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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### domino

*n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

*synonym* : tile, block, ivory

(1) **domino** chain, (2) **domino** effect

We knocked over a stack of **dominoes** and watched them fall one by one.

### toy

*n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

*synonym* : plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box

He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

### roll

*v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

*synonym* : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

### singe

*v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

*synonym* : sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

## drag

v. to pull or haul with force

*synonym*: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

## AI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

*synonym*: robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

## lug

v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

*synonym*: carry, haul, transport

(1) **lug** a hose, (2) **lug** my son into a room

He had to **lug** the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

## hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

*synonym*: inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

## xylophone

n. a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths that are struck with mallets to produce musical tones; a percussion instrument that is commonly used in orchestras, bands, and music

ensembles

(1) **xylophone** music, (2) tune the **xylophone**

The **xylophone** player gave an impressive performance in the school orchestra.

**blame**

*v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

*synonym*: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

**dam**

*n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

*synonym*: barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

**elaborate**

*adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

*synonym*: detailed, intricate, complicated

(1) an **elaborate** hat, (2) **elaborate** Ponzi scheme

He proposed an **elaborate** program of public works.

**accompany**

*v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

*synonym*: follow, escort, attend

(1) **accompany** a chicken dish, (2) **accompany** the book

Please let me know if you want to **accompany** me to my hometown.

**meantime**

*n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

*synonym*: interim, meanwhile, lag

(1) **meantime** report, (2) for the **meantime**

In the **meantime**, while we wait for the results, let's start

working on the next project.

## adequate

*adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need

*synonym*: enough, acceptable, able

(1) **adequate** parking facilities, (2) provide **adequate** funding

This argument is still not **adequate**.

## gravity

*n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

*synonym*: heaviness, attraction, weight

(1) the attraction of **gravity**, (2) preserve my **gravity**

The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of **gravity**.

## obstacle

*n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

*synonym*: hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance

The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

## instrument

*n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

*synonym*: apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

## 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**.

## stunt

*n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

*synonym*: feat, accomplishment, (verb) hinder

(1) skydiving **stunt**, (2) **stunt** brain growth

The daredevil attempted a dangerous **stunt** by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

## choreograph

*v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

## umbrella

*n.* a device consisting of a circular canopy of cloth on a central pole used as protection against rain or sometimes against the sun

*synonym*: parasol, canopy, sunshade

(1) **umbrella** coverage, (2) **umbrella** ban

She opened her **umbrella** to protect herself from the rain.

## abandon

*v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

*synonym*: relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

## drone

*n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

*synonym*: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

## compulsive

*adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that

is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

*synonym* : compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable

(1) **compulsive** gambling, (2) **compulsive** behavior

He had a **compulsive** need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

## parallax

*n.* the apparent shift in the position of an object when viewed from two different perspectives, caused by differences in vantage point or angle of observation; the effect of an observing instrument that produces apparent displacement or shift of an object or its parts

*synonym* : shift, displacement, difference

(1) optical **parallax**, (2) **parallax** error

The **parallax** of the star was measured to determine its distance from Earth.

## perspective

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

*synonym* : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

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

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

## contribute

*v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

*synonym* : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

## decor

*n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic

*synonym* : ornamentation, embellishment, adornment

(1) tropical **decor**, (2) **decor** styles

The **decor** of the restaurant gave it a cozy and inviting feel.

## visual

*adj.* relating to seeing or sight

*synonym* : optical, graphical, visible

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

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

## maelstrom

*n.* a powerful or violent whirlpool or turbulent water often used metaphorically to describe a chaotic or tumultuous situation or environment

*synonym* : whirlpool, vortex, whirlwind

(1) fierce **maelstrom**, (2) emotional **maelstrom**

The ship was pulled into the **maelstrom**, unable to escape its powerful currents.

## overload

*v.* to put too much a load in or on something

*synonym* : overfill, excess, weigh down

(1) **overload** the circulatory system, (2) **overload** a muscle

Be careful not to **overload** the laundry machine.

## brain

*n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

*synonym* : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

## opposition

*n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

*synonym* : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

## thumb

*n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

*synonym* : digit, finger, phalange

(1) **thumb** wrestling, (2) **thumb** a ride

He used his right **thumb** to press the button on his phone.

## **bounce**

*v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

*synonym* : bound, leap, spring

(1) **bounce** across the floor, (2) **bounce** back from failure

They will **bounce** between various emotional states.

## **conscious**

*adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

*synonym* : aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

## **equivalent**

*n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

*synonym* : equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

## **doodle**

*v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

*synonym* : scribble, sketch, draw

(1) **doodle** my way through life, (2) **doodle** in a notebook

When on the phone, he likes to **doodle** little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

## **woo**

*v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

*synonym* : court, pursue, charm

(1) **woo** consumers, (2) **woo** voters with promises

He tried to **woo** her with his charm and wit.

## **uncommon**

*adj.* not occurring or seen very often; rare

*synonym* : rare, scarce, unusual



(1) **uncommon** occurrence, (2) **uncommon** talents  
It was **uncommon** for the store to have such a big sale.

## conversation

*n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

*synonym* : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**  
Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

## weird

*adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

*synonym* : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**  
My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

## bob

*v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

*synonym* : bobble, bounce, wag

(1) **bob** a quick curtsy, (2) **bob** on the surface of the water  
I need to **bob** my head to the beat of the music.

## 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.

## figus

*n.* a genus of flowering plants in the family Moraceae, commonly known as fig trees or figs, characterized by their large, lobed leaves and edible fruit

(1) **figus** seeds, (2) **figus** plant

The **figus** tree in the park provides shade for picnickers on hot summer days.

## stick

*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

*synonym* : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

## pony

*n.* a small horse

*synonym* : cayuse

(1) **pony** engine, (2) a spotted **pony**

At this ranch, children can experience riding a **pony**.

