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Session 1: Word List

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.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill

qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

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.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

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.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym : descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

recognize

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

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

innovative

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym : creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym : control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym : root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

nonconformist

n. a person who refuses to conform to established customs, norms, or beliefs, often characterized by independent thinking and behavior; members of Protestant groups in England during the 16th to 19th centuries who dissented from the Church of England

synonym : maverick, individualist, rebel

(1) artistic **nonconformist**, (2) rebellious **nonconformist**
The school's **nonconformist** curriculum emphasized creative thinking and self-expression.

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

synonym: victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**
The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

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**.

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.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym: close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship
He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

procrastinate

v. to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring

synonym: delay, dawdle, hesitate

(1) **procrastinate** about a big challenge, (2) **procrastinate** on my homework
He **procrastinated** the matter until it was almost too late.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym: admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

opposition

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

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

precrastinator

n. (antonym for "procrastinator") a person who tends to complete tasks as soon as possible, often excessively or prematurely; someone who inclines to finish or accomplish tasks far ahead of the deadline or required time

(1) **precrastinator** tendencies, (2) **precrastinator** mindset

As a self-confessed **precrastinator**, she always finished her assignments the moment they were assigned, preferring to get them out of the way.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym: confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

deadline

n. a date or period by which something must be done

synonym: time limit, period

(1) transfer **deadline** day, (2) the **deadline** for applications

No matter what, we must have this done before the **deadline**.

eventually

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

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

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

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

thesis

n. a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject

synonym : dissertation, argument, treatise

(1) a drift of a **thesis**, (2) master **thesis**

His **thesis** on the effects of climate change won several awards.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

bunch

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

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

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.

moderately

adv. to an average size, amount, degree, or strength;

synonym : rather, reasonably, somewhat

(1) a **moderately** hot day, (2) eat **moderately**

The dance classes he started were **moderately** successful.

chronic

adj. being long-lasting and recurrent or characterized by long suffering; habitual

synonym: established, regular, constant

(1) risk of **chronic** disease, (2) **chronic** alcohol consumption

Chronic hyperglycemia is a trigger for a variety of serious diseases.

goofy

adj. silly or foolish

synonym: silly, crazy, dopey

(1) wore a **goofy** hat, (2) with a **goofy** expression

He made a **goofy** face as he recalled this morning's events.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym: throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

frenzy

n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

synonym: frenetic, commotion, tumult

(1) **frenzy** of activity, (2) buying **frenzy**

The shoppers were **frenzy** to get the best deals on Black Friday.

anxiety

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

synonym: concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge

She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

spot

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

synonym : dot, mark, place

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

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym : assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

synonym : entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

dangle

v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or

tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

synonym : swing, hang, drape

(1) **dangle** a carrot, (2) **dangle** a pendant

The earring on her earlobe would **dangle** as she moved her head.

moderate

adj. being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme

synonym : average, middle-of-the-road, tempered

(1) **moderate** growth, (2) **moderate** risk

He had a **moderate** understanding of the topic but needed further research.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym : miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

boost

v. to improve, raise, or increase something

synonym : raise, advance, promote

(1) **boost** the economy, (2) **boost** flexibility

The new service helped **boost** net income by 10%.

incubate

v. to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture

synonym : hatch, breed, gestate

(1) **incubate** terrorism in developing countries, (2) **incubate** an idea

The scientists decided to **incubate** the eggs for further study.

divergent

adj. different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions

synonym : differing, disparate, atypical

(1) follow a **divergent** path, (2) wildly **divergent** results

The prime minister had to reconcile **divergent** opinions on

controversial issues like abortion.

nonlinear

adj. pertaining to a system or process that does not follow a straight or predictable path, often resulting in unexpected or unpredictable outcomes or behaviors

synonym : complex, unpredictable

(1) **nonlinear** equation, (2) **nonlinear** system

The professor taught us about the experiment's **nonlinear** relationships between different variables.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym : surprising, unanticipated, incredible

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

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

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym : jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

chapter

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

synonym : section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party

The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.

self-respect

n. a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself

synonym : dignity, pride, self-esteem

(1) lacks a sense of **self-respect**, (2) wound his **self-respect**

Her failure resulted in a loss of her **self-respect**.

diligent

adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

synonym : active, engaged, assiduous

(1) a **diligent** person, (2) a **diligent** search of the files
The **diligent** detective investigated all clues.

progression

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

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease
The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

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.

