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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

numeracy

n. the ability to understand and work with numbers, particularly in the context of everyday life and practical applications

synonym: numerical ability, math proficiency, math skills

(1) basic **numeracy**, (2) **numeracy** test results

Numeracy skills are important in many industries, including finance and science.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

low-end

adj. referring to the lower quality or less expensive version of a product or technology, typically associated with budget options or basic functionality

synonym : budget, inexpensive, cheap

(1) **low-end** smartphone, (2) **low-end** product

They bought a **low-end** laptop for basic web browsing and word processing tasks.

fraction

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

synonym : piece, part, fragment

(1) a **fractional** share of the vote, (2) a numerator in a **fraction**

He spent only a **fraction** of his earnings.

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

synonym : rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

decimal

adj. based on or counted in the number 10

synonym : base-10, denary, ten-based

(1) **decimal** system, (2) an infinite **decimal**

The **decimal** point separates the whole number from the fractional part.

prompt

v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

synonym : actuate, inspire, incite

(1) **prompt** a feeling of hunger, (2) **prompt** a debate

That incident **prompted** a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym : startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

prefer

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

synonym : choose, like, favor

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

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

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude;
(in chemistry) a process in which one or more
substances are changed into others

synonym : response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the
groundwater.

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.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a
necessary part of something else

synonym : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of
risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and
is expected to take several months.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back
into the wild.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that
shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are
related to each other

synonym : chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**
The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

herd

n. a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock

synonym : flock, brood, horde

(1) **herd** of cattle, (2) the common **herd**

He was riding **herd** on the sheep during the day.

inadvertently

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

synonym : unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted

I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

dichotomy

n. a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts

synonym : division, duality, contrast

(1) moral **dichotomy**, (2) psychological **dichotomy**

The **dichotomy** between good and evil is common in literature and philosophy.

immutable

adj. unchanging; permanent or unalterable

synonym : unchanging, constant, permanent

(1) **immutable** love, (2) **immutable** characteristics

The laws of physics are **immutable**; they never change.

tremendous

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

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

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

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

inspire

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

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

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

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

statistics

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

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

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

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym: accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help

He never **acknowledged** his fault.

mathematics

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

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

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

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

precision

n. the quality or condition of being exact and accurate

synonym: accuracy, exactness, rigor

(1) a **precision** instrument, (2) speak with **precision**

This operation requires both patience and **precision**.

certainty

n. the state of being certain

synonym: inevitability, confidence, assurance

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

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order
The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

convert

v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

synonym: alter, remake, transform

(1) **convert** fat into energy, (2) **convert** base 10 to base 16
I want to **convert** my sadness into strength.

undergraduate

n. a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution

synonym: college student, freshman

(1) engineering **undergraduate**, (2) **undergraduate** course
The class was composed of both **undergraduate** and graduate students.

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.

graphics

n. images, designs, or drawings used in websites, books, magazines, etc.

synonym: drawings, illustrations, pictures

(1) computer **graphics**, (2) **graphics** engine
My dream is to become a great **graphics** designer like her.

etymology

n. the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase

(1) **etymology** dictionary, (2) the **etymology** of a word

The study of **etymology** helps us to understand the origins of words.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym: allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

relate

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

synonym: connect, link, associate

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

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

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.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym: spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

rev

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

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

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

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

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

synonym: fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

comprise

v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

synonym: consist of, include, be composed of

(1) **comprise** a large percentage, (2) **comprise** the recent past

The team **comprises** players from different countries.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

synonym: expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

apoplectic

adj. overcome with anger, rage, or extreme indignation; extremely furious or enraged; (of medicine) related to or

indicating a stroke

synonym : furious, enraged, incensed

(1) **apoplectic** about the decision, (2) **apoplectic** fit

Her **apoplectic** rage was evident as she shouted and slammed the door.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym : drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

overweight

adj. weighing more than is considered normal, desirable, or healthy for a particular height and build

synonym : heavy, obese, fat

(1) dangerously **overweight**, (2) an **overweight** patient

The doctor advised him to lose weight and maintain a healthy diet to avoid becoming **overweight**.

