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Session 1: Word List

paranoid

adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you

(1) **paranoid** about issues, (2) **paranoid** disorder

A **paranoid** person may have delusions that people want to harm.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

paranoia

n. a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability

synonym: suspicion, mistrust, delusions

(1) encourage **paranoia**, (2) suffering from **paranoia**

His **paranoia** about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.

self-serving

adj. concerned primarily with one's interests and needs rather than those of others; motivated by a desire for personal gain or advantage

synonym: self-centered, egocentric, self-absorbed

(1) **self-serving** attitude, (2) **self-serving** bias

The politician's **self-serving** actions were met with criticism from the public.

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.

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.

giver

n. a person who gives or donates something, particularly money, time, or resources, to others; a philanthropist or benefactor

synonym: donor, contributor, benefactor

(1) charitable **giver**, (2) generous **giver**

My friend is a natural **giver**, always putting others before herself.

default

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym: fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

narcissist

n. a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

synonym: egotist, boaster, braggart

(1) relationship with a **narcissist**, (2) somatic **narcissist**

He thinks she is a high **narcissist** because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

cartoon

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

psychopath

n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

synonym: sociopath, antisocial, monster

(1) **psychopath** tendencies, (2) violent **psychopath**

The detective identified the **psychopath** who had been terrorizing the city for months.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym : status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

definitive

adj. serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed

synonym : conclusive, final, decisive

(1) **definitive** answer, (2) a **definitive** edition

The study provided **definitive** proof of the effectiveness of the new drug.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym: score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

salesperson

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

synonym: dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym: earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or

appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

accrue

v. (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time

synonym: increase, accumulate, amass

(1) **accrue** to the general treasury, (2) benefits **accrue** to the community

Two-percent interest will **accrue** on your savings account.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

crappy

adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory

synonym: poor, unsatisfactory, inferior

(1) **crappy** service, (2) **crappy** Spanish

The food at the restaurant was **crappy** and overpriced.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

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.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym: wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel

He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym: forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

frequency

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: recurrence, repetition, regularity

(1) **frequency** band, (2) high **frequency**

The oscillator hunts for the correct **frequency**.

mentor

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

synonym: adviser, coach, tutor

(1) **mentor** for life, (2) fashion **mentor**

As a **mentor**, he helped me realize my career.

metric

adj. using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic

synonym : metrical, measured

(1) **metric** units, (2) key performance **metrics**

In the **metric** system, measurements are made in meters and liters.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

satisfaction

n. a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

synonym : delight, pleasure, content

(1) a sense of **satisfaction**, (2) customer **satisfaction**

The mediated settlement brought **satisfaction** to both sides.

employee

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

synonym : worker, staff, personnel

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

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

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym : possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

expense

n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something

synonym : cost, expenditure, outlay

(1) enormous **expenses**, (2) **expense** account

For this project to be successful, we must control **expenses** strictly.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

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.

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.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy
We **concluded** a cease-fire.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

excel

v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

synonym: outdo, shine, surpass

(1) **excel** in description, (2) **excel** at communication

The company **excels** in customer service.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym: charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

appreciate

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

synonym : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

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

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

enthusiasm

n. a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

synonym : eagerness, zeal, willingness

(1) unflagging **enthusiasm**, (2) lose **enthusiasm**

We are tackling the development for updates with **enthusiasm**.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

recognize

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

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

midst

n. the middle part of people or things

synonym : middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal

He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym : wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

serial

adj. consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents

synonym : consecutive, sequential, successive

(1) **serial** killer, (2) **serial** number

The company is launching a new line of **serial** products aimed at young adults.

entrepreneur

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym : founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**

Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

introduction

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

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

unnoticed

adj. not seen or noticed

synonym : ignored, overlooked, unrecognized

(1) **unnoticed** by all, (2) go **unnoticed** for a long period

His research went largely **unnoticed** until a prominent researcher cited it.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym : border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
synonym: criterion, mean, standard

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

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

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.

receiver

n. the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something

synonym: acceptor, recipient, collector

(1) a GPS **receiver**, (2) aid **receiver**

Delivery companies often require the **receiver's** signature to certify the completion of package delivery.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

nurse

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

synonym: healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**

The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

incompetent

adj. lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job

synonym: ineffective, unskilled, inadequate

(1) **incompetent** leadership, (2) **incompetent** employee
The **incompetent** doctor misdiagnosed my illness and prescribed the wrong medication.