agony

n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

synonym: anguish, torment, suffering

(1) severe **agony**, (2) emotional **agony**

The athlete fell to the ground in **agony** after injuring their ankle.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

toil

v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

synonym: struggle, labor, work hard

(1) **toil** to make a living, (2) **toil** up the mountain

The farmers **toiled** in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.

journal

n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

synonym : periodical, diary, bulletin

(1) scientific **journal**, (2) **journal** articles

The physician is reading the **journals** related to medicine

diversion

n. a change of direction or course; the act of redirecting attention or activity to a different topic or task; a form of entertainment or pastime that provides a temporary distraction or relief

synonym : distraction, deviation, entertainment

(1) **diversion** of resources, (2) mental **diversion**

The **diversion** of the river's path caused flooding downstream.

optics

n. the academic study of vision and light

(1) **optics** technology, (2) fiber **optics**

Einstein's new **optics** theory transformed traditional scientific notions about light.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

rewrite

v. to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information

synonym : revise, edit, rework

(1) **rewrite** a composition, (2) **rewrite** a world record

I need to **rewrite** most of the essay with feedback from my teacher.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

scribble

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

synonym: scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes

The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

remark

n. a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

synonym: comment, observation, statement

(1) a flattering **remark**, (2) **remark** dripping with bitterness

His candid **remark** at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.

utter

adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

synonym: absolute, complete, total

(1) **utter** nonsense, (2) **utter** a big sigh

The **utter** chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

script

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

synonym: writing, penmanship, article

(1) a hand **script**, (2) the **script** of a play

The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian **script** on a stone monument.

delay

v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

synonym: block, adjourn, detain

(1) **delay** a flight three hours, (2) **delay** the new project
We **delayed** the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

improvise

v. to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

synonym: ad-lib, extemporize

(1) **improvise** a joke, (2) **improvise** an escape plan
We had to **improvise** a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym: corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee
Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym: integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**
She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

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.

heel

n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

synonym: hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler
She wore high **heels** to the party.

mover

n. a person or company that specializes in moving goods or possessions from one location to another; a

professional moving service or an individual who performs this task for friends, family members, or customers

synonym : removalist, proposer

(1) market **mover**, (2) the **movers** and shakers

The professional **mover** helped us pack and transport our furniture and belongings to our new home.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym : fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

classic

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

synonym : definitive, traditional, typical

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

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

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

introductory

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

synonym : beginning, preliminary, initial

(1) **introductory** biology text, (2) product **introductory** sale

The **introductory** class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

scratch

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

synonym : claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym : distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym : certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym : illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

self-doubt

n. lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself

synonym: insecurity, uncertainty, diffident

(1) overcome **self-doubt**, (2) spiral of **self-doubt**

I was filled with **self-doubt**.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym: invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

refine

v. to make something more pure, polished, cultured, or effective; to improve, perfect, or enhance through a process of purification or development

synonym : purify, process, improve

(1) **refine** oil, (2) **refine** a language

The company is working to **refine** its production process to be more efficient.

draft

n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

synonym : blueprint, outline, rough drawing

(1) a working **draft**, (2) write the first **draft**

During debates in the legislature, the **draft** of the law caused a lot of controversies.

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.

browse

v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

synonym : look around, look through, scan

(1) **browse** a website, (2) **browse** through the text

We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his

commitments

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

chrome

n. a type of polished metal that is highly reflective and has a mirror-like finish; a web browser developed by Google

synonym: metal, alloy, steel

(1) **chrome** iron ore, (2) steel with **chrome** accents

The shiny **chrome** finish on the car caught the sunlight and sparkled.

outperform

v. to be or do something compared to others of a similar type

synonym: beat, exceed, surpass

(1) **outperform** other countries, (2) **outperform** the human brain

They consistently **outperformed** other teams in the league.

explorer

n. a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there

synonym: adventurer, trailblazer, scout

(1) team of **explorers**, (2) a polar **explorer**

Aboriginal people killed the **explorer** who entered the sacred land for them.

safari

n. an expedition, usually with a guide, for viewing or hunting wild animals, especially in Africa

synonym: expedition, journey, exploration

(1) **safari** adventure, (2) **safari** park

Going on a **safari** to see wild animals up close is a unique experience.

install

v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a

position

synonym: establish, inaugurate, lodge

(1) **install** a door, (2) **install** a chairperson

The new president was **installed** immediately after the national election.

default

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

synonym: fail, neglect, omit

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

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

resourceful

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

synonym: inventive, imaginative, clever

(1) **resourceful** thinker, (2) **resourceful** cook in town

She was **resourceful** and found a solution to the problem on her own.

download

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

synonym: load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

upgrade

v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with

something newer or of a higher standard

synonym : improve, boost, enrich

(1) **upgrade** a product, (2) **upgrade** work performance

It's an excellent opportunity to **upgrade** our networking.

screenwriter

n. a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media

synonym : scriptwriter, playwright

(1) aspiring **screenwriter**, (2) experienced **screenwriter**

The movie's success was largely attributed to the **screenwriter's** cleverly written script.

