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Session 1: Word List

insect

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

(1) **insect** antenna, (2) **insect** biology

These **insects** are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

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.

precede

v. to happen or go before something or someone in time or space

synonym: lead, forego, antecede

(1) men often **precede** women when walking, (2) **precede** any discussion

Agricultural development generally **precedes** economic growth.

exceed

v. to surpass or go beyond a limit, expectation, or requirement; to be better or greater than anticipated or

desired

synonym : surpass, outdo, excel

(1) **exceed** sales targets, (2) **exceed** the speed limit

The athlete's performance **exceeded** all expectations, breaking a world record.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym : assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

spider

n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

synonym : arachnid, wanderer

(1) **spider** venom, (2) web **spider**

The **spider** spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym : blend, hybrid, compounding

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

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

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym : diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

magnitude

n. the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

synonym : size, extent, level

(1) a star of the first **magnitude**, (2) the **magnitude** of the disaster

The **magnitude** of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

numerous

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

synonym : many, considerable, countless

(1) **numerous** countries, (2) as **numerous** as the sand

These descriptions are based on a number of **numerous** assumptions.

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**.

reuse

v. to use something again or more than once

synonym : reprocess, recycle, rehash

(1) **reuse** the materials, (2) **reuse** existing knowledge

The supermarket encourages shoppers to **reuse** plastic bags.

kitten

n. a young cat

synonym : catling, kitling, puss

(1) **kitten** formula, (2) newborn **kitten**

The **kitten's** fur was so fluffy that it looked like it was always moving.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

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

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym : calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

pollinator

n. an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds

synonym : fertilizer, pollenizer, pollen carrier

(1) **pollinator** species, (2) beneficial **pollinator**

Bees are important **pollinators** for many crops and plants.

fundamental

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

synonym : basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym : construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym : neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**
He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

animosity

n. strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will

synonym : enmity, hostility, bitterness

(1) personal **animosity**, (2) deep-seated **animosity**

The **animosity** between the two political parties has only grown stronger over the years.

illuminating

adj. making something clear or easy to understand; providing light

synonym : enlightening, informative, clarifying

(1) **illuminating** light, (2) an **illuminating** answer

The lecture was **illuminating** and gave me a new perspective on the topic.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**
I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

maintain

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

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

assume

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

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

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

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

reproduce

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

synonym: duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself

By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

aphid

n. a tiny insect that feeds on the sap of plants and can cause damage or diseases to plants, often found in large colonies

synonym: plant louse, greenfly, blackfly

(1) **aphid** infestation, (2) **aphid** control

The **aphids** were eating all the leaves of my tomato plants.

clone

n. a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation

synonym: duplicate, imitation, reproduction

(1) **clone** embryo, (2) recombinant **clone**

He is like an exact **clone** of his brother.

virgin

n. a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

synonym : virtuous, vestal, beginner

(1) **virgin** material, (2) enter **virgin** territory

Within a few years, no **virgin** forests will remain.

bush

n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

synonym : copse, scrub, brushwood

(1) trees and **bushes**, (2) a **bush** of hair

I am going to trim this **bush** off.

sperm

n. the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal

synonym : seed, semen, seminal fluid

(1) man with a low **sperm** count, (2) production of **sperm**

The male **sperm** fertilizes the female egg.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym : contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

horn

n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

synonym : cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

beetle

n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva

In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a sacred creature.

dragonfly

n. a slender-bodied non-stinging insect having two pairs of large transparent wings that are outspread at rest
(1) **dragonfly** passing over the water, (2) **dragonfly** larva
I caught a rare **dragonfly** in the mountains.

attachment

n. a feeling of affection for someone or something
synonym: adoration, affection, extension
(1) **attachment** to a formal plan, (2) stand mixer fitted with the paddle **attachment**
I have no **attachment** to the countryside.

