\_\_\_d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
62. ecology and evo\_\_\_\_\_ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
63. bl\_\_\_\_\_ne inheritance *n.* the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species
64. back f\_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
65. emotional ba\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the personal belongings that a person carries with them, particularly when traveling; any emotional or psychological issues or problems that a person carries with them
66. kn\_\_l in protest *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
67. a c\_\_e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
68. very f\_\_d of *adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time
69. pl\_\_\_\_t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 61. pyramid, 62. evolutionary, 63. bloodline, 64. fin, 65. baggage, 66. kneel, 67. clue, 68. fond, 69. planet

70. hour of ent\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
71. res\_\_\_\_\_le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
72. historical no\_\_l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
73. c\_\_e a fact as evidence *v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
74. res\_\_\_\_\_le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
75. the ch\_\_p of a bird *n.* a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers
76. ev\_\_\_e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
77. draw an\_\_\_\_y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
78. str\_\_\_\_\_en out a problem *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
79. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 70. entertainment, 71. responsible, 72. novel, 73. cite, 74. responsible, 75. chirp, 76. evolve, 77. analogy, 78. straighten, 79. fascinate

80. ji\_\_\_e money in my pocket      *v.* to create or make a ringing sound, particularly one that is musical or catchy
81. g\_\_n with pleasure      *v.* to smile broadly
82. Chinese cl\_\_\_\_c literature      *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
83. giant oc\_\_\_\_s      *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
84. a ga\_\_\_y of famous actors      *n.* an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity
85. ma\_\_\_\_l place      *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
86. br\_\_\_h of wind      *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
87. the evo\_\_\_\_ary process      *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
88. g\_\_n from ear to ear      *v.* to smile broadly
89. make a fa\_\_\_y diagnosis      *adj.* having a defect or flaw that affects performance or operation
90. soc\_\_\_\_cal unrest      *adj.* relating to both social and political aspects of society; having to do with how politics and social issues are interconnected or influence each other
91. m\_d volcano      *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

ANSWERS: 80. jingle, 81. grin, 82. classic, 83. octopus, 84. galaxy, 85. magical, 86. breath, 87. evolutionary, 88. grin, 89. faulty, 90. sociopolitical, 91. mud

92. no\_\_l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
93. exploration of co\_\_\_s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
94. no\_\_y neighbor *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
95. kn\_\_l down and worship *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
96. ho\_\_\_r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
97. cy\_\_r crime *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
98. di\_\_\_\_t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
99. in\_\_\_\_ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
100. origin of the co\_\_\_s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
101. re\_\_\_e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
102. ho\_\_\_r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

ANSWERS: 92. novel, 93. cosmos, 94. noisy, 95. kneel, 96. horror, 97. cyber, 98. distant, 99. intrigue, 100. cosmos, 101. relate, 102. horror

103. do\_\_\_\_\_te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
104. la\_\_\_\_n island *n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
105. an im\_\_\_\_\_nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
106. dr\_\_\_\_\_t size *n.* a small drop of liquid
107. oc\_\_\_\_y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
108. earliest human an\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
109. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
110. spider v\_\_n *n.* a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation
111. for spe\_\_\_\_\_lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
112. se\_\_\_\_\_te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
113. have a whole m\_\_s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

ANSWERS: 103. dominate, 104. lagoon, 105. immigrant, 106. droplet, 107. occupy, 108. ancestor, 109. statistics, 110. vein, 111. specifically, 112. separate, 113. mess

114. cross-co\_\_\_n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
115. in\_\_\_e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
116. gr\_\_l a command *v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
117. sit a\_\_p a stack of books *adv.* on, to, or at the top
118. de\_\_\_\_p wallpaper *n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities
119. sp\_\_\_\_\_al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
120. ma\_\_\_\_l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
121. web sp\_\_\_r *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
122. give si\_\_\_t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
123. answer in a wh\_\_\_\_r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
124. dw\_\_l on a problem *v.* to live or reside in a particular place; to think, speak, or write at length on a particular subject; to linger or remain as if unwilling to leave

ANSWERS: 114. cousin, 115. inspire, 116. growl, 117. atop, 118. desktop, 119. spiritual, 120. magical, 121. spider, 122. silent, 123. whisper, 124. dwell