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym: obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease
That car has a low environmental **burden**.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym: hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members
The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

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.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour
We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

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**.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

triple

adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

synonym: threefold

(1) a **triple** mirror, (2) **triple** digits

His coach is a **triple** Olympic champion.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

barrel

n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

synonym: cask, firkin, drum

(1) a **barrel** of beer, (2) \$30 a **barrel**

One rotten apple spoils the whole **barrel**.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace
On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

shark

n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

synonym: swindler, con artist, crook

(1) a man-eating **shark**, (2) card **shark**

He borrowed money from a loan **shark**.

weed

n. a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants

synonym: plant, grass, shrub

(1) pull up a **weed**, (2) **weed** management

The garden was full of **weeds** that needed to be pulled.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**
Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

agreeable

adj. pleasant and enjoyable
synonym: affable, amiable, cooperative

(1) **agreeable** weather, (2) **agreeable** to the plan
We spent a most **agreeable** couple of days.

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
synonym: extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**
Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

polite

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

synonym: courteous, civil, respectful

(1) **polite** manners, (2) **polite** tone

It's important to be **polite** even when you disagree with someone.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym: battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym : catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

blank

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

synonym : empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

maple

n. a tall tree with five-pointed leaves that turn brilliant crimson or yellow in the fall that grows in the northern region

(1) **maple** tree, (2) drizzle of **maple** syrup

The national emblem of Canada is a **maple** leaf.

syrup

n. a sweet, thick liquid made by dissolving sugar in water, often flavored with fruit, spices, or other ingredients

synonym : nectar, sap, honey

(1) maple **syrup**, (2) **syrup** bottle

She mixed the **syrup** with water to make a sweet drink.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils
He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

adapt

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

synonym: adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

disagreeable

adj. unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament

synonym: unpleasant, objectionable, offensive

(1) **disagreeable** smell, (2) **disagreeable** temper

The **disagreeable** coworker always found fault with everyone else's work.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

empirical

adj. based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

synonym: observational, experiential, factual

(1) **empirical** research, (2) **empirical** philosophy
The study's results were based on **empirical** evidence gathered from extensive research.

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.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym: shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

correlation

n. a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.

synonym: relationship, connection, association

(1) ecological **correlation**, (2) **correlation** coefficient

There is a strong **correlation** between education level and income.

veneer

n. a thin layer of material applied to the surface of something for decoration or protection; a superficial or deceptive outward appearance that conceals the true nature of something beneath it

synonym: overlay, laminate, facing

(1) **veneer** knowledge, (2) **veneer** stone

The wooden table had a thin **veneer** of cherry wood on top, giving it a beautiful and glossy finish.

pleasant

adj. enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable

synonym : agreeable, delightful, pleasing

(1) **pleasant** news, (2) **pleasant** odor

The hotel's staff is very **pleasant** and efficient.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym : cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

motif

n. a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music

synonym : theme, pattern, design

(1) animal **motif**, (2) the **motif** of a music piece

The repeating floral **motif** in the wallpaper added a touch of elegance to the room.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym : purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym : exact, precise, proper

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

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

consultant

n. a person who provides professional or expert advice
synonym: expert, advisor, specialist

(1) **consultant** firm, (2) chief **consultant**

We hired a management **consultant** to help us improve our business strategy.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
synonym: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

gruff

adj. rough or abrasive in manner or speech, especially with an air of impatience or annoyance; abrupt or blunt in a manner that could be seen as brusque or unfriendly
synonym: abrupt, rough, curt

(1) **gruff** voice, (2) **gruff** attitude

The **gruff** police officer intimidated the suspect with his stern demeanor.

underneath

adv. under or below something else
synonym: below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

interface

n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common

boundary between two things

synonym : junction, surface, UI

(1) **interface** between gas and liquid, (2) the user **interface**

Detergent weakens the surface tension at the **interface** of two liquids.