obese

adj. excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more

synonym : overweight, corpulent, plump

(1) **obese** individuals, (2) **obese** children

The doctor warned him that his **obese** condition put him at risk for numerous health problems.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3

percentage points higher than in the previous.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym : break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

halfway

adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

synonym : middle, median, center

(1) **halfway** through my journey, (2) **halfway** decent job

The famous restaurant stands **halfway** up the hill.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

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**.

disjoint

adj. not connected or joined; lacking coherence or coordination

synonym: disconnected, separate, unconnected

(1) **disjoint** sets, (2) **disjoint** events

The **disjoint** puzzle pieces made it difficult to complete the jigsaw.

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym: sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

intuitive

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

synonym: involuntary, instinctive, innate

(1) **intuitive** eating, (2) **intuitive** judgment

I had an **intuitive** feeling that I might be pregnant.

statistician

n. a person who studies or is an expert in statistics

synonym: actuary

(1) professional **statisticians**, (2) environmental **statistician**

The firm employs several **statisticians** to develop a recommendation engine.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

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**.

blind

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

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

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

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

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

repercussion

n. an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action

synonym : impact, consequence, outcome

(1) the **repercussion** of an action, (2) cultural **repercussion**

The decision had far-reaching **repercussions** and affected many people.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job

offers.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym: landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym: redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

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.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

census

n. an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation,

and education levels

synonym : count, survey, enumeration

(1) **census** data, (2) population **census**

The government conducted a **census** of the population to gather data on demographics.

conscious

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

synonym : aware, cognizant, deliberate

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

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

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

isotype

n. a variant form of a gene or an antibody molecule characterized by differences in genetic sequence, structure, or function

synonym : isoform, variant, strain

(1) immunoglobulin **isotype**, (2) **isotype** switching

Scientists use **isotype** antibodies to study different types of proteins in cells.

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.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym: figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

quantity

n. the amount or number of something; magnitude

synonym: abundance, portion, amount

(1) half **quantity**, (2) residual **quantity**

In southward, the average annual water **quantity** increases.

resort

n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

synonym: vacation spot, hotel, (verb) address

(1) **resort** to desperate measures, (2) a last **resort**

If both countries **resort** to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

ratio

n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

synonym: proportion, rate, quota

(1) debt-to-income **ratio**, (2) **ratio** of boys to girls

The **ratio** of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

layout

n. the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out

synonym : arrangement, configuration, design

(1) a keyboard **layout**, (2) the **layout** of a book

He designed the **layout** of the office to maximize efficiency.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym : haul, pull, draw

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

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

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym : feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

submit

v. to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

synonym : hand in, present, propose

(1) agree to **submit** the bill, (2) **submit** an application

Please **submit** the assignment to me.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym : invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym : underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

ownership

n. the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses

synonym : possession, title, proprietorship

(1) property **ownership**, (2) share **ownership**

The company's **ownership** has changed hands several times in the past few years.

mortgage

n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

synonym : home loan, loan, lien

(1) **mortgage** payment, (2) fixed-rate **mortgage**

They were able to purchase their dream home with a **mortgage** from the bank.

hedge

n. a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions

synonym : border, fence, barrier

(1) snip at a **hedge**, (2) **hedge** fund firm

The best way to **hedge** financial risks is to diversify your portfolio.

bet *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym: stake, wager, gamble

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

I **bet** that you know it.

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

synonym: hint, indication, inkling

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

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

revert *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply

synonym: return, go back, restore

(1) **revert** to a heavy smoker, (2) **revert** to the original subject

After trying the new software, I **reverted** to the old version.

heuristic *adj.* relating to a trial-and-error method of problem-solving, often involving learning from one's mistakes and using feedback to improve one's approach; also used to describe a problem-solving method or approach that is practical, efficient, or intuitive

synonym: solving, problem-solving, exploratory

(1) **heuristic** reasoning, (2) **heuristic** algorithm

The teacher used a **heuristic** method to teach the complex topic in a simple way.