125. we\_\_e a story  
*v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
126. constant sp\_\_\_\_\_al striving  
*adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
127. 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
128. justice of the su\_\_\_\_\_e court  
*adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
129. sh\_\_\_\_\_e service  
*n.* a vehicle or boat that regularly moves between two places; bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads
130. do\_\_\_\_\_te over the weak  
*v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
131. sw\_\_t bath  
*n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
132. confuse fa\_\_\_\_\_y with reality  
*n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
133. single et\_\_\_c group  
*adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

ANSWERS: 125. weave, 126. spiritual, 127. spirit, 128. supreme, 129. shuttle, 130. dominate, 131. sweat, 132. fantasy, 133. ethnic

134. cr\_\_\_\_re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
135. ex\_\_\_\_t a passage from a book *v.* to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.
136. we\_\_e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
137. celebrity go\_\_\_\_p *n.* conversation or discussion about other people's personal affairs, often of a trivial or idle nature involving sharing rumors, hearsay, or speculation about the lives of others
138. kiss on the fo\_\_\_\_ad *n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
139. stuff of science fi\_\_\_\_n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
140. a person of ge\_\_\_\_s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
141. ext\_\_\_\_\_ial planet *adj.* relating to or existing outside of the Earth's atmosphere or planetary boundaries; pertaining to beings or phenomena that originate from beyond the Earth

ANSWERS: 134. creature, 135. excerpt, 136. weave, 137. gossip, 138. forehead, 139. fiction, 140. genius, 141. extraterrestrial



142. pra\_\_\_\_\_ly constant *adv.* almost or nearly
143. collapsed v\_\_n *n.* a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation
144. ho\_\_\_\_\_wn talent *adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area
145. p\_\_y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
146. all in a sw\_\_t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
147. pre\_\_\_\_\_ed with other things *adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy
148. dw\_\_l on the past *v.* to live or reside in a particular place; to think, speak, or write at length on a particular subject; to linger or remain as if unwilling to leave
149. the co\_\_\_\_\_ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
150. ex\_\_\_\_\_t comments from the news release *v.* to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.
151. a f\_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 142. practically, 143. vein, 144. homegrown, 145. pray, 146. sweat, 147. preoccupied, 148. dwell, 149. conflict, 150. excerpt, 151. fin

152. la\_\_\_n paradise *n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
153. et\_\_\_c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
154. the ground be\_\_\_\_h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
155. a gr\_\_\_n of sand *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
156. pre-mo\_\_\_n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
157. access to public tr\_\_\_\_rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
158. mi\_\_\_e with colleagues *v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
159. a chick's tw\_\_t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
160. an\_\_e injury *n.* the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg
161. re\_\_\_\_t a nuclear reactor *v.* to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption
162. ca\_\_e television *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

ANSWERS: 152. lagoon, 153. ethnic, 154. beneath, 155. grain, 156. modern, 157. transport, 158. mingle, 159. tweet, 160. ankle, 161. restart, 162. cable

163. a ge\_\_\_s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
164. sw\_\_e left on a dating app *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
165. a c\_\_e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
166. ho\_\_\_\_\_wn produce *adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area
167. venomous oc\_\_\_\_s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
168. go\_\_\_p magazine *n.* conversation or discussion about other people's personal affairs, often of a trivial or idle nature involving sharing rumors, hearsay, or speculation about the lives of others
169. an\_\_\_\_or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
170. int\_\_\_\_\_ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
171. co\_\_\_n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

ANSWERS: 163. genius, 164. swipe, 165. clue, 166. homegrown, 167. octopus, 168. gossip, 169. ancestor, 170. introduction, 171. cousin



179. co\_\_\_\_\_ze for cultivation      *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
180. no\_\_y party      *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
181. furrowed b\_\_w      *n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead
182. the su\_\_\_\_\_e commander      *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
183. s\_\_d dunes      *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
184. ext\_\_\_\_\_ial intelligence      *adj.* relating to or existing outside of the Earth's atmosphere or planetary boundaries; pertaining to beings or phenomena that originate from beyond the Earth
185. cultural n\_\_m      *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
186. gl\_\_\_\_\_g reviews      *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
187. str\_\_\_\_\_en a crooked picture      *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
188. pair of an\_\_e boots      *n.* the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg
189. a leave of ab\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