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.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

villain

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

synonym : scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym : torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

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**.

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.

bankrupt

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

synonym: insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

regret

v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

synonym: apologize, deplore, lament

(1) **regret** a decision, (2) **regret** being so careless

I **regret** to say that you did not gain admission to the university.

inaction

n. the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is

needed

synonym : idleness, passivity, inertia

(1) excuse for **inaction**, (2) consequences of **inaction**

Inaction in response to climate change poses a dire threat to our future.

redo

v. to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

synonym : revise, remake, rework

(1) **redo** a kitchen, (2) **redo** a project

I had to **redo** my entire presentation because the formatting was off.

musky

adj. having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss

synonym : musty, earthy, pungent

(1) **musky** aroma, (2) **musky** perfume

The **musky** scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.

orbit

n. the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels

synonym : path, course, trajectory

(1) the **orbit** of the moon, (2) a planetary **orbit**

The rocket engine is used to put the satellite into **orbit**.

judge

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

synonym : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

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

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

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

creepy

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

synonym : eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

pioneering

adj. involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field

synonym : innovative, groundbreaking, trailblazing

(1) **pioneering** research, (2) **pioneering** spirit

The **pioneering** scientist developed a breakthrough technology that revolutionized the industry.

bulb

n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

(1) wet- **bulb** thermometer, (2) a lily **bulb**

The light **bulb** has burned out.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym : compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

encyclopedia

n. a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically

synonym : dictionary, compendium, almanac

(1) **encyclopedia** entry, (2) online **encyclopedia**

Many bookshops no longer carry printed **encyclopedias**, but some libraries still hold onto their collections.

composition

n. the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components

are organized; a piece of music written by someone
synonym : creating, formatting, arrangement

(1) age **composition** of the population, (2) the piano passages in the **composition**

Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of **composition**.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym : capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

churn

v. to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover

synonym : stir, agitate, whirl

(1) **churn** out manufactured goods, (2) **churn** in my stomach

The cream needs to be **churned** for several minutes before it becomes butter.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym : bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

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**.

masterpiece

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

synonym: classic, chef-d'oeuvre, magnum opus

(1) literary **masterpiece**, (2) a **masterpiece** of design

The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a **masterpiece** of art.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym: refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

negative

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

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

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

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

association

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

synonym: affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**

His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

retail

n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

synonym: sales, trade, commerce

(1) **retail** store, (2) a **retail** dealer

The **retail** industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car
There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

spite

n. feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

synonym: malice, ill will, vindictiveness

(1) bear **spite** against him, (2) die in **spite** of intensive care
He did it out of **spite**, to annoy me.

motivate

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

synonym: boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**

The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sc____le notes *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
2. write the first dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
3. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
4. an____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
5. honor gr____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
6. wet-b__b thermometer *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
7. do____ad files from the Internet *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
8. wound his sel_____ect *n.* a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself

ANSWERS: 1. scribble, 2. draft, 3. leap, 4. animate, 5. graduate, 6. bulb, 7. download, 8. self-respect

9. word ass_____ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
10. a mas_____ce of design *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
11. the mo__rs and shakers *n.* a person or company that specializes in moving goods or possessions from one location to another; a professional moving service or an individual who performs this task for friends, family members, or customers
12. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
13. a ch_____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
14. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
15. jo_____l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
16. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
17. bo__t flexibility *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something

ANSWERS: 9. association, 10. masterpiece, 11. mover, 12. disrupt, 13. champion, 14. intern, 15. journal, 16. handle, 17. boost

18. r__o a project *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
19. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
20. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
21. as___n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
22. en_____ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
23. cr___y atmosphere *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
24. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
25. re___l store *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
26. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
27. ware a go__y hat *adj.* silly or foolish
28. acquire a vi___e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
29. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 18. redo, 19. silent, 20. invention, 21. assign, 22. energize, 23. creepy, 24. predict, 25. retail, 26. opposition, 27. goofy, 28. virtue, 29. creative

30. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
31. a scholarship ass_____on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
32. ha_____y decent job *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
33. h__l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
34. in_____te terrorism in developing countries *v.* to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture
35. 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
36. ch_____r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
37. sa____i park *n.* an expedition, usually with a guide, for viewing or hunting wild animals, especially in Africa
38. re___k dripping with bitterness *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

ANSWERS: 30. motto, 31. association, 32. halfway, 33. heel, 34. incubate, 35. icon, 36. chapter, 37. safari, 38. remark

39. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
40. sc_____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
41. re_____e a world record *v.* to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
42. buying fr_____y *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
43. co_____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
44. an associate ju___e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
45. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
46. de__y a flight three hours *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
47. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
48. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

ANSWERS: 39. unexpected, 40. scratch, 41. rewrite, 42. frenzy, 43. compose, 44. judge, 45. embarrass, 46. delay, 47. awesome, 48. embrace

49. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
50. rebellious non_____ist *n.* a person who refuses to conform to established customs, norms, or beliefs, often characterized by independent thinking and behavior; members of Protestant groups in England during the 16th to 19th centuries who dissented from the Church of England
51. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
52. ch__n out manufactured goods *v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover
53. di_____on of resources *n.* a change of direction or course; the act of redirecting attention or activity to a different topic or task; a form of entertainment or pastime that provides a temporary distraction or relief
54. medical in___n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
55. bear sp__e against him *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

ANSWERS: 49. flip, 50. nonconformist, 51. psychology, 52. churn, 53. diversion, 54. intern, 55. spite

56. 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
57. de____t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
58. mental co____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
59. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
60. the great di____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
61. eat mod____ly *adv.* to an average size, amount, degree, or strength;
62. re____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 56. hero, 57. default, 58. courage, 59. vice, 60. discovery, 61. moderately, 62. recognize

63. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
64. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
65. 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
66. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
67. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
68. sc_____h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
69. pa_____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
70. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
71. a ra____m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 63. independence, 64. function, 65. icon, 66. commitment, 67. torture, 68. scratch, 69. paralyze, 70. origin, 71. random

72. de____t on the mortgage
v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
73. ev____te the grant proposal
v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
74. a cl____c experiment
adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
75. experienced scr____ter
n. a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
76. de__y the new project
v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
77. ev____te a situation
v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
78. appeared on____e
adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
79. in____te relationship
adj. having a very close friendship, personal
80. transfer de____ne day
n. a date or period by which something must be done

ANSWERS: 72. default, 73. evaluate, 74. classic, 75. screenwriter, 76. delay, 77. evaluate, 78. onstage, 79. intimate, 80. deadline

81. evil vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
82. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
83. in_____l a chairperson *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
84. literary mas_____ce *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
85. im_____se an escape plan *v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
86. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
87. a di_____nt search of the files *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
88. fr___y of activity *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
89. an introductory ch_____r *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
90. ut__r a big sigh *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

ANSWERS: 81. villain, 82. drag, 83. install, 84. masterpiece, 85. improvise, 86. invest, 87. diligent, 88. frenzy, 89. chapter, 90. utter

91. ch____c alcohol consumption *adj.* being long-lasting and recurrent or characterized by long suffering; habitual
92. a flattering re___k *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
93. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
94. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
95. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
96. r__o a kitchen *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
97. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
98. re___e oil *v.* to make something more pure, polished, cultured, or effective; to improve, perfect, or enhance through a process of purification or development
99. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
100. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 91. chronic, 92. remark, 93. flip, 94. predict, 95. myth, 96. redo, 97. motto, 98. refine, 99. depict, 100. bunch

101. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
102. high vo___e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
103. no_____ar system *adj.* pertaining to a system or process that does not follow a straight or predictable path, often resulting in unexpected or unpredictable outcomes or behaviors
104. sc___d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
105. vi___e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
106. the sc___t of a play *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
107. pio_____ng spirit *adj.* involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field
108. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
109. an_____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
110. res_____ul cook in town *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
111. br___e through the text *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

ANSWERS: 101. discovery, 102. volume, 103. nonlinear, 104. scared, 105. virtue, 106. script, 107. pioneering, 108. improve, 109. anxiety, 110. resourceful, 111. browse

112. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
113. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
114. pro_____ate about a big challenge *v.* to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring
115. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
116. the grand ch_____on *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
117. tr_____m an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
118. pio_____ng research *adj.* involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field
119. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
120. 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
121. all ability to mo_____te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
122. up_____e a product *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