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

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

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

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

gamification

n. the use of game design elements and techniques in non-game contexts to engage and motivate people to achieve their goals

(1) **gamification** of education, (2) use **gamification** to learning

The company implemented a **gamification** program to encourage employees to meet their sales targets.

animation

n. the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave

synonym: motion, movement, liveliness

(1) **animation** studio, (2) **animation** film

The **animation** of the characters in the movie was so realistic, and it was as if they were there.

preconceived

adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

(1) a **preconceived** notion, (2) **preconceived** opinions

We should start a discussion from scratch with no **preconceived** ideas.

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**

Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym : alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

spark

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

synonym : start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction

The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue
Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

dominate

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

synonym : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak
The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

synonym : fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

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.

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

synonym : doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

fascinate

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

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

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

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

Session 2: Spelling

1. de____l system *adj.* based on or counted in the number 10
2. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
3. pr___t a feeling of hunger *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
4. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
5. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
6. im_____le love *adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable
7. in_____ve eating *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
8. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
9. an en____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
10. snip at a he__e *n.* a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions
11. ha____y decent job *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

ANSWERS: 1. decimal, 2. engage, 3. prompt, 4. representative, 5. enormous, 6. immutable, 7. intuitive, 8. nation, 9. engaging, 10. hedge, 11. halfway

12. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
13. co____se a large percentage *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
14. professional sta____ians *n.* a person who studies or is an expert in statistics
15. reach ce____ty about the theory *n.* the state of being certain
16. ack____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
17. the rep____ion of an action *n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action
18. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
19. environmental sta____ian *n.* a person who studies or is an expert in statistics
20. inc____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
21. a high per____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
22. immunoglobulin is____e *n.* a variant form of a gene or an antibody molecule characterized by differences in genetic sequence, structure, or function

ANSWERS: 12. graph, 13. comprise, 14. statistician, 15. certainty, 16. acknowledge, 17. repercussion, 18. suppose, 19. statistician, 20. incredibly, 21. percentage, 22. isotype

23. la____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
24. agree to su____t the bill *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
25. ex____d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
26. an am____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
27. pr____r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
28. la____h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
29. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
30. la____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
31. he__e fund firm *n.* a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions
32. do____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
33. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
34. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

ANSWERS: 23. largely, 24. submit, 25. expand, 26. ambition, 27. prefer, 28. launch, 29. obvious, 30. largely, 31. hedge, 32. dominate, 33. bet, 34. dot

35. fixed-rate mo____ge *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
36. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
37. re____e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
38. is____e switching *n.* a variant form of a gene or an antibody molecule characterized by differences in genetic sequence, structure, or function
39. apo____ic about the decision *adj.* overcome with anger, rage, or extreme indignation; extremely furious or enraged; (of medicine) related to or indicating a stroke
40. mat____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
41. in____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
42. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
43. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 35. mortgage, 36. obvious, 37. relate, 38. isotype, 39. apoplectic, 40. mathematics, 41. influence, 42. dot, 43. policy

44. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
45. lo_____d product *adj.* referring to the lower quality or less expensive version of a product or technology, typically associated with budget options or basic functionality
46. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
47. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
48. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
49. re___t to a heavy smoker *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
50. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
51. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
52. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
53. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
54. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

ANSWERS: 44. discuss, 45. low-end, 46. individual, 47. influence, 48. drag, 49. revert, 50. pregnant, 51. bet, 52. reverse, 53. communal, 54. expand

55. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
56. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
57. use gam_____ion to learning *n.* the use of game design elements and techniques in non-game contexts to engage and motivate people to achieve their goals
58. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
59. pr___r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
60. a last re___t *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
61. a fr_____onal share of the vote *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
62. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 55. icon, 56. engage, 57. gamification, 58. survey, 59. prefer, 60. resort, 61. fraction, 62. claim

63. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
64. su____t an application *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
65. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
66. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
67. end of the first qu____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
68. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
69. he_____ic algorithm *adj.* relating to a trial-and-error method of problem-solving, often involving learning from one's mistakes and using feedback to improve one's approach; also used to describe a problem-solving method or approach that is practical, efficient, or intuitive
70. engineering und_____ate *n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
71. ina_____tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
72. re____t to desperate measures *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

ANSWERS: 63. entirely, 64. submit, 65. government, 66. highlight, 67. quarter, 68. communal, 69. heuristic, 70. undergraduate, 71. inadvertently, 72. resort

73. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
74. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
75. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
76. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
77. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
78. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
79. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
80. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
81. keen per_____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 73. percentage, 74. inspire, 75. discuss, 76. blind, 77. incredibly, 78. graph, 79. split, 80. refer, 81. perception

82. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
83. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
84. the et_____gy of a word *n.* the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase
85. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
86. residual qu_____ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
87. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
88. 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
89. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
90. lo_____d smartphone *adj.* referring to the lower quality or less expensive version of a product or technology, typically associated with budget options or basic functionality

ANSWERS: 82. rural, 83. highlight, 84. etymology, 85. represent, 86. quantity, 87. reaction, 88. introduction, 89. blind, 90. low-end

91. share ow_____ip *n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses
92. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
93. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
94. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
95. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
96. numerous un_____in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
97. scientific ce_____ty *n.* the state of being certain
98. debt-to-income ra__o *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
99. a pr_____on instrument *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
100. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
101. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy

ANSWERS: 91. ownership, 92. colleague, 93. involve, 94. underestimate, 95. reverse, 96. uncertain, 97. certainty, 98. ratio, 99. precision, 100. tremendous, 101. animate

102. population ce___s *n.* an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels
103. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
104. re___t to the original subject *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
105. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
106. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
107. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
108. va_____on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
109. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
110. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
111. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

ANSWERS: 102. census, 103. rural, 104. revert, 105. rev, 106. economical, 107. dominate, 108. variation, 109. conscious, 110. relate, 111. necessarily

112. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
113. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
114. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
115. gene va_____on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
116. dangerously ove_____ht *adj.* weighing more than is considered normal, desirable, or healthy for a particular height and build
117. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
118. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
119. 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
120. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 112. bias, 113. suppose, 114. definitely, 115. variation, 116. overweight, 117. perception, 118. rev, 119. introduction, 120. decision

121. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
122. psychological di_____my *n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
123. moral di_____my *n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
124. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
125. boundless am_____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
126. an ove_____ht patient *adj.* weighing more than is considered normal, desirable, or healthy for a particular height and build
127. a c__e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
128. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
129. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 121. extraordinary, 122. dichotomy, 123. dichotomy, 124. colleague, 125. ambition, 126. overweight, 127. clue, 128. shocking, 129. statistics

130. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
131. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
132. pe_____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
133. nu_____cy test results *n.* the ability to understand and work with numbers, particularly in the context of everyday life and practical applications
134. gam_____ion of education *n.* the use of game design elements and techniques in non-game contexts to engage and motivate people to achieve their goals
135. half qu_____ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
136. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
137. he_____ic reasoning *adj.* relating to a trial-and-error method of problem-solving, often involving learning from one's mistakes and using feedback to improve one's approach; also used to describe a problem-solving method or approach that is practical, efficient, or intuitive
138. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 130. peer, 131. geography, 132. perceive, 133. numeracy, 134. gamification, 135. quantity, 136. economical, 137. heuristic, 138. launch

139. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
140. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
141. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
142. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
143. the common h__d *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
144. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
145. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
146. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

ANSWERS: 139. represent, 140. engaging, 141. background, 142. reaction, 143. herd, 144. background, 145. quarter, 146. acknowledge

147. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
148. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
149. re_____e problem *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
150. di_____nt sets *adj.* not connected or joined; lacking coherence or coordination
151. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
152. apo_____ic fit *adj.* overcome with anger, rage, or extreme indignation; extremely furious or enraged; (of medicine) related to or indicating a stroke
153. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
154. ce____s data *n.* an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels
155. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
156. ob__e children *adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more

ANSWERS: 147. geography, 148. inspire, 149. reframe, 150. disjoint, 151. enormous, 152. apoplectic, 153. icon, 154. census, 155. fascinate, 156. obese

157. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
158. ha_____y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
159. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
160. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
161. a numerator in a fr_____on *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
162. ra__o of boys to girls *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
163. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
164. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
165. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
166. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
167. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
168. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 157. shock, 158. halfway, 159. release, 160. individual, 161. fraction, 162. ratio, 163. necessarily, 164. release, 165. extraordinary, 166. representative, 167. norm, 168. claim

169. und_____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
170. di_____nt events *adj.* not connected or joined; lacking coherence or coordination
171. pre_____ved opinions *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
172. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
173. an_____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
174. the fas_____on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
175. sp__k his interest *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
176. ina_____tly deleted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
177. ex__l at communication *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
178. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
179. speak with pr_____on *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
180. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 169. underestimate, 170. disjoint, 171. preconceived, 172. government, 173. animate, 174. fascination, 175. spark, 176. inadvertently, 177. excel, 178. split, 179. precision, 180. nation

181. take an un_____in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
182. co_____t base 10 to base 16 *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
183. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
184. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
185. und_____ate course *n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
186. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
187. the th____l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
188. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
189. commonly held mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
190. ob__e individuals *adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more

ANSWERS: 181. uncertain, 182. convert, 183. fascinate, 184. amazing, 185. undergraduate, 186. policy, 187. thrill, 188. drag, 189. misconception, 190. obese

191. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
192. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
193. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
194. an infinite de____l *adj.* based on or counted in the number 10
195. a keyboard la___t *n.* the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out
196. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
197. an_____on studio *n.* the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave
198. say def____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
199. a selfish de____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
200. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

ANSWERS: 191. invest, 192. devise, 193. invest, 194. decimal, 195. layout, 196. shock, 197. animation, 198. definitely, 199. decision, 200. conscious

201. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
202. computer gr____cs *n.* images, designs, or drawings used in websites, books, magazines, etc.
203. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
204. needs of pr____nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
205. the la____t of a book *n.* the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out
206. pr____t a debate *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
207. a corrupt pol____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
208. ex__l in description *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
209. property ow____ip *n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses
210. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
211. dispel the mis____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

ANSWERS: 201. slide, 202. graphics, 203. app, 204. pregnant, 205. layout, 206. prompt, 207. politician, 208. excel, 209. ownership, 210. slide, 211. misconception

212. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
213. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
214. an_____on film *n.* the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave
215. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
216. gr_____cs engine *n.* images, designs, or drawings used in websites, books, magazines, etc.
217. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
218. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
219. co_____se the recent past *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
220. cultural rep_____ion *n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action
221. co_____t fat into energy *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
222. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 212. politician, 213. accurate, 214. animation, 215. accurate, 216. graphics, 217. peer, 218. spark, 219. comprise, 220. repercussion, 221. convert, 222. mathematics

223. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
224. h__d of cattle *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
225. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
226. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
227. re_____e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
228. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
229. im_____le characteristics *adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable
230. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
231. a pre_____ved notion *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
232. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 223. refer, 224. herd, 225. tremendous, 226. app, 227. reframe, 228. devise, 229. immutable, 230. survey, 231. preconceived, 232. statistics

233. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
234. he was en____ly to blame *adv.* completely
235. rapt in fas_____on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
236. basic nu____cy *n.* the ability to understand and work with numbers, particularly in the context of everyday life and practical applications
237. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
238. sh_____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
239. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
240. in_____ve judgment *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
241. incredible th___l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
242. et_____gy dictionary *n.* the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase
243. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 233. norm, 234. entirely, 235. fascination, 236. numeracy, 237. bias, 238. shocking, 239. amazing, 240. intuitive, 241. thrill, 242. etymology, 243. involve