ANSWERS: 179. colonize, 180. noisy, 181. brow, 182. supreme, 183. sand, 184. extraterrestrial, 185. norm, 186. glowing, 187. straighten, 188. ankle, 189. absence

190. n\_\_m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
191. oc\_\_\_y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
192. fa\_\_\_y equipment *adj.* having a defect or flaw that affects performance or operation
193. the wh\_\_\_\_r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
194. si\_\_\_t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
195. stand a\_\_p *adv.* on, to, or at the top
196. suffer from xen\_\_\_\_ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
197. soft c\_\_y ground *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
198. gr\_\_l menacingly *v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
199. health in\_\_x *n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
200. b\_\_z marketing *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

ANSWERS: 190. norm, 191. occupy, 192. faulty, 193. whisper, 194. silent, 195. atop, 196. xenophobia, 197. clay, 198. growl, 199. index, 200. buzz



211. 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
212. pra\_\_\_\_\_ly impossible to find a parking spot      *adv.* almost or nearly
213. oasis in the de\_\_\_t      *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
214. save the pl\_\_\_t      *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
215. play with my si\_\_\_\_\_gs      *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
216. vi\_\_\_\_\_e at a regular frequency      *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
217. against tr\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
218. pa\_\_e a moment      *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
219. sw\_\_e a card      *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

ANSWERS: 211. spirit, 212. practically, 213. desert, 214. planet, 215. sibling, 216. vibrate, 217. tradition, 218. pause, 219. swipe



220. f\_\_d memories of the birthday *adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time
221. re\_\_\_e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
222. royal bl\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species
223. a cl\_\_\_\_\_c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
224. have a si\_\_\_\_\_g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
225. d\_\_t track *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
226. ad\_\_n the table with flowers *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
227. mo\_\_\_n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
228. d\_\_t road *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

ANSWERS: 220. fond, 221. relate, 222. bloodline, 223. classic, 224. sibling, 225. dirt, 226. adorn, 227. modern, 228. dirt

229. the area of a tr\_\_\_\_id *n.* a four-sided polygon with two parallel sides and two non-parallel sides; (in North America) a quadrilateral with at least one pair of parallel sides
230. op\_\_a performance *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
231. field of artificial int\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
232. get into a m\_\_s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
233. c\_\_e various authorities *v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
234. elliptic ga\_\_\_y *n.* an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity
235. com\_\_\_\_\_te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
236. pa\_\_e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
237. sc\_\_\_\_\_l magazine *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
238. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

ANSWERS: 229. trapezoid, 230. opera, 231. intelligence, 232. mess, 233. cite, 234. galaxy, 235. communicate, 236. pause, 237. scandal, 238. progression

239. tax re\_\_\_f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
240. modern co\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe
241. hold your br\_\_\_h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
242. historical he\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
243. flour made from gr\_\_\_n *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
244. s\_\_\_h deeply *v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
245. d\_\_\_y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
246. de\_\_\_t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
247. sh\_\_\_r with delight *v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
248. an elegant ent\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

ANSWERS: 239. relief, 240. cosmology, 241. breath, 242. heritage, 243. grain, 244. sigh, 245. defy, 246. desert, 247. shiver, 248. entertainment

249. mo____re level	<i>n.</i> small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance
250. dr____t formation	<i>n.</i> a small drop of liquid
251. be__t fear	<i>v.</i> to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
252. non-fi____n bestseller	<i>n.</i> the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
253. electronic de____e	<i>n.</i> a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
254. be____h contempt	<i>adv.</i> in or to a lower place than someone or something
255. an int____nt person	<i>adj.</i> having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
256. pa____h community	<i>n.</i> an outcast or social reject; a person who is despised and avoided by society or a particular group
257. an int____nce test	<i>n.</i> the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
258. ballad op__a	<i>n.</i> a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
259. pre____ed idea	<i>adj.</i> having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

ANSWERS: 249. moisture, 250. droplet, 251. beget, 252. fiction, 253. device, 254. beneath, 255. intelligent, 256. pariah, 257. intelligence, 258. opera, 259. preoccupied

260. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the public      *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
261. cy\_\_r bullying      *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
262. tr\_\_\_\_\_y series      *n.* a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme
263. write a no\_\_\_\_\_a      *n.* a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel
264. bir\_\_\_\_\_ce of modern soccer      *n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born

ANSWERS: 260. fascinate, 261. cyber, 262. trilogy, 263. novella, 264. birthplace

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.  
*n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
2. The building's windows were arranged in \_\_\_\_\_ shapes, giving it a modern look.  
*n.* a four-sided polygon with two parallel sides and two non-parallel sides; (in North America) a quadrilateral with at least one pair of parallel sides
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ climate of the country has led to a rise in protests and demonstrations.  
*adj.* relating to both social and political aspects of society; having to do with how politics and social issues are interconnected or influence each other
4. Police received a report of illegal \_\_\_\_\_ in the area.  
*n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
5. \_\_\_\_\_ evolved from people's philosophical questions about the natural world.  
*n.* the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe
6. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my hair before I go to the party.  
*v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
7. Mozart was a musical \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

ANSWERS: 1. narrative, 2. trapezoid, 3. sociopolitical, 4. immigrants, 5. Cosmology, 6. straighten, 7. genius

8. Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
10. European powers \_\_\_\_\_ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.
- v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
11. She's a \_\_\_\_\_ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
12. The restaurant prides itself on its \_\_\_\_\_ ingredients sourced from local farms.
- adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ bus will take you to the airport in 15 minutes.
- n.* a vehicle or boat that regularly moves between two places; bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads
14. Dolphins use sound to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.
- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 8. cosmos, 9. novel, 10. colonized, 11. responsible, 12. homegrown, 13. shuttle, 14. communicate

15. Some kinds of machine learning models show an \_\_\_\_\_ to how people learn.
- n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
16. The sound of the \_\_\_\_\_ woke me up early in the morning.
- n.* a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the city is reflected in its architecture.
- n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
18. Eyeless fish \_\_\_\_\_ in dark caves.
- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
19. 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
20. 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
21. He bated his \_\_\_\_\_ when talking about this affair.
- n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
22. The Lord of the Rings \_\_\_\_\_ is a classic in the fantasy genre.
- n.* a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme

ANSWERS: 15. analogy, 16. chirp, 17. heritage, 18. evolved, 19. spirit, 20. inspired, 21. breath, 22. trilogy



23. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.  
*v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
24. I used to play with my younger male \_\_\_\_\_ when I was a little girl.  
*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
25. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.  
*adj.* without any or little sound
26. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
27. \_\_\_\_\_ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.  
*adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
28. I \_\_\_\_\_ in the cold winter air as I wait for the train.  
*v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
29. During the flight, the wings of the plane \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
30. I decided to \_\_\_\_\_ with the crowd and converse with some new people.  
*v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner

ANSWERS: 23. defy, 24. cousins, 25. silent, 26. absence, 27. Evolutionary, 28. shiver, 29. vibrate, 30. mingle

31. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.
- v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
32. The new champion racehorse came from a long line of strong \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species
33. The young prince will soon \_\_\_\_\_ the throne.
- v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
34. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.
- n. the house, town, etc., where someone was born
36. She wiped the sweat from her \_\_\_\_\_ after finishing the marathon.
- n. the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead
37. I always carry a backup \_\_\_\_\_ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
38. The store is \_\_\_\_\_ empty.
- adv. almost or nearly

ANSWERS: 31. swipe, 32. bloodlines, 33. occupy, 34. decide, 35. birthplace, 36. brow, 37. device, 38. practically

39. Children often copy their parents or elder \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

40. He forcibly \_\_\_\_\_ the flyer into my bag.

*v.* to push someone or something in a rough way

41. The western sky was \_\_\_\_\_ pink.

*adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

42. He was \_\_\_\_\_ with work and didn't notice me.

*adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

43. I am reading a famous \_\_\_\_\_ about a group of friends who go on a road trip.

*n.* a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel

44. The \_\_\_\_\_ wiring caused a power outage.

*adj.* having a defect or flaw that affects performance or operation

45. He accidentally sprained his \_\_\_\_\_ playing squash.

*n.* the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg

46. I need to upgrade my \_\_\_\_\_ computer since it's become quite slow.

*n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities

47. The magic tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the children.

*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

48. She loves going to the \_\_\_\_\_ house and hearing the beautiful music.

*n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

ANSWERS: 39. siblings, 40. shoved, 41. glowing, 42. preoccupied, 43. novella, 44. faulty, 45. ankle, 46. desktop, 47. fascinated, 48. opera

49. The \_\_\_\_\_ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

*adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance

50. A great stretch of the lake lay \_\_\_\_\_ them.

*adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something

51. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the new class was informative and engaging.