## disparate

*adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

*synonym* : different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

## chunk

*n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something

*synonym* : block, lump, piece

(1) a **chunk** of money, (2) a tiny **chunk** of meat

The new start-up company carved out a large **chunk** of the market within a year.

## receptive

*adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions

*synonym* : open-minded, sensory, sensorial

(1) **receptive** audience, (2) **receptive** to change

The voters appeared to be **receptive** to his new ideas.

## observant

*adj.* paying careful attention to details and surroundings; quick to notice things and circumstances; mindful of social norms and customs

*synonym* : attentive, vigilant, perceptive

(1) **observant** eye, (2) **observant** nature

The **observant** detective noticed the smallest details that helped solve the crime.

## crucial

*adj.* extremely vital or necessary

*synonym* : essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

## beckon

*v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable

*synonym* : signal, summon, gesture

(1) **beckon** with a hand, (2) **beckon** a taxi

The warm sun and gentle breeze **beckoned** us to spend the day outside.

## process

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

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

## bunch

*n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

*synonym* : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

## groove

*n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm

*synonym* : rut, channel, furrow

(1) **groove** on the dance floor, (2) get into the **groove**  
The band played a smooth **groove** that got everyone dancing.

## chord

*n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time

*synonym*: harmony, concord, consonance

(1) **chord** transition, (2) his vocal **chords**

The pianist played a **chord** that filled the room with a rich, harmonious sound.

## 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.

## puzzle

*n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

*synonym*: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

## relation

*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

*synonym*: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

## unlock

*v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

*synonym* : open, solve, unravel

(1) **unlock** a door with a key, (2) **unlock** value

The customs officer required the traveler to **unlock** his suitcase.

## specific

*adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

*synonym* : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

## component

*n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

*synonym* : element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

## bias

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

*synonym* : inclination, partiality, predilection

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

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

## brilliant

*adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

*synonym* : luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

## revise

*v.* to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it

*synonym* : alter, revamp, modify

(1) **revise** the plan, (2) **revise** his belief

The prediction method has been **revised** drastically.

## 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.

## execute

*v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

*synonym* : direct, conduct, enforce

(1) **execute** a bold strategy, (2) **execute** a double play

The mafioso who collaborated with the police was **executed**.

## flawless

*adj.* without any imperfections or errors; perfect or impeccable in appearance or performance

*synonym* : perfect, impeccable, faultless

(1) **flawless** execution, (2) **flawless** performance

The football team had a **flawless** season and went undefeated all year.

## maxim

*n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior

*synonym* : adage, proverb, aphorism

(1) old **maxim**, (2) act upon a **maxim**

A good **maxim** is never out of season.

## squeeze

*v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

*synonym* : compress, crush, clamp

(1) **squeeze** a lemon, (2) **squeeze** a confession

She **squeezed** the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the

last bit out.

## 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**.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## interaction

*n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

*synonym*: dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

## assume

*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

*synonym*: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

## similarly

*adv.* in almost the same way

*synonym*: also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

## complexity

*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

*synonym*: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

## reliable

*adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

*synonym*: dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

## calculate

*v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics

*synonym*: compute, figure, estimate

(1) **calculate** the distance, (2) **calculate** his credit score

He couldn't **calculate** the actual value of the artwork.

## ding

*v.* to make a ringing, chiming, or knocking sound; to damage or dent a surface through impact or collision; (noun, Chinese) a type of ancient cooking vessel that was used for cooking, boiling, and steaming food

*synonym*: hit, smack, bump

(1) **ding** a bell, (2) **ding** a ling

I accidentally **dinged** my new car door in the parking lot.

## whistle

*v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

*synonym*: sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's



illegal activities.

## gamble

*v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

*synonym*: bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune  
Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

## ratchet

*n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement

*synonym*: gear, wrench, spanner

(1) **ratchet** wrench, (2) **ratchet** effect

He turned the bolt with the **ratchet**, making sure it was secure.

## reliability

*n.* the quality of being able to be trusted or believed in doing what someone desires or requires

*synonym*: dependability, trustability, solidness

(1) improve **reliability**, (2) **reliability** test

The incident threw questions on her motivations and **reliability**.

## daunting

*adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

*synonym*: intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task

My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

## deserve

*v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

*synonym*: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

## upshot

*n.* the outcome or consequence of something, especially a complex or lengthy process or event; the result or conclusion that is reached

*synonym* : result, consequence, outcome

(1) in the **upshot**, (2) the **upshot** of the research

The **upshot** of the meeting was that the project would be delayed by a few months.

## ambitious

*adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

*synonym* : enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye

Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

## constrain

*v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

*synonym* : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

## shuffle

*v.* to move or mix around in a casual or unorganized way; to walk with short, dragging steps

*synonym* : jumble, muddle, rearrange

(1) **shuffle** deck, (2) **shuffle** from side to side

She **shuffled** the cards before dealing them to the players.

## demonstrable

*adj.* capable of being demonstrated, proven, or shown; able to be observed or verified

*synonym* : evident, provable, observable

(1) **demonstrable** evidence, (2) **demonstrable** skills

The company's **demonstrable** success has attracted many potential investors.

## screw

*v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a

helical ridge used to fasten things together

*synonym*: tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**

He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

## untried

*adj.* not tested, proven, or experienced; lacking in experience or expertise; not yet attempted or put to use

*synonym*: untested, inexperienced, new

(1) **untried** approach, (2) **untried** solution

I'm unsure about the effectiveness of this **untried** medication.

## phase

*n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development

*synonym*: degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure

The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.

## identify

*v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

*synonym*: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

## sandbox

*n.* an outdoor play area for children consisting of a box filled with sand; a virtual testing environment used for software development or security testing

*synonym*: playpen, sandpit, box

(1) **sandbox** approach, (2) virtual **sandbox**

The children played in the **sandbox** for hours, building sandcastles and digging tunnels.