244. mo____ge payment *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
245. pe____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
246. a c__e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

ANSWERS: 244. mortgage, 245. perceive, 246. clue

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I looked at the painting in _____.
n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

2. The _____ of the characters in the movie was so realistic, and it was as if they were there.
n. the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave

3. We had a _____ time yesterday.
adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

4. I _____ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.
adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

5. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

6. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

7. We should start a discussion from scratch with no _____ ideas.
adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

ANSWERS: 1. fascination, 2. animation, 3. tremendous, 4. inadvertently, 5. influence, 6. extraordinary, 7. preconceived

8. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

9. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

10. He spent only a _____ of his earnings.

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

11. The team _____ players from different countries.

v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

12. The _____ puzzle pieces made it difficult to complete the jigsaw.

adj. not connected or joined; lacking coherence or coordination

13. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

14. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

15. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

16. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 8. largely, 9. suppose, 10. fraction, 11. comprises, 12. disjoint, 13. engaging, 14. percentage, 15. perceived, 16. individual,

17. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
18. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
19. The famous restaurant stands _____ up the hill.
adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
20. The media _____ had special passes.
n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
21. Greed and _____ composed his personality.
n. a strong wish to do or achieve something
22. This accident was something that happened _____.
adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
23. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
24. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 17. app's, 18. discuss, 19. halfway, 20. representatives, 21. ambition, 22. necessarily, 23. background, 24. shock

25. The laws of physics are _____ they never change.

adj. unchanging; permanent or unalterable

26. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.

adj. of or relating to the countryside

27. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

28. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

29. 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

30. She vacated the position when she got _____.

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

31. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

32. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

33. He has a flair for _____.

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

ANSWERS: 25. immutable;, 26. rural, 27. enormous, 28. amazing, 29. represent, 30. pregnant, 31. obvious, 32. reaction, 33. mathematics

34. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
35. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
- v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
36. My dream is to become a great _____ designer like her.
- n. images, designs, or drawings used in websites, books, magazines, etc.
37. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
- n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
38. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
- v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
39. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.
- n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
40. The company's _____ has changed hands several times in the past few years.
- n. the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses

ANSWERS: 34. involves, 35. slide, 36. graphics, 37. rev, 38. relate, 39. thrill, 40. ownership

41. I ____ that you know it.

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

42. Among young people, ____ pressure can be pretty influential.

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

43. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

44. The police couldn't find a ____ to her whereabouts.

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

45. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

46. The company _____ in customer service.

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

47. 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

48. He designed the _____ of the office to maximize efficiency.

n. the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out

49. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

ANSWERS: 41. bet, 42. peer, 43. definitely, 44. clue, 45. uncertain, 46. excels, 47. government, 48. layout, 49. economical

50. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

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

51. They bought a _____ laptop for basic web browsing and word processing tasks.

adj. referring to the lower quality or less expensive version of a product or technology, typically associated with budget options or basic functionality

52. _____ skills are important in many industries, including finance and science.

n. the ability to understand and work with numbers, particularly in the context of everyday life and practical applications

53. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.

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

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

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

55. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

56. The doctor advised him to lose weight and maintain a healthy diet to avoid becoming _____.

adj. weighing more than is considered normal, desirable, or healthy for a particular height and build

57. The government conducted a _____ of the population to gather data on demographics.

n. an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels

ANSWERS: 50. blind, 51. low-end, 52. Numeracy, 53. dominates, 54. norms, 55. split, 56. overweight, 57. census

58. He never _____ his fault.

- v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

59. The decision had far-reaching _____ and affected many people.

- n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action

60. After trying the new software, I _____ to the old version.

- v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply

61. Scientists use _____ antibodies to study different types of proteins in cells.

- n.* a variant form of a gene or an antibody molecule characterized by differences in genetic sequence, structure, or function

62. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

63. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.