undervalue

v. to assign too low a value to something

synonym : underrate, underestimate, devalue

(1) **undervalue** his contribution, (2) **undervalue** the potential

He **undervalued** the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.

opposed

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

synonym : anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

prickle

v. to cause a tingling or stinging sensation, often from a sharp or pointed object; to provoke or irritate someone, causing them to feel uncomfortable or annoyed; (noun) a small, pointed, and often sharp spine or thorn that grows on a plant or animal

synonym : stab, poke, jab

(1) **prickle** cell layer, (2) **prickle** with excitement

The thorns on the cactus can **prickle** your skin if you touch them.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym : affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym : poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

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.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym : potent, significant, meaningful

(1) an **influential** newspaper, (2) an **influential** politician

Early childhood experiences are very **influential** for people.

hierarchy

n. a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

synonym : ranking, order, scale

(1) top of the **hierarchy**, (2) **hierarchy** of folders

She has taken a step up in the organizational **hierarchy**.

server

n. a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant

synonym : computer, waiter, waitperson

(1) a mail **server**, (2) work as a **server** in a restaurant

After the airing of the TV commercial, many people accessed the website, and the **server** went down.

burnout

n. the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking

synonym : breakdown, exhaustion, fatigue

(1) **burnout** syndrome, (2) mental **burnout**

He suffered from job **burnout** because of hard work.

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.

pursue

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

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

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

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

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym : characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success"

rigorously.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym: donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

upside

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

synonym: advantage, benefit, top

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

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

pronoia

n. the opposite of paranoia; the belief that the universe is conspiring to do good things for you

(1) **pronoia** belief, (2) the concept of **pronoia**

Many people believe that having a positive outlook leads to feelings of **pronoia**.

delusion

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

synonym: hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym: scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

glowing

adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

synonym: burning, bright, flaming

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

The western sky was **glowing** pink.

Session 2: Spelling

1. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
2. def_____ve answer *adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
3. inc_____nt employee *adj.* lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job
4. a sal_____on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
5. grand de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
6. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
7. chief con_____nt *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
8. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
9. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
10. inc_____nt leadership *adj.* lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job

ANSWERS: 1. appreciate, 2. definitive, 3. incompetent, 4. salesperson, 5. delusion, 6. convinced, 7. consultant, 8. identify, 9. impressive, 10. incompetent

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| 11. fr_____cy band | <i>n.</i> an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split |
| 12. ag_____le weather | <i>adj.</i> pleasant and enjoyable |
| 13. in the mi__t of the crowd | <i>n.</i> the middle part of people or things |
| 14. act of gen_____ty | <i>n.</i> the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely |
| 15. tw__t around to the left | <i>v.</i> to bend or turn something into a certain shape |
| 16. p__t a revolution | <i>n.</i> a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal |
| 17. two op_____d characters | <i>adj.</i> being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something |
| 18. in the mi__t of a scandal | <i>n.</i> the middle part of people or things |
| 19. pr_____s improvement | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 20. art cr____c | <i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc. |
| 21. p__r review | <i>n.</i> a person who has the same age, status, or ability |

ANSWERS: 11. frequency, 12. agreeable, 13. midst, 14. generosity, 15. twist, 16. plot, 17. opposed, 18. midst, 19. process, 20. critic, 21. peer

22. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
23. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
24. w__d management *n.* a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
25. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
26. dis_____ble smell *adj.* unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament
27. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
28. go un_____ed for a long period *adj.* not seen or noticed
29. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
30. bl__k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
31. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
32. de_____t on the mortgage *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

ANSWERS: 22. competition, 23. fortune, 24. weed, 25. nation, 26. disagreeable, 27. recognize, 28. unnoticed, 29. psychology, 30. blank, 31. interact, 32. default

33. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
34. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
35. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
36. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
37. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
38. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
39. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
40. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
41. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
42. top of the hi_____hy *n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest
43. a tr___e mirror *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

ANSWERS: 33. negative, 34. fundamental, 35. define, 36. embarrass, 37. surround, 38. twist, 39. medical, 40. pursue, 41. contribution, 42. hierarchy, 43. triple