## surprisingly

*adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder

*synonym*: exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

## optical

*adj.* of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light

*synonym* : visual, ocular

(1) new **optical** glasses, (2) **optical** fiber

The **optical** illusion made it appear like the building was floating in midair.

## illusion

*n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

*synonym* : delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

## toast

*n.* slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even

(1) drink a **toast**, (2) slice of **toast**

We made a **toast** with everyone.

## laser

*n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification

*synonym* : beam, bar, ray

(1) **laser** printer, (2) pulse **laser**

The company holds patents on core components of **laser** jet printers.

## vomit

*v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

*synonym* : puke, throw up, spew

(1) **vomit** abuse, (2) **vomit** after ingesting

She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to **vomit**.

**comet**

*n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun

*synonym* : meteor, asteroid, meteoroid

(1) the surface of the **comet**, (2) **comet** Halley

The **comet's** bright tail could be seen in the night sky.

**chaos**

*n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

*synonym* : disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

**stump**

*v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

*synonym* : mix up

(1) the riddle **stumped** everybody, (2) we are **stumped** with the problem

He is **stumped** with the question.

**ballistic**

*adj.* relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control

*synonym* : furious, explosive, enraged

(1) **ballistic** missile, (2) **ballistic** vest

The boss went **ballistic** when he found out we missed the deadline.

**giant**

*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

*synonym* : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

**spreadsheet**

*n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns

(1) a **spreadsheet** program, (2) plug numbers into a **spreadsheet**

I accidentally deleted all the contents of the **spreadsheet**.

## column

*n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

*synonym*: line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water

The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

## presume

*v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

*synonym*: assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

## explosion

*n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

*synonym*: burst, eruption, outbreak

(1) a lot of **explosions**, (2) site of the **explosion**

A broken gas pipe triggered the **explosion**.

## percussion

*n.* the section of an orchestra or band that plays instruments such as drums, cymbals, and tambourines; the action of striking something to produce a sound

*synonym*: beating, rhythm, strike

(1) **percussion** instrument, (2) chest **percussion**

The **percussion** section is an essential part of the band's sound.

## profound

*adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

*synonym*: deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea  
My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

## certainty

*n.* the state of being certain

*synonym*: inevitability, confidence, assurance

(1) scientific **certainty**, (2) reach **certainty** about the theory  
Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into **certainty**.

## 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.

## reclaim

*v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

*synonym*: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

## footprint

*n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

*synonym*: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

## overgrow

*v.* to grow or thrive over so as to cover with herbage

*synonym*: overrun, choke, overwhelm

(1) **overgrow** neighboring corals, (2) aquatic plants  
**overgrow**

Weeds **overgrow** throughout the garden.

## swallow

*v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird

noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

*synonym* : consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail

I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

## grace

*n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

*synonym* : charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

## entropy

*n.* a scientific concept that is most commonly associated with a state of disorder, randomness, or uncertainty

*synonym* : randomness

(1) **entropy** calculation, (2) **entropy** conservation

Since the second law of thermodynamics is applicable to the universe, the **entropy** of the universe continues to increase.

## cruel

*adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

*synonym* : heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

## blister

*n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely

*synonym* : sore, vesicle, pustule

(1) **blister** after walking for miles, (2) **blister** treatment

The new hiking shoes gave me a **blister** on my heel after just a few miles of walking.



## temple

*n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

*synonym*: shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

## castle

*n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat

*synonym*: fortress, palace, citadel

(1) the ruins of a **castle**, (2) **castle** moat

The medieval **castle** was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.

## monument

*n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

*synonym*: memorial, marker, statue

(1) humanity's **monument**, (2) **monument** honoring

The stone **monument** was built to commemorate the war heroes.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 1. en____y conservation        | <i>n.</i> a scientific concept that is most commonly associated with a state of disorder, randomness, or uncertainty  |
| 2. aquatic plants ov____ow     | <i>v.</i> to grow or thrive over so as to cover with herbage  |
| 3. de____e this prize          | <i>v.</i> to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable   |
| 4. a female sc__w              | <i>v.</i> to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together  |
| 5. th__b wrestling             | <i>n.</i> the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists  |
| 6. new op____l glasses         | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light                                      |
| 7. si__e the edges of a fabric | <i>v.</i> to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake   |
| 8. enter on the last ph__e     | <i>n.</i> any stage in a series of events, change, or development   |
| 9. crossword pu____e           | <i>n.</i> a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand |

ANSWERS: 1. entropy, 2. overgrow, 3. deserve, 4. screw, 5. thumb, 6. optical, 7. singe, 8. phase, 9. puzzle

10. me\_\_\_\_\_me report *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
11. mo\_\_\_\_\_nt honoring *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
12. spare co\_\_\_\_\_nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
13. wh\_\_\_\_\_e a tune *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
14. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
15. ch\_\_s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
16. tune the xy\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths that are struck with mallets to produce musical tones; a percussion instrument that is commonly used in orchestras, bands, and music ensembles

ANSWERS: 10. meantime, 11. monument, 12. component, 13. whistle, 14. rev, 15. chaos, 16. xylophone

17. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
18. la\_\_r printer *n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
19. slice of to\_\_t *n.* slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even
20. the surface of the co\_\_t *n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
21. an ob\_\_\_\_le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
22. de\_\_r styles *n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic
23. scientific ce\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being certain
24. re\_\_\_e his belief *v.* to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it

ANSWERS: 17. AI, 18. laser, 19. toast, 20. comet, 21. obstacle, 22. decor, 23. certainty, 24. revise

25. id\_\_\_\_\_fy gene sequences      *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
26. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_\_s      *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
27. the up\_\_\_\_t of the research      *n.* the outcome or consequence of something, especially a complex or lengthy process or event; the result or conclusion that is reached
28. apply AI technology to art      *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
29. co\_\_\_\_\_us effort      *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
30. ab\_\_\_\_\_n a friend      *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
31. optical il\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
32. w\_o voters with promises      *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