- v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

64. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

- v.* to pull or haul with force

65. The firm employs several _____ to develop a recommendation engine.

- n.* a person who studies or is an expert in statistics

66. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 58. acknowledged, 59. repercussions, 60. reverted, 61. isotype, 62. Communal, 63. underestimated, 64. dragged, 65. statisticians, 66. incredibly

67. In southward, the average annual water _____ increases.
n. the amount or number of something; magnitude
68. The study of _____ helps us to understand the origins of words.
n. the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase
69. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.
adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
70. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
v. to make something full of interest and energy
71. The best way to _____ financial risks is to diversify your portfolio.
n. a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions
72. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.
adj. correct and exact in all details
73. They were able to purchase their dream home with a _____ from the bank.
n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
74. 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

ANSWERS: 67. quantity, 68. etymology, 69. shocking, 70. animated, 71. hedge, 72. accurate, 73. mortgage, 74. survey

75. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
76. I had an _____ feeling that I might be pregnant.
adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
77. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
78. He became _____ that he was being followed.
adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
79. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
80. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
81. The _____ point separates the whole number from the fractional part.
adj. based on or counted in the number 10
82. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
83. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 75. politician, 76. intuitive, 77. entirely, 78. conscious, 79. refer, 80. release, 81. decimal, 82. dots, 83. engaged

84. 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
85. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
86. Please _____ the assignment to me.
- v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
87. The _____ between good and evil is common in literature and philosophy.
- n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
88. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
89. 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
90. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.
- n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

ANSWERS: 84. introduction, 85. expand, 86. submit, 87. dichotomy, 88. invest, 89. nation, 90. graph

91. The teacher used a _____ method to teach the complex topic in a simple way.
- adj.* relating to a trial-and-error method of problem-solving, often involving learning from one's mistakes and using feedback to improve one's approach; also used to describe a problem-solving method or approach that is practical, efficient, or intuitive
92. The company implemented a _____ program to encourage employees to meet their sales targets.
- n.* the use of game design elements and techniques in non-game contexts to engage and motivate people to achieve their goals
93. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.
- v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
94. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
95. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
96. She researched gender _____ in politics.
- n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
97. The doctor warned him that his _____ condition put him at risk for numerous health problems.
- adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more

ANSWERS: 91. heuristic, 92. gamification, 93. reframe, 94. claim, 95. decision, 96. bias, 97. obese

98. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate _____ turmoil in the stock market.
- v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
99. I want to _____ my sadness into strength.
- v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
100. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.
- v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
101. That incident _____ a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.
- v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
102. The _____ of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.
- n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
103. This operation requires both patience and _____.
- n. the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
104. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
- v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
105. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 98. sparked, 99. convert, 100. devise, 101. prompted, 102. ratio, 103. precision, 104. reversed, 105. inspired

106. 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

107. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

108. Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into _____.

n. the state of being certain

109. Her _____ rage was evident as she shouted and slammed the door.

adj. overcome with anger, rage, or extreme indignation; extremely furious or enraged; (of medicine) related to or indicating a stroke

110. There is a lot of _____ in the colors of flowers in the garden.

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

111. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

112. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 106. colleague, 107. icons, 108. certainty, 109. apoplectic, 110. variation, 111. policy, 112. perception

113. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
- n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
114. He was riding _____ on the sheep during the day.
- n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
115. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
116. If both countries _____ to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.
- n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
117. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
- v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
118. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
- v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
119. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 113. quarter, 114. herd, 115. launch, 116. resort, 117. highlighted, 118. prefer, 119. statistics

120. She did well on her _____ exam.

- n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

121. The magic tricks _____ the children.

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

122. There are numerous _____ about food and health.

- n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

123. The class was composed of both _____ and graduate students.

- n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution

ANSWERS: 120. geography, 121. fascinated, 122. misconceptions, 123. undergraduate