*n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

52. He is excessively \_\_\_\_\_ of alcohol.

*adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time

53. The players are \_\_\_\_\_ during the national anthem.

*v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees

54. He couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ as he remembered the good times.

*v.* to smile broadly

55. Being a whistleblower can often lead to becoming a social \_\_\_\_\_ in some industries.

*n.* an outcast or social reject; a person who is despised and avoided by society or a particular group

56. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

*n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

ANSWERS: 49. supreme, 50. beneath, 51. introduction, 52. fond, 53. kneeling, 54. grin, 55. pariah, 56. mud

57. Each \_\_\_\_\_ group has its unique rituals.

*adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

58. He and I often had \_\_\_\_\_ not only in personality but also in ideology.

*n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

59. The nurse inserted the needle into the \_\_\_\_\_ in his arm to draw blood.

*n.* a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation

60. This ad campaign is aimed \_\_\_\_\_ at young women.

*adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

61. Mercury is the closest \_\_\_\_\_ to the sun.

*n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

62. My hair looks greasy because there is too much \_\_\_\_\_ in the air.

*n.* small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance

63. Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

64. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the conversation after the awkward silence.

*v.* to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption

ANSWERS: 57. ethnic, 58. conflicts, 59. vein, 60. specifically, 61. planet, 62. moisture, 63. grains, 64. restart

65. That bank employee prevented the older woman from falling for the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a clever and dishonest, and often illegal, business scheme; a fraud
66. He \_\_\_\_\_ in relief when he finally found his lost keys.  
*v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
67. The sculptor carefully molded the \_\_\_\_\_ into the desired shape.  
*n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
68. The project's \_\_\_\_\_ outlined the goals and requirements for the team to complete.  
*n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job
69. The deep sea \_\_\_\_\_ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.  
*n.* a living being, especially an animal
70. Here are \_\_\_\_\_ from several recent books on quantum computing.  
*v.* to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.
71. I heard the \_\_\_\_\_ of conversation from the next room.  
*v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

ANSWERS: 65. scam, 66. sighed, 67. clay, 68. specifications, 69. creature, 70. excerpts, 71. buzz

72. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
73. A single \_\_\_\_\_ of water can reflect the entire world upside down.
- n.* a small drop of liquid
74. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach was warm and golden.
- n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
75. The company has made great strides in its \_\_\_\_\_ toward sustainability.
- n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
76. The perspective of his right brain \_\_\_\_\_ his consciousness.
- v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
77. \_\_\_\_\_ espionage between countries can have serious consequences.
- adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
78. When I was a child, my mother often cast \_\_\_\_\_ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
79. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 72. fantasy, 73. droplet, 74. sand, 75. progression, 76. dominates, 77. Cyber, 78. magical, 79. tradition

80. The girl \_\_\_\_\_ a garland for her friend.

- v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

81. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

82. He took me aside and \_\_\_\_\_ in my ear.

- v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

83. This system uses submarine \_\_\_\_\_ to exchange information between continents.

- n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

84. The \_\_\_\_\_ home has been in the family for generations.

- adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past

85. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian \_\_\_\_\_ fund.