ANSWERS: 25. identify, 26. process, 27. upshot, 28. AI, 29. conscious, 30. abandon, 31. illusion, 32. woo

33. gi\_\_t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
34. emotional ma\_\_\_\_\_om *n.* a powerful or violent whirlpool or turbulent water often used metaphorically to describe a chaotic or tumultuous situation or environment
35. bo\_\_\_e back from failure *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
36. re\_\_\_\_\_le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
37. bl\_\_\_\_\_r after walking for miles *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
38. mat\_\_\_\_\_cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
39. a tiny ch\_\_k of meat *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
40. com\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
41. a sw\_\_\_\_\_w tail *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

ANSWERS: 33. giant, 34. maelstrom, 35. bounce, 36. reliable, 37. blister, 38. mathematics, 39. chunk, 40. compulsive, 41. swallow

42. act upon a ma\_\_m *n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
43. dr\_\_e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
44. fo\_\_\_\_\_nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
45. cr\_\_l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
46. co\_\_t Halley *n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
47. ob\_\_\_\_\_le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
48. a we\_\_d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
49. int\_\_\_\_\_on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
50. opp\_\_\_\_\_on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
51. com\_\_\_\_\_ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
52. old ma\_\_m *n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
53. ca\_\_\_\_\_te his credit score *v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics

ANSWERS: 42. maxim, 43. drone, 44. footprint, 45. cruel, 46. comet, 47. obstacle, 48. weird, 49. interaction, 50. opposition, 51. complexity, 52. maxim, 53. calculate

54. the il\_\_\_\_\_on of being in the forest      *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
55. with an am\_\_\_\_\_us eye      *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
56. sp\_\_\_\_\_ic instructions      *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
57. bl\_\_e the lack of knowledge      *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
58. th\_\_b a ride      *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
59. a lot of ex\_\_\_\_\_ons      *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
60. musical ins\_\_\_\_\_nts      *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
61. sq\_\_\_\_\_e a lemon      *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
62. co\_\_\_\_\_us of having succeeded      *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
63. optical pa\_\_\_\_\_ax      *n.* the apparent shift in the position of an object when viewed from two different perspectives, caused by differences in vantage point or angle of observation; the effect of an observing instrument that produces apparent displacement or shift of an object or its parts

ANSWERS: 54. illusion, 55. ambitious, 56. specific, 57. blame, 58. thumb, 59. explosion, 60. instrument, 61. squeeze, 62. conscious, 63. parallax



64. w\_o consumers *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
65. re\_\_\_\_\_on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
66. en\_\_\_\_\_y calculation *n.* a scientific concept that is most commonly associated with a state of disorder, randomness, or uncertainty
67. op\_\_\_\_\_l fiber *adj.* of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light
68. d\_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
69. cho\_\_\_\_\_ph a stage performance *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
70. d\_\_g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
71. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
72. a spr\_\_\_\_\_et program *n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
73. un\_\_\_\_\_on talents *adj.* not occurring or seen very often; rare

ANSWERS: 64. woo, 65. relation, 66. entropy, 67. optical, 68. dam, 69. choreograph, 70. drag, 71. rev, 72. spreadsheet, 73. uncommon

74. un\_\_\_\_d approach *adj.* not tested, proven, or experienced; lacking in experience or expertise; not yet attempted or put to use
75. sh\_\_\_\_e from side to side *v.* to move or mix around in a casual or unorganized way; to walk with short, dragging steps
76. vi\_\_\_\_l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
77. plug numbers into a spr\_\_\_\_et *n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
78. drink a to\_\_t *n.* slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even
79. a spotted p\_\_y *n.* a small horse
80. p\_\_y engine *n.* a small horse
81. reach ce\_\_\_\_ty about the theory *n.* the state of being certain
82. d\_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
83. d\_\_g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
84. xy\_\_\_\_ne music *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths that are struck with mallets to produce musical tones; a percussion instrument that is commonly used in orchestras, bands, and music ensembles

ANSWERS: 74. untried, 75. shuffle, 76. visual, 77. spreadsheet, 78. toast, 79. pony, 80. pony, 81. certainty, 82. dam, 83. drag, 84. xylophone

85. get into the gr\_\_\_e *n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
86. oasis in the de\_\_\_t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
87. basic br\_\_n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
88. his vocal ch\_\_ds *n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time
89. ba\_\_\_\_\_ic missile *adj.* relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control
90. m\_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
91. ov\_\_\_\_\_ad the circulatory system *v.* to put too much a load in or on something
92. site of the ex\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
93. as\_\_\_e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
94. do\_\_\_o effect *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

ANSWERS: 85. groove, 86. desert, 87. brain, 88. chord, 89. ballistic, 90. mud, 91. overload, 92. explosion, 93. assume, 94. domino

95. h\_\_l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
96. t\_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
97. t\_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
98. industry-sp\_\_\_\_ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
99. the int\_\_\_\_\_on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
100. co\_\_\_\_\_in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
101. fl\_\_\_\_\_ss performance *adj.* without any imperfections or errors; perfect or impeccable in appearance or performance
102. ab\_\_\_\_\_n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
103. re\_\_\_\_\_ve audience *adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
104. say a gr\_\_e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

ANSWERS: 95. hell, 96. toy, 97. toy, 98. specific, 99. interaction, 100. constrain, 101. flawless, 102. abandon, 103. receptive, 104. grace

105. humanity's mo\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
106. ex\_\_\_\_e a double play *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
107. de\_\_\_\_e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
108. fl\_\_\_\_ss execution *adj.* without any imperfections or errors; perfect or impeccable in appearance or performance
109. end of the gr\_\_e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
110. provide ad\_\_\_\_te funding *adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
111. ac\_\_\_\_ny a chicken dish *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
112. the attraction of gr\_\_\_\_y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
113. ba\_\_\_\_ic vest *adj.* relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control
114. b\_b on the surface of the water *v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