ANSWERS: 112. bunch, 113. possibility, 114. procrastinate, 115. improve, 116. champion, 117. transform, 118. pioneering, 119. doubt, 120. hero, 121. motivate, 122. upgrade

123. ut__r nonsense *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
124. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
125. pre_____tor mindset *n.* (antonym for "procrastinator") a person who tends to complete tasks as soon as possible, often excessively or prematurely; someone who inclines to finish or accomplish tasks far ahead of the deadline or required time
126. 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
127. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
128. sa___i adventure *n.* an expedition, usually with a guide, for viewing or hunting wild animals, especially in Africa
129. ch___n in my stomach *v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover

ANSWERS: 123. utter, 124. embrace, 125. precrastinator, 126. launch, 127. advantage, 128. safari, 129. churn

130. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
131. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
132. online enc____dia *n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
133. in____l a door *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
134. t__l to make a living *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
135. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
136. severe ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
137. a con____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

ANSWERS: 130. spot, 131. process, 132. encyclopedia, 133. install, 134. toil, 135. negative, 136. agony, 137. confession

138. consequences of in_____on *n.* the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed
139. 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
140. age com_____on of the population *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
141. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
142. a lily b__b *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
143. ba_____pt business *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
144. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
145. the or__t of the moon *n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels

ANSWERS: 138. inaction, 139. clue, 140. composition, 141. silent, 142. bulb, 143. bankrupt, 144. doubt, 145. orbit

146. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
147. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
148. a re___l dealer *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
149. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
150. mu__y perfume *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
151. int_____ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
152. t__l up the mountain *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
153. ch___e iron ore *n.* a type of polished metal that is highly reflective and has a mirror-like finish; a web browser developed by Google
154. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
155. the de_____ne for applications *n.* a date or period by which something must be done

ANSWERS: 146. progression, 147. doll, 148. retail, 149. origin, 150. musky, 151. introductory, 152. toil, 153. chrome, 154. torture, 155. deadline

156. pa____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
157. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
158. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
159. mental di_____on *n.* a change of direction or course; the act of redirecting attention or activity to a different topic or task; a form of entertainment or pastime that provides a temporary distraction or relief
160. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
161. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
162. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
163. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
164. fiber op____s *n.* the academic study of vision and light
165. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
166. with a go__y expression *adj.* silly or foolish

ANSWERS: 156. paralyze, 157. evil, 158. possibility, 159. diversion, 160. recognize, 161. sophisticated, 162. courage, 163. eventually, 164. optics, 165. transform, 166. goofy

167. an____e his soul v. to make something full of interest and energy
168. ju__e a competition n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
169. financial ind_____nce n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
170. v__e-chair of the committee n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
171. re____t being so careless v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
172. risk of ch_____c disease adj. being long-lasting and recurrent or characterized by long suffering; habitual
173. overcome sel_____bt n. lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself
174. out_____rm the human brain v. to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
175. the piano passages in the
com_____on n. the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
176. da____e a pendant v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

ANSWERS: 167. animate, 168. judge, 169. independence, 170. vice, 171. regret, 172. chronic, 173. self-doubt, 174. outperform, 175. composition, 176. dangle

177. product int_____ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
178. mo_____te risk *adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
179. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
180. in_____te an idea *v.* to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture
181. out_____rm other countries *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
182. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
183. sc_____le on paper *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
184. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
185. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
186. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
187. a mod_____ly hot day *adv.* to an average size, amount, degree, or strength;
188. co_____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

ANSWERS: 177. introductory, 178. moderate, 179. stumble, 180. incubate, 181. outperform, 182. invest, 183. scribble, 184. spot, 185. commitment, 186. eventually, 187. moderately, 188. compose

189. pro_____ate on my homework *v.* to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring
190. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
191. scientific jo_____l *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
192. wildly di_____nt results *adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
193. aspiring scr_____ter *n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
194. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
195. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
196. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
197. financially ba_____pt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
198. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 189. procrastinate, 190. invention, 191. journal, 192. divergent, 193. screenwriter, 194. experiment, 195. opposition, 196. panic, 197. bankrupt, 198. function

199. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
200. re____t a decision *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
201. h__l wrestler *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
202. bombs fell at ra____m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
203. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
204. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
205. walk on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
206. sc____d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
207. diagnosis of an_____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
208. re_____e a composition *v.* to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
209. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

ANSWERS: 199. confident, 200. regret, 201. heel, 202. random, 203. celebrate, 204. psychology, 205. onstage, 206. scared, 207. anxiety, 208. rewrite, 209. myth

