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Session 1: Word List

humankind

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
synonym: humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**

On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry
synonym: versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

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

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

oracle

n. a person or agency regarded as a source of wisdom, knowledge, or prophecy; an utterance, often ambiguous or obscure, that is considered to have prophetic or wise significance

synonym : prophet, seer, diviner

(1) **oracle** predictions, (2) ancient **oracle**

The company's CEO was considered the **oracle** of strategic decision-making, with a track record of successful business moves.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

aphorism

n. a concise statement that expresses a general truth or moral principle; a pithy and memorable statement that is meant to be easily remembered and understood

synonym : maxim, adage, proverb

(1) **aphorism** writer, (2) famous **aphorism**

"A penny saved is a penny earned" is a well-known **aphorism** about the value of frugality.

inscribe

v. to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

synonym : engrave, carve, etch

(1) **inscribe** a message, (2) **inscribe** in her mind clearly

The artist **inscribed** a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

temple

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

the forehead

synonym : shrine, mosque, synagogue

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

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

anthem

n. a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

synonym : hymn, song, paean

(1) a national **anthem**, (2) **anthem** singer

The **anthem** of the country was played during the ceremony.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym : educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

theologian

n. an expert or student who studies theology

synonym : clergyperson, philosopher, scholar

(1) Swedish **theologian**, (2) great **theologians**

Death gets more than its share of attention from **theologians**.

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.

tackle

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

synonym : deal with, dive into, work on

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

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

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym: alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

consensus

n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

synonym: agreement, accord, harmony

(1) a public **consensus**, (2) **consensus** among scientists

The two parties have reached a **consensus**.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

persistent

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

synonym: tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

murky

adj. dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

synonym: dim, fuzzy, foggy

(1) **murky** waters, (2) a **murky** dungeon

Prospects for the suspect's conviction are **murky** due to a lack of helpful evidence.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym: conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym : reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

tricky

adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

synonym : thorny, problematic, crafty

(1) **tricky** problem, (2) a **tricky** recipe to follow

We have discussed the entirety of this **tricky** problem.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym : guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym : show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym : canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

mythical

adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

synonym : mythological, fictitious, legendary

(1) **mythical** heroes, (2) **mythical** world

Many cultures have their **mythical** creatures and legends.

single-handed

adj. done or accomplished by one person alone

synonym : alone, unassisted, solo

(1) **single-handed** responsibility, (2) **single-handed** victory

He started a **single-handed** project to earn additional money.

slay

v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon

synonym : kill, murder, eliminate

(1) **slay** a dragon, (2) **slay** civilians

The singer **slayed** the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym : malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

Minotaur

n. in Greek mythology, a creature with the head of a bull and the body of a man is depicted as inhabiting a labyrinth on the island of Crete

synonym : bull, labyrinth dweller

(1) defeating the **Minotaur**, (2) labyrinth of the **Minotaur**

The ancient Greek myth tells the tale of the **Minotaur**, a half-man and half-bull creature.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

feat *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit
(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment
It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

painstaking *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
synonym: detailed, meticulous, conscientious
(1) **painstaking** research, (2) a **painstaking** student
The training of a hawk was a **painstaking** process.

maintain *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain
(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health
I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

harbor *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
synonym: port, dock, pier
(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment
The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

enact *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
synonym: legislate, pass, decree
(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban
The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

dam

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

synonym: barricade, barrier, embankment

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

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

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

identical

adj. being the exact same one

synonym: duplicate, exact, analogous

(1) pair of **identical** twins, (2) an **identical** equation

Infant formulas are nutritionally almost **identical** to a mother's breast milk.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

revolve

v. to rotate around a central point

synonym: rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis

The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

dock

n. a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained

synonym: harbor, pier, quay

(1) fishing **dock**, (2) loading **dock**

The ship pulled to the **dock**, and we disembarked to start our

adventure.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

legendary

adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

synonym : mythical, fabled, storied

(1) **legendary** actor, (2) achieve a **legendary** status

The **legendary** stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

numerical

adj. relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number

synonym : quantitative, numeral, mathematical

(1) 3D **numerical** simulation, (2) the **numerical** keypad

The **numerical** value of Pi is approximately 3.14.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym : existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**
The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life
Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

qualitative

adj. relating to or involving qualities, such as properties, characteristics, or features, rather than quantities or numbers, often used to describe research or analysis that focuses on subjective or non-measurable factors

synonym : subjective, interpretative

(1) **qualitative** analysis, (2) **qualitative** factors
The researchers used a **qualitative** approach to analyze their findings.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym : belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**
He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash
These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

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.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym :

throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

undeniable

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

synonym: absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece

Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

backyard

n. a whole space behind and belonging to a house

synonym: courtyard, garden

(1) play in the **backyard**, (2) **backyard** barbecue

He grows vegetables in his **backyard**.