ANSWERS: 105. monument, 106. execute, 107. deserve, 108. flawless, 109. grace, 110. adequate, 111. accompany, 112. gravity, 113. ballistic, 114. bob

115. the ruins of a ca\_\_\_e *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
116. seem like a da\_\_\_\_\_ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
117. d\_\_g a bell *v.* to make a ringing, chiming, or knocking sound; to damage or dent a surface through impact or collision; (noun, Chinese) a type of ancient cooking vessel that was used for cooking, boiling, and steaming food
118. permanent br\_\_n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
119. ga\_\_\_e \$100 on the race *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
120. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
121. a tour guide at the te\_\_\_e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
122. tropical de\_\_r *n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic

ANSWERS: 115. castle, 116. daunting, 117. ding, 118. brain, 119. gamble, 120. progression, 121. temple, 122. decor

123. m\_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
124. sq\_\_\_\_e a confession *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
125. improve rel\_\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality of being able to be trusted or believed in doing what someone desires or requires
126. ra\_\_\_\_t wrench *n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement
127. bl\_\_\_\_r treatment *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
128. the state of being we\_\_d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
129. st\_\_k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
130. midst of ch\_\_s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

ANSWERS: 123. mud, 124. squeeze, 125. reliability, 126. ratchet, 127. blister, 128. weird, 129. stick, 130. chaos

131. ad\_\_\_\_te parking facilities      *adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
132. two-ph\_\_e structure      *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
133. a bu\_\_h of schoolgirls      *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
134. re\_\_\_\_m land from the sea      *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
135. as\_\_\_e an important role      *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
136. l\_g a hose      *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
137. an el\_\_\_\_te hat      *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
138. a cr\_\_l and unusual punishment      *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
139. a bu\_\_h of trees      *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
140. in the up\_\_\_t      *n.* the outcome or consequence of something, especially a complex or lengthy process or event; the result or conclusion that is reached
141. te\_\_\_e complex      *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

ANSWERS: 131. adequate, 132. phase, 133. bunch, 134. reclaim, 135. assume, 136. lug, 137. elaborate, 138. cruel, 139. bunch, 140. upshot, 141. temple



142. vo\_\_t abuse                    *v.*    to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
143. con\_\_\_\_\_te a large sum of money to the fund                    *v.*    to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
144. sh\_\_\_\_\_e deck                    *v.*    to move or mix around in a casual or unorganized way; to walk with short, dragging steps
145. do\_\_\_e in a notebook                    *v.*    to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
146. ob\_\_\_\_\_nt nature                    *adj.* paying careful attention to details and surroundings; quick to notice things and circumstances; mindful of social norms and customs
147. si\_\_\_\_\_ly situated                    *adv.* in almost the same way
148. b\_b a quick curtsy                    *v.*    to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
149. dem\_\_\_\_\_ble evidence                    *adj.* capable of being demonstrated, proven, or shown; able to be observed or verified
150. fi\_\_s plant                    *n.*    a genus of flowering plants in the family Moraceae, commonly known as fig trees or figs, characterized by their large, lobed leaves and edible fruit

ANSWERS: 142. vomit, 143. contribute, 144. shuffle, 145. doodle, 146. observant, 147. similarly, 148. bob, 149. demonstrable, 150. ficus

151. chest per\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the section of an orchestra or band that plays instruments such as drums, cymbals, and tambourines; the action of striking something to produce a sound
152. bo\_\_\_e across the floor *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
153. dem\_\_\_\_\_ble skills *adj.* capable of being demonstrated, proven, or shown; able to be observed or verified
154. fierce ma\_\_\_\_\_om *n.* a powerful or violent whirlpool or turbulent water often used metaphorically to describe a chaotic or tumultuous situation or environment
155. sw\_\_\_\_\_w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
156. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
157. re\_\_\_\_\_m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
158. equ\_\_\_\_\_nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
159. field of vi\_\_\_l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
160. sur\_\_\_\_\_gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
161. face the da\_\_\_\_\_ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

ANSWERS: 151. percussion, 152. bounce, 153. demonstrable, 154. maelstrom, 155. swallow, 156. eventually, 157. reclaim, 158. equivalent, 159. visual, 160. surprisingly, 161. daunting

162. br\_\_\_\_\_nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
163. ov\_\_\_\_\_ad a muscle *v.* to put too much a load in or on something
164. skydiving st\_\_t *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
165. l\_g my son into a room *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
166. the per\_\_\_\_\_ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
167. pr\_\_\_\_\_e innocence *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
168. preserve my gr\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
169. be\_\_\_n with a hand *v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable

ANSWERS: 162. brilliant, 163. overload, 164. stunt, 165. lug, 166. perspective, 167. presume, 168. gravity, 169. beckon

170. rel\_\_\_\_\_ty test *n.* the quality of being able to be trusted or believed in doing what someone desires or requires
171. have sur\_\_\_\_\_gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
172. un\_\_\_\_\_on occurrence *adj.* not occurring or seen very often; rare
173. el\_\_\_\_\_te Ponzi scheme *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
174. fire st\_\_k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
175. the pr\_\_\_\_\_nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
176. we are st\_\_ped with the problem *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
177. st\_\_t brain growth *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
178. d\_\_g a ling *v.* to make a ringing, chiming, or knocking sound; to damage or dent a surface through impact or collision; (noun, Chinese) a type of ancient cooking vessel that was used for cooking, boiling, and steaming food

ANSWERS: 170. reliability, 171. surprisingly, 172. uncommon, 173. elaborate, 174. stick, 175. profound, 176. stump, 177. stunt, 178. ding

179. ex\_\_\_\_\_e a bold strategy      *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
180. ch\_\_d transition      *n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time
181. cr\_\_\_\_\_l information      *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
182. un\_\_\_k value      *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
183. fi\_\_s seeds      *n.* a genus of flowering plants in the family Moraceae, commonly known as fig trees or figs, characterized by their large, lobed leaves and edible fruit
184. run like h\_\_l      *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
185. ga\_\_\_e away my fortune      *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
186. 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
187. re\_\_\_e the plan      *v.* to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it