210. bo__t the economy *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
211. lacks a sense of sel_____ect *n.* a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself
212. up_____e work performance *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
213. a di_____nt person *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
214. vo_____e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
215. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
216. my in_____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
217. a polar ex_____er *n.* a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there
218. ha_____y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
219. spiral of sel_____bt *n.* lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself
220. steel with ch_____e accents *n.* a type of polished metal that is highly reflective and has a mirror-like finish; a web browser developed by Google

ANSWERS: 210. boost, 211. self-respect, 212. upgrade, 213. diligent, 214. volume, 215. graduate, 216. intimate, 217. explorer, 218. halfway, 219. self-doubt, 220. chrome

221. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
222. emotional ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
223. master th___s *n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject
224. die in sp__e of intensive care *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
225. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
226. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
227. a planetary or__t *n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels
228. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

ANSWERS: 221. sophisticated, 222. agony, 223. thesis, 224. spite, 225. evil, 226. disrupt, 227. orbit, 228. experiment

229. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
230. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
231. en_____ze the body *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
232. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
233. stylistically inn_____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
234. 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
235. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
236. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
237. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
238. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
239. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
240. excuse for in_____on *n.* the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed

ANSWERS: 229. handle, 230. drag, 231. energize, 232. decline, 233. innovative, 234. bet, 235. obvious, 236. reinvent, 237. panic, 238. doll, 239. stumble, 240. inaction

241. res_____ul thinker *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
242. im_____se a joke *v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
243. pre_____tor tendencies *n.* (antonym for "procrastinator") a person who tends to complete tasks as soon as possible, often excessively or prematurely; someone who inclines to finish or accomplish tasks far ahead of the deadline or required time
244. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
245. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
246. a drift of a th____s *n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject
247. feel cr____y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
248. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 241. resourceful, 242. improvise, 243. precrastinator, 244. creative, 245. embarrass, 246. thesis, 247. creepy, 248. process

249. mo____te growth *adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
250. authoritarian vi____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
251. use of inn____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
252. aw____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
253. mu__y aroma *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
254. no____ar equation *adj.* pertaining to a system or process that does not follow a straight or predictable path, often resulting in unexpected or unpredictable outcomes or behaviors
255. as___n projects *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
256. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
257. enc____dia entry *n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
258. 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
259. do____ad the assignment from the website *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

ANSWERS: 249. moderate, 250. villain, 251. innovative, 252. awesome, 253. musky, 254. nonlinear, 255. assign, 256. depict, 257. encyclopedia, 258. clue, 259. download

260. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
261. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
262. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
263. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
264. a hand sc___t *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
265. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
266. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
267. op___s technology *n.* the academic study of vision and light
268. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
269. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
270. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 260. confession, 261. negative, 262. classic, 263. brand, 264. script, 265. obvious, 266. survey, 267. optics, 268. motivate, 269. industrious, 270. celebrate

271. da___e a carrot *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
272. br___e a website *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
273. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
274. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
275. de___e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
276. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
277. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
278. 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
279. 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

ANSWERS: 271. dangle, 272. browse, 273. unexpected, 274. industrious, 275. decline, 276. reinvent, 277. confident, 278. bet, 279. launch

280. re___e a language *v.* to make something more pure, polished, cultured, or effective; to improve, perfect, or enhance through a process of purification or development
281. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
282. team of ex_____ers *n.* a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there
283. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
284. artistic non_____ist *n.* a person who refuses to conform to established customs, norms, or beliefs, often characterized by independent thinking and behavior; members of Protestant groups in England during the 16th to 19th centuries who dissented from the Church of England
285. follow a di_____nt path *adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
286. a working dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
287. market mo__r *n.* a person or company that specializes in moving goods or possessions from one location to another; a professional moving service or an individual who performs this task for friends, family members, or customers

ANSWERS: 280. refine, 281. progression, 282. explorer, 283. advantage, 284. nonconformist, 285. divergent, 286. draft, 287. mover

288. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
289. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
290. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

ANSWERS: 288. survey, 289. brand, 290. leap

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The athlete fell to the ground in _____ after injuring their ankle.
n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
2. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
3. The new service helped _____ net income by 10%.
v. to improve, raise, or increase something
4. The professional _____ helped us pack and transport our furniture and belongings to our new home.
n. a person or company that specializes in moving goods or possessions from one location to another; a professional moving service or an individual who performs this task for friends, family members, or customers
5. I was filled with _____.
n. lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself
6. He made a _____ face as he recalled this morning's events.
adj. silly or foolish
7. The structure is _____ of three main components.
v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
8. The scientists decided to _____ the eggs for further study.
v. to keep warm and protected, especially to hatch eggs; to develop and nurture