44. nu__e practitioner *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
45. fashion me___r *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
46. re___n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
47. ac___e to the general treasury *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
48. a mail se___r *n.* a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant
49. ac____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
50. high fr_____cy *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
51. with an am_____us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
52. mental bu_____t *n.* the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking
53. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
54. em_____al research *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

ANSWERS: 44. nurse, 45. mentor, 46. retain, 47. accrue, 48. server, 49. accurate, 50. frequency, 51. ambitious, 52. burnout, 53. underneath, 54. empirical

55. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
56. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
57. ve___r stone *n.* a thin layer of material applied to the surface of something for decoration or protection; a superficial or deceptive outward appearance that conceals the true nature of something beneath it
58. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
59. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
60. ma__e tree *n.* a tall tree with five-pointed leaves that turn brilliant crimson or yellow in the fall that grows in the northern region
61. po___e tone *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
62. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
63. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
64. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 55. improvisation, 56. trait, 57. veneer, 58. medical, 59. contribute, 60. maple, 61. polite, 62. identify, 63. adapt, 64. encourage

65. geographical bo____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
66. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
67. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
68. und_____ue his contribution *v.* to assign too low a value to something
69. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
70. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
71. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
72. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
73. have no up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
74. cor_____on coefficient *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
75. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 65. boundary, 66. skeptical, 67. interaction, 68. undervalue, 69. judge, 70. dimension, 71. psychology, 72. spot, 73. upside, 74. correlation, 75. surround

76. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
77. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
78. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
79. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
80. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
81. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
82. benefits ac___e to the community *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
83. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
84. labor under a de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
85. dis_____ble temper *adj.* unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament

ANSWERS: 76. entrepreneur, 77. colleague, 78. spoil, 79. combination, 80. contribution, 81. encourage, 82. accrue, 83. nonprofit, 84. delusion, 85. disagreeable

86. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
87. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
88. sel_____ing attitude *adj.* concerned primarily with one's interests and needs rather than those of others; motivated by a desire for personal gain or advantage
89. gl_____g reviews *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
90. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
91. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
92. key performance me____cs *adj.* using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic
93. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
94. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
95. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
96. pr_____e with excitement *v.* to cause a tingling or stinging sensation, often from a sharp or pointed object; to provoke or irritate someone, causing them to feel uncomfortable or annoyed; (noun) a small, pointed, and often sharp spine or thorn that grows on a plant or animal

ANSWERS: 86. recognize, 87. appreciate, 88. self-serving, 89. glowing, 90. hire, 91. industrious, 92. metric, 93. improve, 94. bunch, 95. consequence, 96. prickle

97. animal mo__f *n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music
98. sy__p bottle *n.* a sweet, thick liquid made by dissolving sugar in water, often flavored with fruit, spices, or other ingredients
99. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
100. bu_____t syndrome *n.* the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking
101. the user in_____ce *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
102. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
103. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
104. fr_____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
105. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

ANSWERS: 97. motif, 98. syrup, 99. industrious, 100. burnout, 101. interface, 102. dimension, 103. circumstance, 104. frustrate, 105. convinced

106. market up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
107. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
108. spread of f___e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
109. ca_____n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
110. gl_____g cheeks *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
111. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
112. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
113. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
114. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
115. relationship with a nar_____st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
116. und_____ue the potential *v.* to assign too low a value to something
117. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
118. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

ANSWERS: 106. upside, 107. circumstance, 108. fake, 109. cartoon, 110. glowing, 111. competition, 112. curiosity, 113. relation, 114. profit, 115. narcissist, 116. undervalue, 117. underneath, 118. boundary

119. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
120. advertising sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
121. ca_____n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
122. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
123. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
124. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
125. pull up a w__d *n.* a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
126. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
127. ex__l in description *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
128. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 119. belong, 120. slogan, 121. cartoon, 122. well-being, 123. quo, 124. belong, 125. weed, 126. spoil, 127. excel, 128. desire

129. un_____ed by all *adj.* not seen or noticed
130. \$30 a ba___l *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
131. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
132. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
133. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
134. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
135. 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
136. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
137. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
138. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