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
synonym: daunting, intimidating, fearful
(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor
The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
synonym: gadget, instrument, tool
(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**
I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

scoop

n. a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else
synonym: ladle, spoon, dipper
(1) a **scoop** of ice cream, (2) **scoop** of news
The company's marketing team worked hard to get the **scoop** on what their target audience wanted.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
synonym: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds
He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report
I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

cannibalism

n. the practice of eating the flesh of other people or one's species; a behavior seen in certain animals, especially insects and arachnids, in which one individual consumes another of the same species

synonym: anthropophagy, man-eating

(1) **cannibalism** practice, (2) incidence of **cannibalism**
The tribe's religious rituals involved **cannibalism** of their enemies.

rampant

adj. (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

synonym: prevalent, dense, uncontrolled

(1) **rampant** growth of weeds, (2) **rampant** corruption
In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be **rampant**.

dictate

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

synonym: read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate
The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

sitcom

n. a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format

synonym: comedy, TV show

(1) **sitcom** series, (2) popular **sitcom**

I love to watch **sitcoms** when I need a good laugh.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

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

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

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym: chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

synonym: assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

coy

adj. deliberately shy, evasive, or modest, often in a way that is seen as flirtatious or coquettish; unwilling to commit to a course of action or express an opinion

synonym: bashful, shy, demure

(1) **coy** smile, (2) **coy** behavior

The **coy** mannerisms of the actress only added to her allure on and off the screen.

katydid

n. a giant, green or brown grasshopper-like insect with long antennae and wings, known for its distinctive sound produced by rubbing its legs together

synonym: bush cricket, long-horned grasshopper

(1) **katydid** sound, (2) **katydid** habitat

The **katydid's** song filled the warm summer night.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

cricket

n. leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players

(1) **cricket** match, (2) a pine **cricket**

The sound of the **crickets** chirping filled the air on a warm summer evening.

grasshopper

n. large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality

synonym : locust, katydid, cricket

(1) **grasshopper** mice, (2) **grasshopper** species

The **grasshopper** leaped from one blade of grass to another.

picky

adj. overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences

synonym : fussy, choosy, particular

(1) **picky** personality, (2) **picky** about details

My **picky** eater only likes to eat certain types of vegetables.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym : move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

nuptial

adj. relating to a wedding, marriage, or marital union; being used or done as part of a wedding ceremony

synonym : bridal, matrimonial, marital

(1) **nuptial** vow, (2) **nuptial** knot

The bride wore a stunning **nuptial** gown on her wedding day.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym : board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

appendage

n. a part attached to the main body or structure, often with a specific function or purpose; a limb or other body part that projects outward from the main body

synonym : extension, limb, attachment

(1) spiny **appendage**, (2) mechanical **appendage**

The spider's **appendage** allowed it to climb up the wall easily.

blob

n. a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance

synonym : chunk, lump, hunk

(1) a big **blob** of yellow, (2) a **blob** of jelly

A **blob** of ink fell on the floor.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym : create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym : consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym :

abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

drain

v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

synonym: draw off, bleed

(1) **drain** water from the swamp, (2) **drain** excess liquid

Push the button and let the water **drain** away.

fertilize

v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

synonym: pollinate, inseminate, enrich

(1) **fertilize** the soil, (2) **fertilize** the female egg

The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to **fertilize** a wife.

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym: aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

wasp

n. a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals

synonym : insect, hornet, yellow jacket

(1) **wasp** nest, (2) **wasp** sting

A giant **wasp** flew into the room, and everyone panicked.

ant

n. a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups

synonym : pismire, insect

(1) a white **ant**, (2) **ant** bite

We can find many large **ant** mounds in this area.

individual

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

synonym : person, being, self

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

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

flit

v. to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect

synonym : flutter, dart, skim

(1) **flit** away into the darkness, (2) **flit** from place to place

The butterfly would **flit** from flower to flower, collecting nectar.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

ancient

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

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

drone

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

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

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

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

disapprove

v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

synonym: object, reject, condemn

(1) **disapprove** of the government, (2) publicly **disapprove**

I **disapprove** of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.

hive

n. a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

synonym: apiary, swarm, pack

(1) honeybees in **hives**, (2) a **hive** of activity

Bees were buzzing around the **hive**

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

nectar

n. a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring

synonym : honey, ambrosia, syrup

(1) **nectar** of the gods, (2) fruit **nectar**

The **nectar** of the flowers attracted many bees to the garden.

pollen

n. a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination

synonym : dust, spores, allergen

(1) **pollen** allergy symptoms, (2) high **pollen** count

My allergies flare up during **pollen** season, making it difficult to breathe.