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.

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.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**
Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

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.

quirk

n. a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

synonym: eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity

(1) personality **quirk**, (2) a **quirk** of fate

One of her **quirks** is that she always wears mismatched socks.

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.

illogical

adj. not making sense or not based on sound reasoning

synonym: irrational, senseless, nonsensical

(1) **illogical** argument, (2) **illogical** reasoning

His argument made no sense and was completely **illogical**.

dive

v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

synonym: dip, leap, plunge

(1) **dive** into anime communities, (2) **dive** off a cliff

The sperm whale can **dive** to 1,000 meters.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot

and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

epic

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

synonym: legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 2. a charm against e__l | <i>adj.</i> profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people |
| 3. Swedish the_____an | <i>n.</i> an expert or student who studies theology |
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| 5. a tr___y recipe to follow | <i>adj.</i> requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with |
| 6. chemical pr_____ty | <i>n.</i> a thing or things that belong to someone |
| 7. cir_____nce of injury | <i>n.</i> the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence |
| 8. re_____e one word with another | <i>v.</i> to take the place of something |
| 9. a national an___m | <i>n.</i> a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause |
| 10. pai_____ng research | <i>adj.</i> cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort |
| 11. v__y according to the age | <i>v.</i> to become different in terms of size, shape, etc. |
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ANSWERS: 1. enact, 2. evil, 3. theologian, 4. creative, 5. tricky, 6. property, 7. circumstance, 8. replace, 9. anthem, 10. painstaking, 11. vary, 12. tricky

13. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
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19. pair of id_____al twins *adj.* being the exact same one
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21. my_____al world *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
22. e__c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
23. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

ANSWERS: 13. essential, 14. aspect, 15. twist, 16. heroic, 17. oracle, 18. amazing, 19. identical, 20. survive, 21. mythical, 22. epic, 23. abstract

24. play in the ba____rd *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
25. bl__k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
26. per_____nt data *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
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28. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
29. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
30. d__e off a cliff *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
31. an und_____le fact *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
32. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
33. qua_____ve analysis *adj.* relating to or involving qualities, such as properties, characteristics, or features, rather than quantities or numbers, often used to describe research or analysis that focuses on subjective or non-measurable factors

ANSWERS: 24. backyard, 25. blank, 26. persistent, 27. navigate, 28. identity, 29. philosophy, 30. dive, 31. undeniable, 32. circumstance, 33. qualitative

34. his majestic pr____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
35. a gr____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
36. a bold hyp____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
37. il____al reasoning *adj.* not making sense or not based on sound reasoning
38. su____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
39. psy____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
40. a pai____ng student *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
41. d__e into anime communities *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
42. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
43. es____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
44. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
45. in____be in her mind clearly *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
46. sin____ded victory *adj.* done or accomplished by one person alone

ANSWERS: 34. presence, 35. gradual, 36. hypothesis, 37. illogical, 38. survive, 39. psychology, 40. painstaking, 41. dive, 42. poet, 43. essential, 44. cast, 45. inscribe, 46. single-handed

47. the evidence of the pr____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
48. French pa____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
49. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
50. s__y a dragon *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
51. fishing d__k *n.* a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained
52. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
53. the nu____al keypad *adj.* relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
54. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
55. dem____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
56. 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.