ANSWERS: 129. unnoticed, 130. barrel, 131. introduction, 132. vulnerable, 133. eventually, 134. slightly, 135. contribute, 136. stun, 137. nation, 138. unexpected

139. pl_____nt news *adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
140. pa_____id about issues *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
141. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
142. recent su_____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
143. 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
144. em_____al philosophy *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
145. me_____c units *adj.* using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic
146. gr__f voice *adj.* rough or abrasive in manner or speech, especially with an air of impatience or annoyance; abrupt or blunt in a manner that could be seen as brusque or unfriendly

ANSWERS: 139. pleasant, 140. paranoid, 141. sacrifice, 142. survey, 143. assume, 144. empirical, 145. metric, 146. gruff

147. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
148. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
149. work as a se___r in a restaurant *n.* a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant
150. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
151. con_____nt firm *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
152. ve___r knowledge *n.* a thin layer of material applied to the surface of something for decoration or protection; a superficial or deceptive outward appearance that conceals the true nature of something beneath it
153. 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
154. 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

ANSWERS: 147. colleague, 148. desire, 149. server, 150. extreme, 151. consultant, 152. veneer, 153. process, 154. hell

155. se___l killer *adj.* consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents
156. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
157. bu___n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
158. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
159. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
160. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
161. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
162. a sense of sat_____ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
163. ex__l at communication *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
164. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
165. em_____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

ANSWERS: 155. serial, 156. norm, 157. burden, 158. intention, 159. unexpected, 160. fake, 161. government, 162. satisfaction, 163. excel, 164. consequence, 165. employee

166. the ba____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
167. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
168. po___e manners *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
169. customer sat_____ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
170. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
171. pl_____nt odor *adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
172. me___r for life *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
173. bit of good fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
174. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
175. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 166. balance, 167. frustrate, 168. polite, 169. satisfaction, 170. norm, 171. pleasant, 172. mentor, 173. fortune, 174. bunch, 175. critic

176. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
177. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
178. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
179. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
180. a close co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
181. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
182. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
183. tr___e digits *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
184. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
185. pa_____id disorder *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
186. a GPS re_____er *n.* the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something
187. card sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

ANSWERS: 176. constantly, 177. embarrass, 178. quo, 179. interaction, 180. contest, 181. curiosity, 182. negative, 183. triple, 184. vulnerable, 185. paranoid, 186. receiver, 187. shark

188. a def_____ve edition *adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
189. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
190. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
191. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
192. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
193. catchy sl_____n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
194. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
195. generous gi____r *n.* a person who gives or donates something, particularly money, time, or resources, to others; a philanthropist or benefactor
196. cr____y service *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
197. de_____t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

ANSWERS: 188. definitive, 189. engineer, 190. constantly, 191. interact, 192. eventually, 193. slogan, 194. accurate, 195. giver, 196. crappy, 197. default

198. the concept of pr____a *n.* the opposite of paranoia; the belief that the universe is conspiring to do good things for you
199. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
200. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
201. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
202. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
203. the mo__f of a music piece *n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music
204. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
205. unflagging ent_____sm *n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it
206. ex_____e account *n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
207. drizzle of ma__e syrup *n.* a tall tree with five-pointed leaves that turn brilliant crimson or yellow in the fall that grows in the northern region

ANSWERS: 198. pronoia, 199. introduction, 200. fundamental, 201. opposition, 202. conclude, 203. motif, 204. trait, 205. enthusiasm, 206. expense, 207. maple

208. ad__t fully to the environment	<i>v.</i>	to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
209. a scientific di_____ry	<i>n.</i>	the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
210. sk_____al scientists	<i>adj.</i>	doubting that something is accurate or useful
211. annual re_____e	<i>n.</i>	the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
212. re_____on of inclusion	<i>n.</i>	the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
213. gov_____nt funding	<i>n.</i>	the group of people with authority to control a country or state
214. hi_____hy of folders	<i>n.</i>	a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest
215. a civil en_____er	<i>n.</i>	a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
216. tax re_____e	<i>n.</i>	the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
217. somatic nar_____st	<i>n.</i>	a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
218. encourage pa_____ia	<i>n.</i>	a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability

ANSWERS: 208. adapt, 209. discovery, 210. skeptical, 211. revenue, 212. relation, 213. government, 214. hierarchy, 215. engineer, 216. revenue, 217. narcissist, 218. paranoia

219. cr___y Spanish *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
220. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
221. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
222. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
223. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
224. an inf_____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
225. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
226. psy_____th tendencies *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
227. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
228. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
229. lose ent_____sm *n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

ANSWERS: 219. crappy, 220. extreme, 221. opposition, 222. hire, 223. plot, 224. influential, 225. impressive, 226. psychopath, 227. entrepreneur, 228. represent, 229. enthusiasm

230. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
231. an inf_____al newspaper *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
232. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
233. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
234. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
235. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
236. violent psy_____th *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
237. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
238. gr__f attitude *adj.* rough or abrasive in manner or speech, especially with an air of impatience or annoyance; abrupt or blunt in a manner that could be seen as brusque or unfriendly
239. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

ANSWERS: 230. stab, 231. influential, 232. pun, 233. improve, 234. ambitious, 235. pun, 236. psychopath, 237. grade, 238. gruff, 239. employee

240. pr____e cell layer *v.* to cause a tingling or stinging sensation, often from a sharp or pointed object; to provoke or irritate someone, causing them to feel uncomfortable or annoyed; (noun) a small, pointed, and often sharp spine or thorn that grows on a plant or animal
241. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
242. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
243. maple sy__p *n.* a sweet, thick liquid made by dissolving sugar in water, often flavored with fruit, spices, or other ingredients
244. a man-eating sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
245. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
246. sel_____ing bias *adj.* concerned primarily with one's interests and needs rather than those of others; motivated by a desire for personal gain or advantage
247. aid re_____er *n.* the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something

ANSWERS: 240. prickle, 241. survey, 242. blank, 243. syrup, 244. shark, 245. unfortunately, 246. self-serving, 247. receiver

248. 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
249. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
250. suffering from pa_____ia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
251. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
252. 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
253. enormous ex_____es *n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
254. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
255. no_____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
256. ju___e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 248. assume, 249. improvisation, 250. paranoia, 251. suffer, 252. hell, 253. expense, 254. balance, 255. nonprofit, 256. judge

257. a ba___l of beer *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
258. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
259. absolutely op____d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
260. re___n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
261. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
262. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
263. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
264. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
265. gross pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
266. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
267. ag_____le to the plan *adj.* pleasant and enjoyable

ANSWERS: 257. barrel, 258. pursue, 259. opposed, 260. retain, 261. intention, 262. combination, 263. generosity, 264. unfortunately, 265. profit, 266. suffer, 267. agreeable

268. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
269. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
270. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
271. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
272. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
273. in_____ce between gas and liquid *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
274. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
275. charitable gi__r *n.* a person who gives or donates something, particularly money, time, or resources, to others; a philanthropist or benefactor
276. s__b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
277. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
278. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 268. stun, 269. slightly, 270. peer, 271. define, 272. well-being, 273. interface, 274. spot, 275. giver, 276. stab, 277. grade, 278. conclude

279. a drapery sal_____on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
280. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
281. carry a bu___n *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
282. a speech co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
283. ecological cor_____on *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
284. pr_____a belief *n.* the opposite of paranoia; the belief that the universe is conspiring to do good things for you
285. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
286. a volunteer nu___e *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
287. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

ANSWERS: 279. salesperson, 280. discovery, 281. burden, 282. contest, 283. correlation, 284. pronoia, 285. represent, 286. nurse, 287. sacrifice

288. se___l number

adj. consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents

ANSWERS: 288. serial

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. He received the title of the best _____ in all our branches worldwide.
n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
3. Many people see the _____ of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.
n. the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
4. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
5. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
6. 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
7. His research went largely _____ until a prominent researcher cited it.
adj. not seen or noticed

ANSWERS: 1. hell, 2. salesperson, 3. upside, 4. introduction, 5. bunch, 6. assumes, 7. unnoticed

8. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
9. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
10. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
n. something you want to do and are going to do
11. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen
adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
12. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.
adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
13. The mediated settlement brought _____ to both sides.
n. a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
14. The _____ to the safe was a secret.
n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
15. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.
n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