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym : disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

sting

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

synonym : bite, prick, poke

(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face
Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

bore

v. to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

synonym: bear, tire, weary

(1) **bore** diameter, (2) **bore** him with his stories
The lecture on quantum physics **bored** me to tears.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

colony

n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

synonym: settlement, territory, plantation

(1) plant a **colony**, (2) a **colony** of bacteria

The **colony** declared its independence and became a republic.

conclude

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

synonym: complete, finish, decide

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

far-fetched

adj. (of an idea or story) so exaggerated or ludicrous as to be very difficult to believe

synonym: bizarre, doubtful, unbelievable

(1) **far-fetched** idea, (2) **far-fetched** expressions

Though his plan sounded **far-fetched** at first, he realized it anyway.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

ferocious

adj. very fierce, savage, or cruel

synonym: savage, fierce, brutal

(1) **ferocious** beast, (2) **ferocious** predator

The lion's **ferocious** roar could be heard from miles away.

giant

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

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

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

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

jaw

n. either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

synonym: mouth, (verb) chitchat

(1) snatch victory from the **jaws** of defeat, (2) **jaw** muscle

He dropped his **jaw** at the unexpected sight.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym: depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

implication

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

synonym: suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word

His poem has a very significant **implication**.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

aspect

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

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

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

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

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym: being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

stand-in

n. a person or thing that acts as a substitute, replacement, or temporary assistant for someone or something else; a double or understudy for a performer or actor

synonym: substitute, replacement, understudy

(1) **stand-in** teacher, (2) use a **stand-in** in an exam

The company hired a **stand-in** for the CEO for the shareholder meeting.

norm

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

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

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

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

variant

n. something that is slightly different from others of the same type

synonym: variation, modification, variance

(1) **variant** types of pigeon, (2) a **variant** of the same word

The first **variant** of the virus appeared in less than a month.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

occupy

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

synonym: inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position

The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

vary

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

synonym: alter, contrast, differ

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

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

medical

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

synonym : health, disease, treatment

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

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

unnerving

adj. making someone lose courage or confidence, or feel nervous or frightened

synonym : frightening, horrifying, uneasy

(1) **unnerving** effect, (2) with **unnerving** speed

Having dental treatment was an **unnerving** experience for me.

brain

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

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

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

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

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

synonym : perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym : commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

anthropomorphize

v. to attribute human characteristics, emotions, and abilities to non-human entities

synonym: personify, humanize

(1) **anthropomorphize** animals, (2) **anthropomorphize** God

The children **anthropomorphized** their stuffed animals and gave them personalities.

exoskeleton

n. a hard, external protective covering or framework that supports and gives shape to the body of an invertebrate animal, such as an insect or crab

synonym: chitin, exocuticle, carapace

(1) **exoskeleton** suit, (2) robotic **exoskeleton**

The **exoskeleton** of the crab protects it from predators and environmental changes.

parallel

adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

synonym: aligned, side-by-side, similar

(1) a **parallel** case, (2) **parallel** processing

He walked a road **parallel** to the railroad.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym: cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

supernatural

adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

synonym : paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym : go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

dabble

v. to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid

synonym : toy with, tinker with, play at

(1) **dabble** in a hobby, (2) **dabble** at French

They often **dabble** in new business ventures but only commit partially.

paranormal

adj. relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences

synonym : supernatural, mystical, otherworldly

(1) **paranormal** experience, (2) **paranormal** phenomena

The haunted house was said to be a hotspot for **paranormal**

activity.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in_____e a high degree of risk | v. | to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else |
| 2. co_____e the listener | v. | to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 3. par_____te fully in conversation | v. | to take part in something |
| 4. st__g his face | v. | to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick |
| 5. for_____le challenge | adj. | causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration |
| 6. men often pr_____e women when walking | v. | to happen or go before something or someone in time or space |
| 7. a m__s of molten rock | n. | a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together |
| 8. sc__p of news | n. | a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else |
| 9. genic com_____ons | n. | a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities |

ANSWERS: 1. involve, 2. confuse, 3. participate, 4. sting, 5. formidable, 6. precede, 7. mass, 8. scoop, 9. combination

10. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
11. gra_____er mice *n.* large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality
12. c_y behavior *adj.* deliberately shy, evasive, or modest, often in a way that is seen as flirtatious or coquettish; unwilling to commit to a course of action or express an opinion
13. a pa_____el case *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
14. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
15. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
16. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
17. nu_____us countries *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
18. with un_____ng speed *adj.* making someone lose courage or confidence, or feel nervous or frightened
19. oc_____y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
20. dis_____ve of the government *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