ANSWERS: 1. agony, 2. experiments, 3. boost, 4. mover, 5. self-doubt, 6. goofy, 7. composed, 8. incubate

9. Many bookshops no longer carry printed _____ but some libraries still hold onto their collections.
- n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
10. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
11. Cats hate dogs and _____ versa.
- n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
12. The famous restaurant stands _____ up the hill.
- adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
13. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.
- n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
14. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.
- v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
15. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
- adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
16. The _____ scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.
- adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss

ANSWERS: 9. encyclopedias, 10. recognize, 11. vice, 12. halfway, 13. volume, 14. assign, 15. unexpected, 16. musky

17. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
18. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.
v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
19. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
20. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
21. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
22. She waited for her daughter with _____.
n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
23. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.
adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
24. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.
adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

ANSWERS: 17. brand, 18. paralyzed, 19. judge, 20. silent, 21. negative, 22. anxiety, 23. random, 24. sophisticated

25. Going on a _____ to see wild animals up close is a unique experience.
n. an expedition, usually with a guide, for viewing or hunting wild animals, especially in Africa
26. The motivational speaker _____ the crowd with their words.
v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
27. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.
adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
28. His _____ on the effects of climate change won several awards.
n. a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject
29. The school's _____ curriculum emphasized creative thinking and self-expression.
n. a person who refuses to conform to established customs, norms, or beliefs, often characterized by independent thinking and behavior; members of Protestant groups in England during the 16th to 19th centuries who dissented from the Church of England
30. She had many good _____ and few faults.
n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
31. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
32. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

ANSWERS: 25. safari, 26. energized, 27. onstage, 28. thesis, 29. nonconformist, 30. virtues, 31. embarrass, 32. myth

33. Unfortunately, the company went _____ and had to close its doors permanently.

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

34. The _____ chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

35. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

36. The woods _____ the house.

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

37. The _____ scientist developed a breakthrough technology that revolutionized the industry.

adj. involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field

38. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

39. They consistently _____ other teams in the league.

v. to be or do something compared to others of a similar type

ANSWERS: 33. bankrupt, 34. utter, 35. courage, 36. embrace, 37. pioneering, 38. celebrated, 39. outperformed

40. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.
- n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
41. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.
- v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
42. As a self-confessed _____ she always finished her assignments the moment they were assigned, preferring to get them out of the way.
- n.* (antonym for "procrastinator") a person who tends to complete tasks as soon as possible, often excessively or prematurely; someone who inclines to finish or accomplish tasks far ahead of the deadline or required time
43. The rocket engine is used to put the satellite into _____.
- n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels
44. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
- n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
45. The _____ of the river's path caused flooding downstream.
- n.* a change of direction or course; the act of redirecting attention or activity to a different topic or task; a form of entertainment or pastime that provides a temporary distraction or relief

ANSWERS: 40. association, 41. default, 42. precrastinator, 43. orbit, 44. independence, 45. diversion

46. The _____ detective investigated all clues.

adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

47. I had to _____ my entire presentation because the formatting was off.

v. to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

48. The cream needs to be _____ for several minutes before it becomes butter.

v. to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover

49. The earring on her earlobe would _____ as she moved her head.

v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

50. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

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

51. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

52. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

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

ANSWERS: 46. diligent, 47. redo, 48. churned, 49. dangle, 50. classic, 51. motto, 52. spot

53. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.
n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
54. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.
adj. having a very close friendship, personal
55. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
56. During debates in the legislature, the _____ of the law caused a lot of controversies.
n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
57. His candid _____ at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.
n. a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
58. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
59. 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
60. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 53. champion, 54. intimate, 55. handle, 56. draft, 57. remark, 58. reinvent, 59. survey, 60. eventually

61. The _____ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.
n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
62. The farmers _____ in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.
v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
63. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
64. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
65. Einstein's new _____ theory transformed traditional scientific notions about light.
n. the academic study of vision and light
66. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
67. 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
68. The words were _____ in pencil.
v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

ANSWERS: 61. villain, 62. toiled, 63. obvious, 64. depicted, 65. optics, 66. progression, 67. clue, 68. scribbled