ANSWERS: 8. competition, 9. sacrifice, 10. intentions, 11. blank, 12. opposed, 13. satisfaction, 14. combination, 15. Entrepreneurs

16. We are tackling the development for updates with _____.
- n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it
17. There is a strong _____ between education level and income.
- n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
18. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
- n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
19. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
- n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
20. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
- n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
21. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
- v.* to communicate or react with somebody
22. She has taken a step up in the organizational _____.
- n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest
23. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 16. enthusiasm, 17. correlation, 18. grade, 19. well-being, 20. circumstances, 21. interact, 22. hierarchy, 23. contribute

24. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.
adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
25. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
26. The company has been successful in maintaining the status _____.
n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
27. The wooden table had a thin _____ of cherry wood on top, giving it a beautiful and glossy finish.
n. a thin layer of material applied to the surface of something for decoration or protection; a superficial or deceptive outward appearance that conceals the true nature of something beneath it
28. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.
adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful
29. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
30. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.
v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape
31. The detective identified the _____ who had been terrorizing the city for months.
n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

ANSWERS: 24. ambitious, 25. fundamental, 26. quo, 27. veneer, 28. skeptical, 29. embarrass, 30. twisted, 31. psychopath

32. She mixed the _____ with water to make a sweet drink.

n. a sweet, thick liquid made by dissolving sugar in water, often flavored with fruit, spices, or other ingredients

33. For this project to be successful, we must control _____ strictly.

n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something

34. He _____ the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.

v. to assign too low a value to something

35. The _____ police officer intimidated the suspect with his stern demeanor.

adj. rough or abrasive in manner or speech, especially with an air of impatience or annoyance; abrupt or blunt in a manner that could be seen as brusque or unfriendly

36. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

37. Many people believe that having a positive outlook leads to feelings of _____.

n. the opposite of paranoia; the belief that the universe is conspiring to do good things for you

38. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

39. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

ANSWERS: 32. syrup, 33. expenses, 34. undervalued, 35. gruff, 36. unfortunately, 37. pronia, 38. vulnerable, 39. boundary

40. The company spent months researching and testing different brand _____ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
- n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
41. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it
- adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
42. The thorns on the cactus can _____ your skin if you touch them.
- v.* to cause a tingling or stinging sensation, often from a sharp or pointed object; to provoke or irritate someone, causing them to feel uncomfortable or annoyed; (noun) a small, pointed, and often sharp spine or thorn that grows on a plant or animal
43. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
44. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
- v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
45. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
- v.* to give somebody a job
46. The night shift _____ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.
- n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
47. The national emblem of Canada is a _____ leaf.
- n.* a tall tree with five-pointed leaves that turn brilliant crimson or yellow in the fall that grows in the northern region

ANSWERS: 40. slogans, 41. faked, 42. prickle, 43. represent, 44. adapt, 45. hire, 46. nurse, 47. maple

48. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
49. The study provided _____ proof of the effectiveness of the new drug.
- adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
50. His coach is a _____ Olympic champion.
- adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
51. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
52. The food at the restaurant was _____ and overpriced.
- adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
53. The hotel's staff is very _____ and efficient.
- adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
54. She had a master's degree in _____.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
55. Two-percent interest will _____ on your savings account.
- v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
56. The study's results were based on _____ evidence gathered from extensive research.
- adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

ANSWERS: 48. belong, 49. definitive, 50. triple, 51. industrious, 52. crappy, 53. pleasant, 54. psychology, 55. accrue, 56. empirical

57. We spent a most _____ couple of days.

adj. pleasant and enjoyable

58. The western sky was _____ pink.

adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

59. We _____ a cease-fire.

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

60. My friend is a natural _____ always putting others before herself.

n. a person who gives or donates something, particularly money, time, or resources, to others; a philanthropist or benefactor

61. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

62. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

63. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

64. The oscillator hunts for the correct _____.

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

ANSWERS: 57. agreeable, 58. glowing, 59. concluded, 60. giver, 61. contribution, 62. plot, 63. slightly, 64. frequency

65. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
66. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
- adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
67. The company is launching a new line of _____ products aimed at young adults.
- adj.* consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents
68. That car has a low environmental _____.
- n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
69. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
- n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
70. He thinks she is a high _____ because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.
- n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
71. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
- v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
72. As a _____ he helped me realize my career.
- n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

ANSWERS: 65. consequences, 66. negative, 67. serial, 68. burden, 69. balance, 70. narcissist, 71. encouraged, 72. mentor,

73. His _____ about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.
- n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
74. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
75. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.
- n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
76. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
77. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
- v.* to make or become better
78. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
- adj.* very great in amount or degree
79. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.
- n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
80. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.
- v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

ANSWERS: 73. paranoia, 74. improvisation, 75. cartoon, 76. suffers, 77. improve, 78. extreme, 79. dimensions, 80. default

81. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.

adj. correct and exact in all details

82. This business yields little _____.

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

83. The _____ doctor misdiagnosed my illness and prescribed the wrong medication.

adj. lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job

84. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

85. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

86. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.

n. a particular feature of your nature

87. We would _____ an early reply.

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

88. The politician's _____ actions were met with criticism from the public.

adj. concerned primarily with one's interests and needs rather than those of others; motivated by a desire for personal gain or advantage

ANSWERS: 81. accurate, 82. profit, 83. incompetent, 84. curiosity, 85. frustrate, 86. traits, 87. appreciate, 88. self-serving

89. He had a _____ that he was a millionaire.
n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
90. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
91. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.
n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
92. Detergent weakens the surface tension at the _____ of two liquids.
n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
93. 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
94. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
95. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
96. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 89. delusion, 90. employee, 91. generosity, 92. interface, 93. interaction, 94. nation, 95. impressive, 96. desire

97. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.

adj. not established for commercial profit

98. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

99. The _____ coworker always found fault with everyone else's work.

adj. unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament

100. In the _____ system, measurements are made in meters and liters.

adj. using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic

101. He borrowed money from a loan _____.

n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

102. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

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

103. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

104. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 97. nonprofit, 98. judge, 99. disagreeable, 100. metric, 101. shark, 102. opposition, 103. peer, 104. define

105. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

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

106. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.

- n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

107. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

- adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

108. The repeating floral _____ in the wallpaper added a touch of elegance to the room.

- n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music

109. Her research team made an important _____.

- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

110. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

- n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

111. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

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

112. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 105. recognize, 106. fortune, 107. unexpected, 108. motif, 109. discovery, 110. colleague, 111. norms, 112. spot

113. It's important to be _____ even when you disagree with someone.
adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
114. 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
115. She intends to _____ a political career.
v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
116. He remained serene in the _____ of turbulence.
n. the middle part of people or things
117. The penny fell _____ the piano.
adv. under or below something else
118. He was _____ many times with scissors.
v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
119. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.
adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
120. 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
121. Delivery companies often require the _____ signature to certify the completion of package delivery.
n. the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something

ANSWERS: 113. polite, 114. relations, 115. pursue, 116. midst, 117. underneath, 118. stabbed, 119. convinced, 120. identify, 121. receiver's

122. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
- n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
123. One rotten apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
124. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
- v.* to be all around something or somebody
125. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
126. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
127. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
- n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
128. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
129. After the airing of the TV commercial, many people accessed the website, and the _____ went down.
- n.* a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant

ANSWERS: 122. survey, 123. barrel, 124. surround, 125. pun, 126. engineer, 127. revenue, 128. government, 129. server

130. A _____ person may have delusions that people want to harm.
adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
131. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.
n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
132. He suffered from job _____ because of hard work.
n. the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking
133. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
134. Computers help people _____ specific memories.
v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
135. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will _____.
v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
136. The company _____ in customer service.
v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
137. 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: 130. paranoid, 131. contest, 132. burnout, 133. eventually, 134. retain, 135. spoil, 136. excels, 137. process

138. We hired a management _____ to help us improve our business strategy.
n. a person who provides professional or expert advice
139. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.
adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something
140. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
141. This sprinter _____ the world with his speed.
v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
142. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
adv. all the time
143. The garden was full of _____ that needed to be pulled.
n. a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
144. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 138. consultant, 139. influential, 140. medical, 141. stunned, 142. constantly, 143. weeds, 144. critics