ANSWERS: 47. presence, 48. paradox, 49. feat, 50. slay, 51. dock, 52. logic, 53. numerical, 54. ancient, 55. demonstrate, 56. politician

57. 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
58. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
59. il_____al argument *adj.* not making sense or not based on sound reasoning
60. defeating the Mi_____ur *n.* in Greek mythology, a creature with the head of a bull and the body of a man is depicted as inhabiting a labyrinth on the island of Crete
61. an id_____al equation *adj.* being the exact same one
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
63. s__y civilians *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
64. an___m singer *n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
65. le_____ry actor *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

ANSWERS: 57. claim, 58. logic, 59. illogical, 60. Minotaur, 61. identical, 62. claim, 63. slay, 64. anthem, 65. legendary

66. my____al heroes *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
67. achieve a le_____ry status *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
68. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
69. help ta___e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
70. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
71. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
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75. ac_____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
76. mu__y waters *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

ANSWERS: 66. mythical, 67. legendary, 68. blank, 69. tackle, 70. temple, 71. maintain, 72. gradual, 73. backyard, 74. concept, 75. academic, 76. murky

77. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
78. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
79. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
80. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
81. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
82. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
83. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
84. in_____be a message *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
85. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
86. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
87. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
88. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice

ANSWERS: 77. amazing, 78. concept, 79. constantly, 80. complexity, 81. evil, 82. hypothesis, 83. vary, 84. inscribe, 85. poet, 86. property, 87. hero, 88. enact

89. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
90. personality qu__k *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
91. an und_____le masterpiece *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
92. a public co_____us *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
93. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
94. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
95. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
96. history of hu_____nd *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
97. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
98. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
99. qua_____ve factors *adj.* relating to or involving qualities, such as properties, characteristics, or features, rather than quantities or numbers, often used to describe research or analysis that focuses on subjective or non-measurable factors

ANSWERS: 89. absolutely, 90. quirk, 91. undeniable, 92. consensus, 93. temple, 94. historic, 95. ancient, 96. humankind, 97. academic, 98. hero, 99. qualitative

100. re____e around a central axis *v.* to rotate around a central point
101. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
102. re____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
103. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
104. labyrinth of the Mi____ur *n.* in Greek mythology, a creature with the head of a bull and the body of a man is depicted as inhabiting a labyrinth on the island of Crete
105. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
106. ancient or____e *n.* a person or agency regarded as a source of wisdom, knowledge, or prophecy; an utterance, often ambiguous or obscure, that is considered to have prophetic or wise significance
107. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
108. a mu__y dungeon *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
109. a qu__k of fate *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

ANSWERS: 100. revolve, 101. argue, 102. rebuild, 103. tale, 104. Minotaur, 105. epic, 106. oracle, 107. cast, 108. murky, 109. quirk

110. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
111. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
112. per_____nt cough *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
113. re_____e at high speed *v.* to rotate around a central point
114. co_____us among scientists *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
115. ta____e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
116. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
117. loading d__k *n.* a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained
118. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
119. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 110. constantly, 111. identity, 112. persistent, 113. revolve, 114. consensus, 115. tackle, 116. emotion, 117. dock, 118. absolutely, 119. emotion

120. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
121. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
122. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
123. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
124. ap_____sm writer *n.* a concise statement that expresses a general truth or moral principle; a pithy and memorable statement that is meant to be easily remembered and understood
125. he___c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
126. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
127. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
128. ha___r a resentment *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

ANSWERS: 120. philosophy, 121. psychology, 122. abstract, 123. argue, 124. aphorism, 125. heroic, 126. twist, 127. feat, 128. harbor

129. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
130. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
131. 3D nu_____al simulation *adj.* relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
132. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
133. sin_____ded responsibility *adj.* done or accomplished by one person alone
134. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
135. famous ap_____sm *n.* a concise statement that expresses a general truth or moral principle; a pithy and memorable statement that is meant to be easily remembered and understood
136. a sheltered ha____r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
137. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
138. na_____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

ANSWERS: 129. historic, 130. dam, 131. numerical, 132. replace, 133. single-handed, 134. tale, 135. aphorism, 136. harbor, 137. maintain, 138. navigate

139. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
140. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
141. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
142. 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.
143. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
144. great the_____ans *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
145. hu_____nd as a species *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
146. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
147. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
148. re_____d communities *v.* to build again or anew

ANSWERS: 139. aspect, 140. complexity, 141. demonstrate, 142. politician, 143. dam, 144. theologian, 145. humankind, 146. creative, 147. paradox, 148. rebuild

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. "A penny saved is a penny earned" is a well-known _____ about the value of frugality.
 - n.* a concise statement that expresses a general truth or moral principle; a pithy and memorable statement that is meant to be easily remembered and understood

2. The government _____ this law in 1925.
 - v.* to make a law; to put something into practice

3. The artist _____ a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.
 - v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

4. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.
 - n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

5. Her influence on teenagers is _____.
 - adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain

6. We have discussed the entirety of this _____ problem.
 - adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

7. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
 - v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

8. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
 - n.* a thing or things that belong to someone

ANSWERS: 1. aphorism, 2. enacted, 3. inscribed, 4. tales, 5. undeniable, 6. tricky, 7. survive, 8. property

9. He grows vegetables in his _____.
- n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
10. The singer _____ the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.
- v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
11. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.
- v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
12. 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
13. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
14. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.
- v.* to build again or anew
15. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
16. Infant formulas are nutritionally almost _____ to a mother's breast milk.
- adj.* being the exact same one
17. 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.