- n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

86. The man \_\_\_\_\_ before opening the door.

- v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

87. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

- v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 80. weaves, 81. statistics, 82. whispered, 83. cables, 84. ancestral, 85. relief, 86. paused, 87. relate



88. He displayed the \_\_\_\_\_ symptoms of depression.

*adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

89. Scientists are constantly searching for signs of \_\_\_\_\_ life in the universe.

*adj.* relating to or existing outside of the Earth's atmosphere or planetary boundaries; pertaining to beings or phenomena that originate from beyond the Earth

90. The athlete had sweat dripping down her \_\_\_\_\_ after the intense workout.

*n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline

91. The artist's innovative style of work \_\_\_\_\_ me.

*v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

92. Truth is stranger than \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

93. \_\_\_\_\_ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

*adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

94. The construction outside was creating a \_\_\_\_\_ distraction from my work.

*adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

95. She wiped the \_\_\_\_\_ off her forehead with a towel.

*n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

ANSWERS: 88. classic, 89. extraterrestrial, 90. forehead, 91. intrigues, 92. fiction, 93. Intelligent, 94. noisy, 95. sweat

96. Enhanced rail \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial for our business.  
*n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
97. The garden was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and needed to be tilled before planting.  
*n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
98. The mangroves around the \_\_\_\_\_ provide a habitat for a unique ecosystem  
*n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
99. He experienced nausea after eating live \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
100. He made a frightful \_\_\_\_\_ in his room.  
*n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
101. He has a flair for \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
102. The shark's powerful \_\_\_\_\_ allowed it to swim at high speeds.  
*n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
103. The sun set over the crest of \_\_\_\_\_ hills.  
*adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

ANSWERS: 96. transportation, 97. dirt, 98. lagoon, 99. octopus, 100. mess, 101. mathematics, 102. fins, 103. distant

104. The Egyptian \_\_\_\_\_ consist of a vast number of blocks.

- n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

105. The dog began to \_\_\_\_\_ at the stranger approaching the house.

- v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval

106. The \_\_\_\_\_ in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

- n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

107. I heard some juicy \_\_\_\_\_ about our co-worker at the water cooler.

- n.* conversation or discussion about other people's personal affairs, often of a trivial or idle nature involving sharing rumors, hearsay, or speculation about the lives of others

108. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

109. The hotel is famous for its \_\_\_\_\_ including the casino.

- n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

110. The \_\_\_\_\_ spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

- n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

ANSWERS: 104. pyramids, 105. growl, 106. xenophobia, 107. gossip, 108. separate, 109. entertainment, 110. spider

111. The political \_\_\_\_\_ rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.  
*n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
112. His irresponsible behavior may \_\_\_\_\_ many problems for him in the future.  
*v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
113. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
114. I love to \_\_\_\_\_ in nature and feel its calming effects on me.  
*v.* to live or reside in a particular place; to think, speak, or write at length on a particular subject; to linger or remain as if unwilling to leave
115. The stories of war crimes filled her with \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
116. \_\_\_\_\_ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.  
*n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
117. The police couldn't find a \_\_\_\_\_ to her whereabouts.  
*n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
118. The eagle perched \_\_\_\_\_ the tallest tree in the forest.  
*adv.* on, to, or at the top

ANSWERS: 111. scandal, 112. beget, 113. norms, 114. dwell, 115. horror, 116. Alien, 117. clue, 118. atop

119. We could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of baby birds.

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

120. The Milky Way \_\_\_\_\_ has numerous water-bearing planets.

*n.* an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity

121. This region is predominantly \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

122. The corporation \_\_\_\_\_ dominated the entire tobacco business.

*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

123. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

124. The stock market \_\_\_\_\_ measures the performance of a group of stocks.

*n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index

125. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.

*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

126. The devil can \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture for his purpose.

*v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened

ANSWERS: 119. tweet, 120. galaxy, 121. desert, 122. eventually, 123. ancestor, 124. index, 125. modern, 126. cite

127. She closed her eyes and \_\_\_\_\_ for strength to overcome difficult times.

- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

128. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more \_\_\_\_\_ connection with the universe.

- adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

129. The architect \_\_\_\_\_ the interior with great artworks and frescoes.

- v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

130. I always pack light when traveling to avoid excessive \_\_\_\_\_ fees.

- n.* the personal belongings that a person carries with them, particularly when traveling; any emotional or psychological issues or problems that a person carries with them

131. In terms of \_\_\_\_\_ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

- n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

132. The keys on her keychain \_\_\_\_\_ loudly as she fumbled to unlock the door.

- v.* to create or make a ringing sound, particularly one that is musical or catchy

ANSWERS: 127. prayed, 128. spiritual, 129. adorned, 130. baggage, 131. intelligence, 132. jingled