ANSWERS: 10. defend, 11. grasshopper, 12. coy, 13. parallel, 14. suppose, 15. fiction, 16. instance, 17. numerous, 18. unnerving, 19. occupy, 20. disapprove

21. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
22. da___e at French *v.* to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid
23. pi___y personality *adj.* overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences
24. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
25. ki___n formula *n.* a young cat
26. do_____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
27. incidence of can_____sm *n.* the practice of eating the flesh of other people or one's species; a behavior seen in certain animals, especially insects and arachnids, in which one individual consumes another of the same species
28. cl___e embryo *n.* a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation
29. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

ANSWERS: 21. assume, 22. dabble, 23. picky, 24. normally, 25. kitten, 26. dominant, 27. cannibalism, 28. clone, 29. transfer

30. improve co_____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
31. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
32. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
33. b__e diameter *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
34. 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
35. far_____ed idea *adj.* (of an idea or story) so exaggerated or ludicrous as to be very difficult to believe
36. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
37. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
38. ant_____ize God *v.* to attribute human characteristics, emotions, and abilities to non-human entities
39. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 30. cognitive, 31. flee, 32. estimate, 33. bore, 34. discovery, 35. far-fetched, 36. manufacture, 37. medicinal, 38. anthropomorphize, 39. panel

40. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
41. be___e brows *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
42. po___n allergy symptoms *n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination
43. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
44. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
45. administrative co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
46. de___t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
47. fe_____us beast *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
48. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
49. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 40. fundamental, 41. beetle, 42. pollen, 43. drone, 44. inspiration, 45. confusion, 46. depart, 47. ferocious, 48. ancient, 49. mass

50. recombinant cl__e *n.* a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation
51. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
52. mechanical ap_____ge *n.* a part attached to the main body or structure, often with a specific function or purpose; a limb or other body part that projects outward from the main body
53. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
54. arrive and de___t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
55. ex___d sales targets *v.* to surpass or go beyond a limit, expectation, or requirement; to be better or greater than anticipated or desired
56. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
57. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
58. robotic exo_____on *n.* a hard, external protective covering or framework that supports and gives shape to the body of an invertebrate animal, such as an insect or crab

ANSWERS: 50. clone, 51. giant, 52. appendage, 53. assume, 54. depart, 55. exceed, 56. universe, 57. attempt, 58. exoskeleton

59. h__n of a vehicle *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
60. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
61. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
62. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
63. a b__b of jelly *n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
64. w__p sting *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
65. a com_____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
66. c_y smile *adj.* deliberately shy, evasive, or modest, often in a way that is seen as flirtatious or coquettish; unwilling to commit to a course of action or express an opinion
67. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 59. horn, 60. fundamental, 61. portray, 62. involve, 63. blob, 64. wasp, 65. competitive, 66. coy, 67. mention

68. un_____ng effect *adj.* making someone lose courage or confidence, or feel nervous or frightened
69. gra_____er species *n.* large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality
70. 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
71. an ill_____ing answer *adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
72. a big b__b of yellow *n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
73. ill_____ing light *adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
74. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
75. dr__n excess liquid *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
76. the imp_____on in a crime *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
77. publicly dis_____ve *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
78. f__t from place to place *v.* to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect

ANSWERS: 68. unnerving, 69. grasshopper, 70. discovery, 71. illuminating, 72. blob, 73. illuminating, 74. attempt, 75. drain, 76. implication, 77. disapprove, 78. flit

79. no____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
80. web sp____r *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
81. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
82. sp_____te about the reason *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
83. deep-seated an_____ty *n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
84. sup_____ral beings *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
85. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
86. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
87. production of sp__m *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
88. come out of no____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
89. for_____le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

ANSWERS: 79. nowhere, 80. spider, 81. pause, 82. speculate, 83. animosity, 84. supernatural, 85. vary, 86. survey, 87. sperm, 88. nowhere, 89. formidable

90. newborn ki___n *n.* a young cat
91. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
92. popular si___m *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
93. in___t antenna *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
94. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
95. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
96. a_t bite *n.* a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups
97. cr_____t match *n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
98. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
99. pi__y about details *adj.* overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences
100. im_____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