ANSWERS: 9. backyard, 10. slayed, 11. tackle, 12. claim, 13. argue, 14. rebuild, 15. absolutely, 16. identical, 17. politician

18. Many cultures have their _____ creatures and legends.

adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

19. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

20. Prospects for the suspect's conviction are _____ due to a lack of helpful evidence.

adj. dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

21. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

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

22. On the geological time scale, _____ has existed for a brief moment.

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

23. The two parties have reached a _____.

n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

24. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

25. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

ANSWERS: 18. mythical, 19. maintain, 20. murky, 21. temple, 22. humankind, 23. consensus, 24. emotions, 25. hypothesis

26. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.
n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
27. 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
28. The researchers used a _____ approach to analyze their findings.
adj. relating to or involving qualities, such as properties, characteristics, or features, rather than quantities or numbers, often used to describe research or analysis that focuses on subjective or non-measurable factors
29. The _____ value of Pi is approximately 3.14.
adj. relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
30. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
31. The _____ stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.
adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
32. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.
adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
33. Despite the setbacks, he remained _____ in his pursuit of his dreams.
adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

ANSWERS: 26. epic, 27. blank, 28. qualitative, 29. numerical, 30. replace, 31. legendary, 32. gradual, 33. persistent

34. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

35. There are many theories to explain this _____.

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

36. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

37. The training of a hawk was a _____ process.

adj. cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort

38. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

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

39. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

adj. indispensable; fundamental

40. The company's CEO was considered the _____ of strategic decision-making, with a track record of successful business moves.

n. a person or agency regarded as a source of wisdom, knowledge, or prophecy; an utterance, often ambiguous or obscure, that is considered to have prophetic or wise significance

41. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.

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

ANSWERS: 34. constantly, 35. paradox, 36. presence, 37. painstaking, 38. complexity, 39. essential, 40. oracle, 41. dam

42. The tsunami swamped every boat in the _____.
- n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
43. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.
- adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
44. The Earth _____ around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.
- v.* to rotate around a central point
45. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
46. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
47. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.
- n.* a person who writes poetry
48. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
- n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
49. There's no _____ in his description.
- n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

ANSWERS: 42. harbor, 43. academic, 44. revolves, 45. historic, 46. feat, 47. poet, 48. circumstances, 49. logic

50. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.
adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
51. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.
v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
52. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.
v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape
53. One of her _____ is that she always wears mismatched socks.
n. a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
54. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?
v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
55. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.
adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
56. Death gets more than its share of attention from _____.
n. an expert or student who studies theology
57. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
58. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.
adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

ANSWERS: 50. heroic, 51. cast, 52. twisted, 53. quirks, 54. demonstrate, 55. abstract, 56. theologians, 57. amazing, 58. evil

59. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
60. Ethics is a branch of _____.
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
61. The ancient Greek myth tells the tale of the _____ a half-man and half-bull creature.
n. in Greek mythology, a creature with the head of a bull and the body of a man is depicted as inhabiting a labyrinth on the island of Crete
62. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.
v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
63. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
64. His argument made no sense and was completely _____.
adj. not making sense or not based on sound reasoning
65. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
66. The ship pulled to the _____ and we disembarked to start our adventure.
n. a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained

ANSWERS: 59. aspects, 60. philosophy, 61. Minotaur, 62. navigate, 63. hero, 64. illogical, 65. identity, 66. dock,

67. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

68. He started a _____ project to earn additional money.

adj. done or accomplished by one person alone

69. The _____ of the country was played during the ceremony.

n. a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

70. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

71. She had a master's degree in _____.

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

72. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

73. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

74. The sperm whale can _____ to 1,000 meters.

v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

ANSWERS: 67. concept, 68. single-handed, 69. anthem, 70. ancient, 71. psychology, 72. vary, 73. creative, 74. dive