69. The company is working to _____ its production process to be more efficient.
v. to make something more pure, polished, cultured, or effective; to improve, perfect, or enhance through a process of purification or development
70. The shoppers were _____ to get the best deals on Black Friday.
n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
71. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better
72. The old, abandoned house was _____ and gave me the chills.
adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
73. His business _____ took him to the United States.
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
74. _____ hyperglycemia is a trigger for a variety of serious diseases.
adj. being long-lasting and recurrent or characterized by long suffering; habitual
75. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
v. to make something full of interest and energy
76. It's an excellent opportunity to _____ our networking.
v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
77. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.
n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 69. refine, 70. frenzy, 71. improve, 72. creepy, 73. commitments, 74. Chronic, 75. animated, 76. upgrade, 77. torture

78. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

79. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

80. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

81. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

82. 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

83. The _____ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

84. The new president was _____ immediately after the national election.

v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

ANSWERS: 78. flipped, 79. interned, 80. graduate, 81. process, 82. creative, 83. introductory, 84. installed

85. The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian _____ on a stone monument.
n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
86. I need to _____ most of the essay with feedback from my teacher.
v. to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
87. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.
v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
88. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.
adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
89. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.
v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
90. 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
91. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
92. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.
v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
93. 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

ANSWERS: 85. script, 86. rewrite, 87. evaluate, 88. innovative, 89. motivate, 90. bet, 91. industrious, 92. scratch, 93. hero

94. 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
95. I need to _____ the latest update for my computer's operating system.
- v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
96. She had a master's degree in _____.
- n. the scientific study of mind and behavior
97. Her research team made an important _____.
- n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
98. The physician is reading the _____ related to medicine
- n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
99. The movie's success was largely attributed to the _____ cleverly written script.
- n. a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
100. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
- n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
101. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.
- v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

ANSWERS: 94. launch, 95. download, 96. psychology, 97. discovery, 98. journals, 99. screenwriter's, 100. Doubt, 101. leap

102. 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

103. The light _____ has burned out.

- n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

104. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

105. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

- n.* the first existence or beginning of something

106. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

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

107. Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of _____.

- n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

108. No matter what, we must have this done before the _____.

- n.* a date or period by which something must be done

109. We _____ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

- v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

ANSWERS: 102. invest, 103. bulb, 104. predict, 105. origin, 106. evil, 107. composition, 108. deadline, 109. delayed

110. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

111. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

- n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

112. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

113. She _____ over the tree root.

- v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

114. The professor taught us about the experiment's _____ relationships between different variables.

- adj.* pertaining to a system or process that does not follow a straight or predictable path, often resulting in unexpected or unpredictable outcomes or behaviors

115. He had a _____ understanding of the topic but needed further research.

- adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme

116. We had to _____ a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.

- v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

117. She wore high _____ to the party.

- n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

ANSWERS: 110. disrupt, 111. doll, 112. advantages, 113. stumbled, 114. nonlinear, 115. moderate, 116. improvise, 117. heels

118. The final _____ provides a summary of the discussion.
n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
119. _____ in response to climate change poses a dire threat to our future.
n. the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed
120. Necessity is the mother of _____.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
121. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
122. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
123. The _____ industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.
n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
124. 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
125. I'm not _____ in our victory.
adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

ANSWERS: 118. chapter, 119. Inaction, 120. invention, 121. transformed, 122. possibility, 123. retail, 124. icons, 125. confident

126. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
127. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.
- adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
128. I _____ to say that you did not gain admission to the university.
- v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
129. Aboriginal people killed the _____ who entered the sacred land for them.
- n.* a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there
130. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
- v.* to pull or haul with force
131. He did it out of _____ to annoy me.
- n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
132. Her failure resulted in a loss of her _____.
- n.* a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself
133. The shiny _____ finish on the car caught the sunlight and sparkled.
- n.* a type of polished metal that is highly reflective and has a mirror-like finish; a web browser developed by Google

ANSWERS: 126. function, 127. awesome, 128. regret, 129. explorer, 130. dragged, 131. spite, 132. self-respect, 133. chrome

134. He _____ the matter until it was almost too late.

v. to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring

135. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

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

136. The prisoner made a full _____ and admitted to his crime.

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

137. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

138. We _____ in a souvenir shop.

v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

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

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

140. She was _____ and found a solution to the problem on her own.

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

141. The prime minister had to reconcile _____ opinions on controversial issues like abortion.

adj. different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions

ANSWERS: 134. procrastinated, 135. bunch, 136. confession, 137. panic, 138. browsed, 139. opposition, 140. resourceful, 141. divergent

142. The dance classes he started were _____ successful.

adv. to an average size, amount, degree, or strength;

143. The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a _____ of art.

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

144. I'm _____ of insects.

adj. afraid or frightened

145. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

ANSWERS: 142. moderately, 143. masterpiece, 144. scared, 145. declines