ANSWERS: 179. execute, 180. chord, 181. crucial, 182. unlock, 183. ficus, 184. hell, 185. gamble, 186. weave, 187. revise

188. mathematical pu\_\_\_e                    *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
189. ob\_\_\_\_\_nt eye                    *adj.* paying careful attention to details and surroundings; quick to notice things and circumstances; mindful of social norms and customs
190. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of civilization                    *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
191. the fo\_\_\_\_\_nts of an earlier civilization                    *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
192. pr\_\_\_\_\_s improvement                    *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
193. r\_\_l down his cheeks                    *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
194. con\_\_\_\_\_ion in English                    *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
195. b\_\_s against a big company                    *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

ANSWERS: 188. puzzle, 189. observant, 190. progression, 191. footprint, 192. process, 193. roll, 194. conversation, 195. bias

196. br\_\_\_\_\_nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
197. um\_\_\_\_\_la ban *n.* a device consisting of a circular canopy of cloth on a central pole used as protection against rain or sometimes against the sun
198. r\_\_l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
199. vo\_\_t after ingesting *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
200. di\_\_\_\_\_te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
201. ac\_\_\_\_\_ny the book *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
202. id\_\_\_\_\_fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
203. gr\_\_\_e on the dance floor *n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
204. wh\_\_\_\_\_e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

ANSWERS: 196. brilliant, 197. umbrella, 198. roll, 199. vomit, 200. disparate, 201. accompany, 202. identify, 203. groove, 204. whistle

205. a ch\_\_k of money *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
206. key co\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
207. surgical ins\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
208. the speaker's dr\_\_e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
209. com\_\_\_\_\_ve gambling *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
210. gi\_\_t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
211. de\_\_\_t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
212. virtual sa\_\_\_\_\_x *n.* an outdoor play area for children consisting of a box filled with sand; a virtual testing environment used for software development or security testing
213. a good grounding in mat\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 205. chunk, 206. component, 207. instrument, 208. drone, 209. compulsive, 210. giant, 211. desert, 212. sandbox, 213. mathematics



214. pa\_\_\_\_ax error *n.* the apparent shift in the position of an object when viewed from two different perspectives, caused by differences in vantage point or angle of observation; the effect of an observing instrument that produces apparent displacement or shift of an object or its parts
215. do\_\_\_o chain *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
216. equ\_\_\_\_\_nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
217. achieve am\_\_\_\_\_us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
218. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
219. um\_\_\_\_\_la coverage *n.* a device consisting of a circular canopy of cloth on a central pole used as protection against rain or sometimes against the sun
220. a per\_\_\_\_\_ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
221. ov\_\_\_\_\_ow neighboring corals *v.* to grow or thrive over so as to cover with herbage
222. a friendly con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 214. parallax, 215. domino, 216. equivalent, 217. ambitious, 218. complexity, 219. umbrella, 220. perspective, 221. overgrow, 222. conversation

223. a cr\_\_\_\_\_l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
224. si\_\_e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
225. co\_\_\_\_\_in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
226. a co\_\_\_n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
227. exquisitely cho\_\_\_\_\_phed *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
228. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
229. ca\_\_\_\_\_te the distance *v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics
230. do\_\_\_e my way through life *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
231. be\_\_\_n a taxi *v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
232. pr\_\_\_\_\_e on his tolerance *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

ANSWERS: 223. crucial, 224. singe, 225. constrain, 226. column, 227. choreograph, 228. eventually, 229. calculate, 230. doodle, 231. beckon, 232. presume

233. a pr\_\_\_\_nd book      *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
234. physically di\_\_\_\_\_te location      *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
235. re\_\_\_\_\_ve to change      *adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
236. ra\_\_\_\_\_t effect      *n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement
237. con\_\_\_\_\_te to society      *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
238. 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
239. the spinal co\_\_\_n      *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
240. sc\_\_w the cap      *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

ANSWERS: 233. profound, 234. disparate, 235. receptive, 236. ratchet, 237. contribute, 238. weave, 239. column, 240. screw

241. ca\_\_\_e moat *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
242. pulse la\_\_r *n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
243. sa\_\_\_\_\_x approach *n.* an outdoor play area for children consisting of a box filled with sand; a virtual testing environment used for software development or security testing
244. bl\_\_e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
245. the riddle st\_\_ped everybody *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
246. have a b\_\_s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
247. un\_\_\_k a door with a key *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
248. for the me\_\_\_\_\_me *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
249. meet with opp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 241. castle, 242. laser, 243. sandbox, 244. blame, 245. stump, 246. bias, 247. unlock, 248. meantime, 249. opposition

250. un\_\_\_\_\_d solution *adj.* not tested, proven, or experienced; lacking in experience or expertise; not yet attempted or put to use
251. guarantee re\_\_\_\_\_le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
252. re\_\_\_\_\_on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
253. have si\_\_\_\_\_ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
254. per\_\_\_\_\_on instrument *n.* the section of an orchestra or band that plays instruments such as drums, cymbals, and tambourines; the action of striking something to produce a sound

ANSWERS: 250. untried, 251. reliable, 252. relation, 253. similarly, 254. percussion

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The new hiking shoes gave me a \_\_\_\_\_ on my heel after just a few miles of walking.
  - n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
  
2. He visited the \_\_\_\_\_ to pray and make offerings to the gods.
  - n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
  
3. The conference room was in \_\_\_\_\_ as everyone tried to speak at once.
  - n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
  
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ section is an essential part of the band's sound.
  - n.* the section of an orchestra or band that plays instruments such as drums, cymbals, and tambourines; the action of striking something to produce a sound
  
5. The children played in the \_\_\_\_\_ for hours, building sandcastles and digging tunnels.
  - n.* an outdoor play area for children consisting of a box filled with sand; a virtual testing environment used for software development or security testing
  
6. This region is predominantly \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
  
7. He couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ the actual value of the artwork.
  - v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics

ANSWERS: 1. blister, 2. temple, 3. chaos, 4. percussion, 5. sandbox, 6. desert, 7. calculate

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ illusion made it appear like the building was floating in midair.  
*adj.* of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light
9. Will you \_\_\_\_\_ on the result of the fight?  
*v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
10. The medieval \_\_\_\_\_ was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.  
*n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
11. The company holds patents on core components of \_\_\_\_\_ jet printers.  
*n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
12. A good \_\_\_\_\_ is never out of season.  
*n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
13. The employee \_\_\_\_\_ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.  
*v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
14. He has a flair for \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
15. I need to \_\_\_ my head to the beat of the music.  
*v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

ANSWERS: 8. optical, 9. gamble, 10. castle, 11. laser, 12. maxim, 13. deserved, 14.

mathematics, 15. bob



16. Their company has been in business for a short time but has \_\_\_\_\_ goals.

*adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

17. She researched gender \_\_\_\_\_ in politics.

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

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

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

19. He became \_\_\_\_\_ that he was being followed.

*adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

20. We \_\_\_\_\_ our impeded progress on lack of money.

*v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

21. The customs officer required the traveler to \_\_\_\_\_ his suitcase.

*v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

22. She opened her \_\_\_\_\_ to protect herself from the rain.

*n.* a device consisting of a circular canopy of cloth on a central pole used as protection against rain or sometimes against the sun

23. The castle was \_\_\_\_\_ several years later.

*v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

ANSWERS: 16. ambitious, 17. bias, 18. eventually, 19. conscious, 20. blamed, 21. unlock, 22. umbrella, 23. abandoned

24. The employee decided to \_\_\_\_\_ on the company's illegal activities.
- v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
25. I \_\_\_\_\_ my anger and kept quiet.
- v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
26. The old oak tree stood with \_\_\_\_\_ and majesty in the park's center.
- n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
27. The following example \_\_\_\_\_ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
28. They will \_\_\_\_\_ between various emotional states.
- v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
29. I will introduce you to how to \_\_\_\_\_ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
30. We made a \_\_\_\_\_ with everyone.
- n. slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even
31. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the meeting was that the project would be delayed by a few months.
- n. the outcome or consequence of something, especially a complex or lengthy process or event; the result or conclusion that is reached

ANSWERS: 24. whistle-blow, 25. swallowed, 26. grace, 27. assumes, 28. bounce, 29. identify, 30. toast, 31. upshot

32. The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
33. Weeds \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the garden.
- v.* to grow or thrive over so as to cover with herbage
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ detective noticed the smallest details that helped solve the crime.
- adj.* paying careful attention to details and surroundings; quick to notice things and circumstances; mindful of social norms and customs
35. In the \_\_\_\_\_ while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.
- n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
36. I \_\_\_\_\_ you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.
- v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
37. He had \_\_\_\_\_ the dance in this play himself.
- v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
38. My mother's illness had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on us all.
- adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

ANSWERS: 32. gravity, 33. overgrow, 34. observant, 35. meantime, 36. presume, 37. choreographed, 38. profound

39. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

40. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

41. The revitalization of technology companies is \_\_\_\_\_ to the country's growth.

*adj.* extremely vital or necessary

42. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

*v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it;  
(noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

43. He tried to \_\_\_ her with his charm and wit.

*v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

44. 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

45. The scientist conducted a study that provided \_\_\_\_\_ details about the species' behavior.

*adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

46. The dictator was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ and oppressive regime.

*adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

ANSWERS: 39. bunch, 40. brain, 41. crucial, 42. screw, 43. woo, 44. weaves, 45. specific, 46. cruel

47. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
48. The incident threw questions on her motivations and \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality of being able to be trusted or believed in doing what someone desires or requires
49. The break in the \_\_\_\_ threatened the valley.
- n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
50. He heard a \_\_\_\_\_ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
- n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
51. The exam was \_\_\_\_\_ tricky for everyone.
- adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
52. Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the state of being certain
53. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the star was measured to determine its distance from Earth.
- n.* the apparent shift in the position of an object when viewed from two different perspectives, caused by differences in vantage point or angle of observation; the effect of an observing instrument that produces apparent displacement or shift of an object or its parts
54. The new start-up company carved out a large \_\_\_\_\_ of the market within a year.
- n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something

ANSWERS: 47. stick, 48. reliability, 49. dam, 50. drone, 51. surprisingly, 52. certainty, 53. parallax, 54. chunk

55. The project's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.  
*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
56. He is \_\_\_\_\_ with the question.  
*v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
57. The boss went \_\_\_\_\_ when he found out we missed the deadline.  
*adj.* relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control
58. He could no longer tell the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and reality.  
*n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
59. He \_\_\_\_\_ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.  
*v.* to pull or haul with force
60. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.  
*n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
61. The \_\_\_\_\_ course was challenging but fun.  
*n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
62. She \_\_\_\_\_ the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.  
*v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
63. The battlefield became \_\_\_\_\_ on earth.  
*n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 55. complexity, 56. stumped, 57. ballistic, 58. illusion, 59. dragged, 60. mud, 61. obstacle, 62. squeezed, 63. hell

64. The stone \_\_\_\_\_ was built to commemorate the war heroes.  
*n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
65. He turned the bolt with the \_\_\_\_\_ making sure it was secure.  
*n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement
66. The more \_\_\_\_\_ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.  
*adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
67. He proposed an \_\_\_\_\_ program of public works.  
*adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
68. Be careful not to \_\_\_\_\_ the laundry machine.  
*v.* to put too much a load in or on something
69. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of \_\_\_\_.  
*n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
70. The daredevil attempted a dangerous \_\_\_\_\_ by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.  
*n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

ANSWERS: 64. monument, 65. ratchet, 66. brilliant, 67. elaborate, 68. overload, 69. AI, 70. stunt