ANSWERS: 90. kitten, 91. device, 92. sitcom, 93. insect, 94. flee, 95. consume, 96. ant, 97. cricket, 98. weigh, 99. picky, 100. imitate

101. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
102. po_____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
103. a h__e of activity *n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
104. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
105. ant_____ize animals *v.* to attribute human characteristics, emotions, and abilities to non-human entities
106. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
107. ex___d the speed limit *v.* to surpass or go beyond a limit, expectation, or requirement; to be better or greater than anticipated or desired
108. re__e existing knowledge *v.* to use something again or more than once
109. achieve a do_____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
110. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
111. re_____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

ANSWERS: 101. aspect, 102. portray, 103. hive, 104. normally, 105. anthropomorphize, 106. individual, 107. exceed, 108. reuse, 109. dominant, 110. defend, 111. reproduce

112. beneficial pol_____or
n. an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds
113. com_____ve position
adj. involving competition or competitiveness
114. j_w muscle
n. either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
115. la_____y mitigate the issue
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
116. pol_____or species
n. an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds
117. sp____t and the letter of the law
n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
118. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
119. su_____t that he is sick
v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
120. par_____al experience
adj. relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences

ANSWERS: 112. pollinator, 113. competitive, 114. jaw, 115. largely, 116. pollinator, 117. spirit, 118. estimate, 119. suspect, 120. paranormal

121. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
122. spiny ap_____ge *n.* a part attached to the main body or structure, often with a specific function or purpose; a limb or other body part that projects outward from the main body
123. vi_____n material *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
124. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
125. honeybees in h__es *n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
126. exo_____on suit *n.* a hard, external protective covering or framework that supports and gives shape to the body of an invertebrate animal, such as an insect or crab
127. di_____e to the associate *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
128. ra_____t corruption *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
129. stand mixer fitted with the paddle
att_____nt *n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something

ANSWERS: 121. medical, 122. appendage, 123. virgin, 124. cognitive, 125. hive, 126. exoskeleton, 127. dictate, 128. rampant, 129. attachment

130. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
131. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
132. can_____sm practice *n.* the practice of eating the flesh of other people or one's species; a behavior seen in certain animals, especially insects and arachnids, in which one individual consumes another of the same species
133. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
134. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
135. dr__n water from the swamp *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
136. b__e him with his stories *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
137. re__e the materials *v.* to use something again or more than once

ANSWERS: 130. drone, 131. consume, 132. cannibalism, 133. bush, 134. brain, 135. drain, 136. bore, 137. reuse

138. a pine cr____t *n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
139. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
140. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
141. fruit ne____r *n.* a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring
142. cr____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
143. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
144. in____t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
145. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
146. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
147. a star of the first ma_____de *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

ANSWERS: 138. cricket, 139. individual, 140. bush, 141. nectar, 142. creature, 143. essential, 144. insect, 145. survey, 146. stereotype, 147. magnitude

148. f__t away into the darkness *v.* to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect
149. va_____t types of pigeon *n.* something that is slightly different from others of the same type
150. ka_____d sound *n.* a giant, green or brown grasshopper-like insect with long antennae and wings, known for its distinctive sound produced by rubbing its legs together
151. par_____al phenomena *adj.* relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences
152. dr_____ly passing over the water *n.* a slender-bodied non-stinging insect having two pairs of large transparent wings that are outspread at rest
153. a white a_t *n.* a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups
154. get ne_____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
155. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
156. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

ANSWERS: 148. flit, 149. variant, 150. katydid, 151. paranormal, 152. dragonfly, 153. ant, 154. nervous, 155. pause, 156. maintain

157. ka____d habitat *n.* a giant, green or brown grasshopper-like insect with long antennae and wings, known for its distinctive sound produced by rubbing its legs together
158. the ma_____de of the disaster *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
159. st_____in teacher *n.* a person or thing that acts as a substitute, replacement, or temporary assistant for someone or something else; a double or understudy for a performer or actor
160. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
161. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
162. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
163. enter vi___n territory *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
164. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
165. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 157. katydid, 158. magnitude, 159. stand-in, 160. aggressive, 161. transfer, 162. chart, 163. virgin, 164. relative, 165. panel

166. a va_____t of the same word *n.* something that is slightly different from others of the same type
167. fe_____ze the female egg *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
168. w__p nest *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
169. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
170. in great co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
171. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
172. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
173. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
174. ne____r of the gods *n.* a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring
175. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

ANSWERS: 166. variant, 167. fertilize, 168. wasp, 169. mention, 170. confusion, 171. complicated, 172. vary, 173. medical, 174. nectar, 175. fiction

176. nu____l knot *adj.* relating to a wedding, marriage, or marital union; being used or done as part of a wedding ceremony
177. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
178. a handle of h__n *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
179. snatch victory from the j_ws of defeat *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
180. a be___e larva *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
181. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
182. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
183. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
184. ra_____t growth of weeds *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

ANSWERS: 176. nuptial, 177. participate, 178. horn, 179. jaw, 180. beetle, 181. norm, 182. universe, 183. complicated, 184. rampant

185. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
186. man with a low sp__m count *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
187. nu_____l vow *adj.* relating to a wedding, marriage, or marital union; being used or done as part of a wedding ceremony
188. nontechnical as____ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
189. plant a co____y *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
190. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
191. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
192. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
193. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
194. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
195. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
196. a co____y of bacteria *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

ANSWERS: 185. millennium, 186. sperm, 187. nuptial, 188. aspect, 189. colony, 190. conclude, 191. chart, 192. suspect, 193. confuse, 194. creature, 195. maintain, 196. colony

197. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
198. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
199. im_____e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
200. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
201. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
202. da___e in a hobby *v.* to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid
203. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
204. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
205. att_____nt to a formal plan *n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something
206. high po___n count *n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination

ANSWERS: 197. structure, 198. suppose, 199. imitate, 200. relative, 201. pound, 202. dabble, 203. pound, 204. spirit, 205. attachment, 206. pollen

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| 207. traditional me_____al | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 208. far_____ed expressions | <i>adj.</i> (of an idea or story) so exaggerated or ludicrous as to be very difficult to believe |
| 209. sup_____ral intuition | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws |
| 210. co_____de a meeting | <i>v.</i> to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning |
| 211. com_____on number | <i>n.</i> a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities |
| 212. tracking de____e | <i>n.</i> a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic |
| 213. dr_____ly larva | <i>n.</i> a slender-bodied non-stinging insect having two pairs of large transparent wings that are outspread at rest |
| 214. an_____t stories | <i>adj.</i> relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old |
| 215. source of ins_____on | <i>n.</i> something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity |
| 216. st_____re and function of the brain | <i>n.</i> the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts |

ANSWERS: 207. medicinal, 208. far-fetched, 209. supernatural, 210. conclude, 211. combination, 212. device, 213. dragonfly, 214. ancient, 215. inspiration, 216. structure

217. oc___y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
218. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
219. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
220. fe_____ze the soil *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
221. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
222. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
223. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
224. fe_____us predator *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
225. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
226. sp_____te on the outcome *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
227. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

ANSWERS: 217. occupy, 218. weigh, 219. compete, 220. fertilize, 221. brain, 222. nervous, 223. aggressive, 224. ferocious, 225. largely, 226. speculate, 227. stereotype

228. ap__d infestation *n.* a tiny insect that feeds on the sap of plants and can cause damage or diseases to plants, often found in large colonies
229. pr_____e any discussion *v.* to happen or go before something or someone in time or space
230. mil_____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
231. a sc__p of ice cream *n.* a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else
232. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
233. st__g me on the arm *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
234. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
235. si___m series *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
236. ap__d control *n.* a tiny insect that feeds on the sap of plants and can cause damage or diseases to plants, often found in large colonies

ANSWERS: 228. aphid, 229. precede, 230. millennium, 231. scoop, 232. giant, 233. sting, 234. manufacture, 235. sitcom, 236. aphid

237. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
238. notable in _____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
239. the imp_____on of a word *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
240. pa_____el processing *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
241. re_____ce the painting *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
242. as nu_____us as the sand *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
243. sp____r venom *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
244. use a st_____in in an exam *n.* a person or thing that acts as a substitute, replacement, or temporary assistant for someone or something else; a double or understudy for a performer or actor
245. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
246. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

ANSWERS: 237. compete, 238. instance, 239. implication, 240. parallel, 241. reproduce, 242. numerous, 243. spider, 244. stand-in, 245. essential, 246. norm

247. personal an_____ty

n. strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will

248. di_____e a letter to secretary

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

ANSWERS: 247. animosity, 248. dictate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company hired a _____ for the CEO for the shareholder meeting.
n. a person or thing that acts as a substitute, replacement, or temporary assistant for someone or something else; a double or understudy for a performer or actor

2. The man _____ before opening the door.
v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

3. The _____ song filled the warm summer night.
n. a giant, green or brown grasshopper-like insect with long antennae and wings, known for its distinctive sound produced by rubbing its legs together

4. We _____ a cease-fire.
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

5. They often _____ in new business ventures but only commit partially.
v. to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid

6. Truth is stranger than _____.
n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

7. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

8. The lecture was _____ and gave me a new perspective on the topic.
adj. making something clear or easy to understand; providing light

ANSWERS: 1. stand-in, 2. paused, 3. katydid's, 4. concluded, 5. dabble, 6. fiction, 7. suppose, 8. illuminating

9. A giant _____ flew into the room, and everyone panicked.
n. a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
10. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
11. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
12. The _____ spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.
n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
13. The male _____ fertilizes the female egg.
n. the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
14. The spider's _____ allowed it to climb up the wall easily.
n. a part attached to the main body or structure, often with a specific function or purpose; a limb or other body part that projects outward from the main body
15. Our world is in the third _____.
n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
16. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

ANSWERS: 9. wasp, 10. flee, 11. giant, 12. spider, 13. sperm, 14. appendage, 15. millennium, 16. stereotypes

17. Bees _____ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.
- v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
18. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
- v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
19. I am going to trim this _____ off.
- n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
20. The bride wore a stunning _____ gown on her wedding day.
- adj.* relating to a wedding, marriage, or marital union; being used or done as part of a wedding ceremony
21. The _____ declared its independence and became a republic.
- n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
22. Her company soon won a _____ market share.
- adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
23. The mountain range was a _____ obstacle for the hikers.
- adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
24. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
- adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

ANSWERS: 17. sting, 18. maintain, 19. bush, 20. nuptial, 21. colony, 22. dominant, 23. formidable, 24. complicated

25. The third _____ was far more successful.
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
26. I _____ of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.
v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
27. In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be _____.
adj. (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
28. The _____ leaped from one blade of grass to another.
n. large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality
29. A _____ of ink fell on the floor.
n. a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
30. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
31. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
32. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 25. attempt, 26. disapprove, 27. rampant, 28. grasshopper, 29. blob, 30. universe, 31. device, 32. confused

33. He is like an exact _____ of his brother.

n. a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation

34. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

n. a living being, especially an animal

35. These descriptions are based on a number of _____ assumptions.

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

36. The first _____ of the virus appeared in less than a month.

n. something that is slightly different from others of the same type

37. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

38. Bees are important _____ for many crops and plants.

n. an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds

39. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their _____ with beer.

n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

40. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

ANSWERS: 33. clone, 34. creature, 35. numerous, 36. variant, 37. largely, 38. pollinators, 39. horns, 40. inspiration

41. The supermarket encourages shoppers to _____ plastic bags.
v. to use something again or more than once
42. In ancient civilizations, the scarab _____ was worshiped as a sacred creature.
n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
43. The lecture on quantum physics _____ me to tears.
v. to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
44. The sound of the _____ chirping filled the air on a warm summer evening.
n. leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
45. The lion's _____ roar could be heard from miles away.
adj. very fierce, savage, or cruel
46. The young prince will soon _____ the throne.
v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
47. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
48. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 41. reuse, 42. beetle, 43. bored, 44. crickets, 45. ferocious, 46. occupy, 47. aspects, 48. fundamental

49. We can find many large ____ mounds in this area.

n. a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups

50. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

51. The _____ to the safe was a secret.

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

52. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

adv. usually; under normal conditions

53. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

54. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

55. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

56. My allergies flare up during _____ season, making it difficult to breathe.

n. a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination

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

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

ANSWERS: 49. ant, 50. cognitive, 51. combination, 52. normally, 53. weighs, 54. consume, 55. nervous, 56. pollen, 57. vary

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

adj. indispensable; fundamental

59. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

60. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

61. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

62. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

63. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

64. The _____ were eating all the leaves of my tomato plants.

n. a tiny insect that feeds on the sap of plants and can cause damage or diseases to plants, often found in large colonies

65. Having dental treatment was an _____ experience for me.

adj. making someone lose courage or confidence, or feel nervous or frightened

66. I have no _____ to the countryside.

n. a feeling of affection for someone or something

ANSWERS: 58. essential, 59. speculated, 60. estimated, 61. portray, 62. relatives, 63. defend, 64. aphids, 65. unnerving, 66. attachment

67. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

68. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

69. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

70. The butterfly would _____ from flower to flower, collecting nectar.

v. to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect

71. Agricultural development generally _____ economic growth.

v. to happen or go before something or someone in time or space

72. 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

73. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

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

74. The _____ of the crab protects it from predators and environmental changes.

n. a hard, external protective covering or framework that supports and gives shape to the body of an invertebrate animal, such as an insect or crab

ANSWERS: 67. compete, 68. panel, 69. instances, 70. flit, 71. precedes, 72. survey, 73. medical, 74. exoskeleton

75. Bees were buzzing around the _____

- n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

76. He dropped his ____ at the unexpected sight.

- n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

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

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

78. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

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

79. My _____ eater only likes to eat certain types of vegetables.

- adj.* overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences

80. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

81. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria _____.

- v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

82. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.

- v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

ANSWERS: 75. hive, 76. jaw, 77. individual, 78. assumes, 79. picky, 80. structure, 81. reproduce, 82. manufactured

83. The ____ mannerisms of the actress only added to her allure on and off the screen.
adj. deliberately shy, evasive, or modest, often in a way that is seen as flirtatious or coquettish; unwilling to commit to a course of action or express an opinion
84. I love to watch _____ when I need a good laugh.
n. a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
85. The children _____ their stuffed animals and gave them personalities.
v. to attribute human characteristics, emotions, and abilities to non-human entities
86. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
87. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
88. Push the button and let the water _____ away.
v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
89. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
90. This pie _____ represents our market share.
n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

ANSWERS: 83. coy, 84. sitcoms, 85. anthropomorphized, 86. medicinal, 87. pounds, 88. drain, 89. drone, 90. chart

91. Though his plan sounded _____ at first, he realized it anyway.

adj. (of an idea or story) so exaggerated or ludicrous as to be very difficult to believe

92. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

93. I caught a rare _____ in the mountains.

n. a slender-bodied non-stinging insect having two pairs of large transparent wings that are outspread at rest

94. The company's marketing team worked hard to get the _____ on what their target audience wanted.

n. a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else

95. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

96. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

97. His poem has a very significant _____.

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

98. The haunted house was said to be a hotspot for _____ activity.

adj. relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences

ANSWERS: 91. far-fetched, 92. imitated, 93. dragonfly, 94. scoop, 95. departed, 96. confusion, 97. implication, 98. paranormal

99. The tribe's religious rituals involved _____ of their enemies.
n. the practice of eating the flesh of other people or one's species; a behavior seen in certain animals, especially insects and arachnids, in which one individual consumes another of the same species
100. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
101. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
102. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
103. The _____ fur was so fluffy that it looked like it was always moving.
n. a young cat
104. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
105. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
106. The _____ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.
adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

ANSWERS: 99. cannibalism, 100. mass, 101. mentioned, 102. norms, 103. kitten's, 104. brain, 105. ancient, 106. supernatural

107. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
108. The _____ of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.
- n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
109. The allies _____ the terms of surrender to the country.
- v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
110. Within a few years, no _____ forests will remain.
- n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
111. The _____ of the flowers attracted many bees to the garden.
- n.* a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring
112. The athlete's performance _____ all expectations, breaking a world record.
- v.* to surpass or go beyond a limit, expectation, or requirement; to be better or greater than anticipated or desired
113. He walked a road _____ to the railroad.
- adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
114. These _____ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.
- n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

ANSWERS: 107. involves, 108. magnitude, 109. dictated, 110. virgin, 111. nectar, 112. exceeded, 113. parallel, 114. insects

115. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

116. The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to _____ a wife.

v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

117. The cops _____ him of being the killer.

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

118. 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

119. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

120. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

121. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

122. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

ANSWERS: 115. nowhere, 116. fertilize, 117. suspected, 118. discovery, 119. aggressive, 120. spirit, 121. transferred, 122. competitive

123. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

v. to take part in something

124. The _____ between the two political parties has only grown stronger over the years.

n. strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will

ANSWERS: 123. participated, 124. animosity