71. A broken gas pipe triggered the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

72. The \_\_\_\_\_ tree in the park provides shade for picnickers on hot summer days.

*n.* a genus of flowering plants in the family Moraceae, commonly known as fig trees or figs, characterized by their large, lobed leaves and edible fruit

73. She \_\_\_\_\_ the cards before dealing them to the players.

*v.* to move or mix around in a casual or unorganized way; to walk with short, dragging steps

74. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

75. The \_\_\_\_\_ bright tail could be seen in the night sky.

*n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun

76. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

*adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

77. His father's death changed his whole \_\_\_\_\_ on life.

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

ANSWERS: 71. explosion, 72. ficus, 73. shuffled, 74. rev, 75. comet's, 76. compulsive, 77. perspective



78. The \_\_\_\_\_ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
79. The ship was pulled into the \_\_\_\_\_ unable to escape its powerful currents.
- n.* a powerful or violent whirlpool or turbulent water often used metaphorically to describe a chaotic or tumultuous situation or environment
80. The mafioso who collaborated with the police was \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
81. The political situation \_\_\_\_\_ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
- v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
82. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
83. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.
- n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
84. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the restaurant gave it a cozy and inviting feel.
- n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic
85. The newspaper devoted several \_\_\_\_\_ to the affair.
- n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

ANSWERS: 78. opposition, 79. maelstrom, 80. executed, 81. constrained, 82. footprint, 83. interaction, 84. decor, 85. columns

86. Since the second law of thermodynamics is applicable to the universe, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe continues to increase.
- n.* a scientific concept that is most commonly associated with a state of disorder, randomness, or uncertainty
87. We argue that wages for temporary workers should \_\_\_\_\_ rise.
- adv.* in almost the same way
88. This argument is still not \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
89. Trains are \_\_\_\_\_ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.
- adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
90. You may be entitled to \_\_\_\_\_ some tax.
- v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
91. At this ranch, children can experience riding a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small horse
92. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial \_\_\_\_\_ of history.
- n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
93. The band played a smooth \_\_\_\_\_ that got everyone dancing.
- n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
94. I'm unsure about the effectiveness of this \_\_\_\_\_ medication.
- adj.* not tested, proven, or experienced; lacking in experience or expertise; not yet attempted or put to use

ANSWERS: 86. entropy, 87. similarly, 88. adequate, 89. reliable, 90. reclaim, 91. pony, 92. phase, 93. groove, 94. untried

95. I accidentally deleted all the contents of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
96. This jigsaw \_\_\_\_\_ is challenging because there are no pictures.
- n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
97. He had to \_\_\_\_ the heavy suitcase up the stairs.
- v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
98. My homework was \_\_\_\_\_ and complex, but it was also intriguing.
- adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
99. This electronic \_\_\_\_\_ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.
- n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
100. 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
101. The industrial \_\_\_\_\_ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
102. I accidentally \_\_\_\_\_ my new car door in the parking lot.
- v.* to make a ringing, chiming, or knocking sound; to damage or dent a surface through impact or collision; (noun, Chinese) a type of ancient cooking vessel that was used for cooking, boiling, and steaming food

ANSWERS: 95. spreadsheet, 96. puzzle, 97. lug, 98. daunting, 99. instrument, 100. progression, 101. relations, 102. dinged

103. The European Central Bank is Europe's \_\_\_\_\_ of the Federal Reserve.  
*n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
104. The organization worked to bring together \_\_\_\_\_ groups in the community.  
*adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
105. When on the phone, he likes to \_\_\_\_\_ little sketches in the margins of his notepad.  
*v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
106. The warm sun and gentle breeze \_\_\_\_\_ us to spend the day outside.  
*v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
107. Please let me know if you want to \_\_\_\_\_ me to my hometown.  
*v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
108. The voters appeared to be \_\_\_\_\_ to his new ideas.  
*adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
109. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and \_\_\_\_\_ my dress.  
*v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
110. The pianist played a \_\_\_\_\_ that filled the room with a rich, harmonious sound.  
*n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time
111. He used his right \_\_\_\_\_ to press the button on his phone.  
*n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

ANSWERS: 103. equivalent, 104. disparate, 105. doodle, 106. beckoned, 107. accompany, 108. receptive, 109. singed, 110. chord, 111. thumb

112. Your \_\_\_\_\_ reflects your thoughts.

- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

113. We knocked over a stack of \_\_\_\_\_ and watched them fall one by one.

- n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

114. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for the store to have such a big sale.

- adj.* not occurring or seen very often; rare

115. She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to \_\_\_\_\_.

- v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

116. The researchers try to discover a common \_\_\_\_\_ in all types of successful organizations.

- n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

117. My computer has been acting \_\_\_\_\_ recently.

- adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

118. The \_\_\_\_\_ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

- adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

119. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

ANSWERS: 112. conversation, 113. dominoes, 114. uncommon, 115. vomit, 116. component, 117. weird, 118. giant, 119. process

120. He gave his daughter a new \_\_\_\_ for her birthday.

*n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

121. The prediction method has been \_\_\_\_\_ drastically.

*v.* to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it

122. The building makes a remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ impact.

*adj.* relating to seeing or sight

123. He was exhausted and \_\_\_\_\_ into bed as soon as he got home.

*v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

124. The \_\_\_\_\_ player gave an impressive performance in the school orchestra.

*n.* a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths that are struck with mallets to produce musical tones; a percussion instrument that is commonly used in orchestras, bands, and music ensembles

125. Government workers cannot \_\_\_\_\_ to political campaigns.

*v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

126. The football team had a \_\_\_\_\_ season and went undefeated all year.

*adj.* without any imperfections or errors; perfect or impeccable in appearance or performance

127. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ success has attracted many potential investors.

*adj.* capable of being demonstrated, proven, or shown; able to be observed or verified

ANSWERS: 120. toy, 121. revised, 122. visual, 123. rolled, 124. xylophone, 125. contribute, 126. flawless, 127. demonstrable

ANSWERS: