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Session 1: Word List

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym: banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym: congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

diplomacy

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

synonym : tact, negotiation, delicacy

(1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy**
Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

mandarin

n. an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China

synonym : Chinese, Beijing dialect

(1) ancient **mandarin** house, (2) **Mandarin** Chinese
Mandarin dialects typically have relatively few vowels.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors
In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

predict

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

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive
It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym : immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply
His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym : convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

recite

v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

synonym: repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article
He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,
(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

vocabulary

n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

synonym: lexicon, glossary, dictionary

(1) **vocabulary** list, (2) academic **vocabulary**

Using proper **vocabulary** is essential for writing a good essay.

grammar

n. the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

synonym: syntax, elements

(1) **grammar** checker, (2) Latin **grammar**

Mastering **grammar** takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.

acid

n. sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials

synonym: sour

(1) an **acid** reaction, (2) good source of essential amino **acids**

During pregnancy, the stomach generates less **acid** than usual.

marvelous

adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

synonym : wonderful, amazing, superb

(1) **marvelous** performance, (2) **marvelous** power

The view from the top of the mountain was **marvelous**.

entice

v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting

synonym : lure, tempt, attract

(1) **entice** foreign investment, (2) **entice** shoppers

The salesperson tried to **entice** the customer into buying a new car.

fraught

adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress

synonym : tense, anxious, stressed

(1) become increasingly **fraught**, (2) **fraught** with danger

The negotiations were **fraught** with challenges and setbacks.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

feminine

adj. relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women

synonym : womanly, womanlike, femalelike

(1) add a **feminine** touch, (2) the sacred **feminine**

The dress mixes sophisticated lines with an appealing floral design for a classically **feminine** style.

mesa

n. a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata

synonym : plateau, tableland, butte

(1) **mesa** formation, (2) flat-topped **mesa**

The ancient ruins sat atop the **mesa**, overlooking the valley below.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

opposed

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

synonym : anti, averse, hostile

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

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

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym : perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

microscope

n. an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye

synonym : lens, magnifier, eyepiece

(1) **microscope** slide, (2) electron **microscope**

I used an optical **microscope** to observe the small organisms in the water sample.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or

place

synonym: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

presume

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

synonym: assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

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

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

gradual

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

synonym: incremental, gradational, piecemeal

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

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

consensus

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

synonym: agreement, accord, harmony

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

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

darling

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

synonym : sweetheart, beloved, dear

(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**

My **darling** child, I love you so much.

obscure

adj. not well known to many people

synonym : esoteric, vague, unrecognized

(1) **obscure** answer, (2) **obscure** artist

This information was primarily **obscured** in the first release.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

flutter

v. to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth

synonym : flit, hover, wave

(1) **flutter** around finding, (2) a **flutter** of a bird

The butterfly **fluttered** its wings gracefully.

imbibe

v. to consume or absorb something, especially an alcoholic beverage; to accept ideas or information

synonym : drink, consume, absorb

(1) **imbibe** the idea, (2) **imbibe** alcohol

She **imbibed** the culture and traditions of the country during her visit.

doubtful

adj. uncertain or unlikely to happen

synonym : uncertain, questionable, unsure

(1) a book of **doubtful** authorship, (2) **doubtful** whether

It is **doubtful** that we will be able to finish the project on time.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade
She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity
synonym: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research
Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

illustration

n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
synonym: picture, diagram, explanation

(1) educational **illustration**, (2) **illustration** artist
The **illustration** in the book helped me understand the concept better.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little
synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

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

vibrant

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
synonym: animated, dynamic, deep

(1) a city **vibrant** with life, (2) variety of **vibrant** colors
A **vibrant** private sector is crucial for economic growth.

accent

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

synonym: articulation, inflection, pronunciation

(1) a foreign **accent**, (2) put the **accent** on comfort
She has a thick southern **accent**.

idiomatic

adj. relating to or using idioms, which are expressions or phrases peculiar to a particular language or dialect and may not be directly translatable; characteristic of the

natural or native style of a language

synonym : colloquial, vernacular, native

(1) **idiomatic** expression, (2) **idiomatic** language

Understanding the **idiomatic** usage of English words and phrases without context is challenging.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

husk

n. the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel

synonym : shell, covering, outer layer

(1) **husk** removal, (2) seed **husk**

The **husk** of the coconut was removed to reveal the fruit inside.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym : shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

complicated.

scrimmage

n. a practice game or informal competition, usually in sports such as football, rugby, or basketball, where players engage in simulated gameplay without the same level of formality as an official match; a rough or confused struggle or fight

synonym: competition, scuffle, tussle

(1) preseason **scrimmage**, (2) political **scrimmage**

During the football **scrimmage**, the players showed off their skills and strategies.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym: amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

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.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym: integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

dementia

n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

synonym: cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**

The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

multitasking

n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

synonym : juggling, multihandling, parallelism

(1) computer **multitasking**, (2) **multitasking** ability

She could finish all her work on time because of her **multitasking** skills.

bilingual

n. a person who speaks two languages fluently; (adjective) involving or relating to two languages or language groups

synonym : biliterate, bicultural

(1) **bilingual** community, (2) **bilingual** education

The company is looking for a **bilingual** customer service representative.

awful

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

synonym : terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

imperative

adj. very important or requiring attention or action

synonym : compulsory, binding, critical

(1) moral **imperative**, (2) **imperative** need

It is **imperative** for politicians to be effective communicators.

consonant

n. a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.

synonym : agreement, harmony, concord

(1) **consonant** blends, (2) a medial **consonant**

The **consonant** sounds at the beginning and end of the word made it easy to pronounce.

vowel

n. a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth

synonym : letter, sound, syllable

(1) **vowel** chart, (2) **vowel** combination

Please pronounce your name slowly and emphasize the **vowel** sounds.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

witch

n. a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

synonym : sorceress, enchantress, healer

(1) **witch** hunt, (2) **witch** trial

Many people in the medieval period believed in **witches** and their ability to cast spells.

tingle

v. to cause a stinging or prickling sensation; (noun) a feeling of slight numbness or a slight prickling or stinging sensation, typically as a result of cold or excitement

synonym : feel tickled, itch, prickle

(1) **tingle** up my spine, (2) **tingle** with anticipation

My nerves began to **tingle** before the show started.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym : expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

tub *n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
synonym : bathtub, bath, basin
(1) **tub** for foot soaking, (2) **tub** for washing
I like to take a long soak in the **tub** after a long day.

gorge *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
synonym : canyon, gully, ravine
(1) cast the **gorge**, (2) the **gorges** of the Yangtse River
We must pass through the narrow **gorge** with a stream running through it.

chew *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
synonym : masticate, crush, grind
(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum
My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

scooch *v.* to move or shift slightly or incrementally, often to make room for someone or something else; to slide or shift one's body or weight in a particular direction
synonym : move over, shuffle, slide
(1) **scooch** closer to her mother, (2) **scooch** my chair
I had to **scooch** over a bit to make room for my friend on the couch.

ooze *v.* to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily
synonym : flow, seep, drip
(1) **ooze** from the speakers, (2) **ooze** with confidence
The wound on his leg continued to **ooze** blood even after he applied pressure.

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**

diligent

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

synonym : active, engaged, assiduous

(1) a **diligent** person, (2) a **diligent** search of the files

The **diligent** detective investigated all clues.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

cassette

n. a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings

synonym : tape, cartridge, recording

(1) **cassette** tape, (2) **cassette** player

I found an old **cassette** with my favorite songs from the 80s.

antique

adj. very old and often valuable; from a bygone era

synonym : old, vintage, retro

(1) **antique** shop, (2) imitation **antique**

She has a collection of **antique** vases that she inherited from her grandparents.

sip

v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

synonym : taste, sample, drink

(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer
He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

bourbon

n. a type of American whiskey typically made from a mash primarily consisting of corn, known for its distinctive flavor and is legally required to be aged in new charred oak barrels

synonym : liquor, distillate

(1) **bourbon** barrel, (2) **bourbon** cocktail

He enjoyed a glass of fine **bourbon** after a long day at work.

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

synonym : advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading

We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

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**.

sophisticated

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

synonym : refined, cultured, worldly

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

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pr____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
2. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
3. cast the go__e *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
4. na___e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
5. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
6. a city vi_____t with life *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
7. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
8. get in_____t access *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
9. vi___e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

ANSWERS: 1. predict, 2. span, 3. gorge, 4. native, 5. finance, 6. vibrant, 7. suddenly, 8. instant, 9. virtue

10. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
11. a person of ge___s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
12. id_____ic expression *adj.* relating to or using idioms, which are expressions or phrases peculiar to a particular language or dialect and may not be directly translatable; characteristic of the natural or native style of a language
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14. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
15. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
16. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
17. do aw__l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
18. imp_____ve need *adj.* very important or requiring attention or action
19. de_____ia patients *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
20. en___e foreign investment *v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting

ANSWERS: 10. sophisticated, 11. genius, 12. idiomatic, 13. consensus, 14. psychology, 15. addition, 16. concept, 17. awful, 18. imperative, 19. dementia, 20. entice

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| 21. an in_____t reply | <i>adj.</i> happening immediately, with no delay |
| 22. wi__h trial | <i>n.</i> a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft |
| 23. computer mul_____ing | <i>n.</i> the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time |
| 24. electron mic_____pe | <i>n.</i> an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye |
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| 26. certain ex____t | <i>n.</i> the point or degree or area to which something extends |
| 27. principles of un_____al design | <i>adj.</i> existing or affecting everywhere or everyone |
| 28. co_____t research | <i>v.</i> to organize and carry out a particular activity |
| 29. par_____te fully in conversation | <i>v.</i> to take part in something |
| 30. put the ac____t on comfort | <i>n.</i> a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance |
| 31. ma_____us power | <i>adj.</i> causing wonder or astonishment; excellent |
| 32. increase sl_____ly | <i>adv.</i> in a small degree or extent; a little |

ANSWERS: 21. instant, 22. witch, 23. multitasking, 24. microscope, 25. awful, 26. extent, 27. universal, 28. conduct, 29. participate, 30. accent, 31. marvelous, 32. slightly

33. good source of essential amino
a__ds *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
34. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
35. the art of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
36. educational ill_____ion *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
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38. have a da_____g baby *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
39. im___e alcohol *v.* to consume or absorb something, especially an alcoholic beverage; to accept ideas or information
40. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
41. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 33. acid, 34. chew, 35. diplomacy, 36. illustration, 37. degree, 38. darling, 39. imbibe, 40. translate, 41. accident

42. add a fe_____ne touch *adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
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50. wi__h hunt *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft
51. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

ANSWERS: 42. feminine, 43. consonant, 44. genius, 45. concept, 46. gorge, 47. darling, 48. consensus, 49. scooch, 50. witch, 51. roll

52. imitation an____e *adj.* very old and often valuable; from a bygone era
53. take a s_p of beer *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
54. 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
55. pr_____e innocence *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
56. ca_____te player *n.* a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings
57. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
58. o__e from the speakers *v.* to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily
59. noun ph____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
60. bo_____n cocktail *n.* a type of American whiskey typically made from a mash primarily consisting of corn, known for its distinctive flavor and is legally required to be aged in new charred oak barrels

ANSWERS: 52. antique, 53. sip, 54. fiction, 55. presume, 56. cassette, 57. communicate, 58. ooze, 59. phrase, 60. bourbon

61. the sacred fe_____ne *adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
62. 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
63. ob_____e answer *adj.* not well known to many people
64. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
65. academic voc_____ry *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
66. ancient ma_____in house *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
67. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
68. ob_____e artist *adj.* not well known to many people
69. Ar____c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 61. feminine, 62. hive, 63. obscure, 64. finance, 65. vocabulary, 66. mandarin, 67. slightly, 68. obscure, 69. Arabic

70. ma_____us performance *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
71. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
72. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
73. a medial co_____nt *n.* a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.
74. bo_____n barrel *n.* a type of American whiskey typically made from a mash primarily consisting of corn, known for its distinctive flavor and is legally required to be aged in new charred oak barrels
75. im_____e the idea *v.* to consume or absorb something, especially an alcoholic beverage; to accept ideas or information
76. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
77. bi_____al community *n.* a person who speaks two languages fluently; (adjective) involving or relating to two languages or language groups
78. 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: 70. marvelous, 71. universal, 72. addition, 73. consonant, 74. bourbon, 75. imbibe, 76. traffic, 77. bilingual, 78. fiction

79. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
80. seed h__k *n.* the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel
81. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
82. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
83. flat-topped m__a *n.* a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata
84. bi_____al education *n.* a person who speaks two languages fluently; (adjective) involving or relating to two languages or language groups
85. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
86. become increasingly fr_____t *adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
87. political sc_____ge *n.* a practice game or informal competition, usually in sports such as football, rugby, or basketball, where players engage in simulated gameplay without the same level of formality as an official match; a rough or confused struggle or fight
88. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 79. worldview, 80. husk, 81. sophisticated, 82. translate, 83. mesa, 84. bilingual, 85. communicate, 86. fraught, 87. scrimmage, 88. process

89. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
90. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
91. t_b for foot soaking *n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
92. ti___e up my spine *v.* to cause a stinging or prickling sensation; (noun) a feeling of slight numbness or a slight prickling or stinging sensation, typically as a result of cold or excitement
93. moral imp_____ve *adj.* very important or requiring attention or action
94. the language of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
95. a book of do_____ul authorship *adj.* uncertain or unlikely to happen
96. sc___h my chair *v.* to move or shift slightly or incrementally, often to make room for someone or something else; to slide or shift one's body or weight in a particular direction
97. preseason sc_____ge *n.* a practice game or informal competition, usually in sports such as football, rugby, or basketball, where players engage in simulated gameplay without the same level of formality as an official match; a rough or confused struggle or fight

ANSWERS: 89. degree, 90. chew, 91. tub, 92. tingle, 93. imperative, 94. diplomacy, 95. doubtful, 96. scooch, 97. scrimmage

98. acquire a vi___e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
99. t_b for washing *n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
100. absolutely op____d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
101. Ma_____in Chinese *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
102. a foreign ac___t *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
103. two op____d characters *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
104. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
105. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
106. probably have de_____ia *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
107. o__e with confidence *v.* to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily

ANSWERS: 98. virtue, 99. tub, 100. opposed, 101. mandarin, 102. accent, 103. opposed, 104. psychology, 105. roll, 106. dementia, 107. ooze

108. voc_____ry list *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
109. fr_____t with danger *adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
110. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
111. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
112. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
113. an a__d reaction *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
114. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
115. a di_____nt search of the files *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
116. Ar___c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 108. vocabulary, 109. fraught, 110. predict, 111. gradual, 112. span, 113. acid, 114. recommend, 115. diligent, 116. Arabic

117. mic_____pe slide *n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye
118. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
119. en___e shoppers *v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
120. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
121. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
122. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
123. variety of vi_____t colors *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
124. re___e a charm *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
125. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
126. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
127. h__k removal *n.* the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel

ANSWERS: 117. microscope, 118. phrase, 119. entice, 120. accident, 121. trump, 122. conduct, 123. vibrant, 124. recite, 125. shadow, 126. suddenly, 127. husk

128. re___e a long list of the article *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
129. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
130. fl_____r around finding *v.* to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
131. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
132. pr_____e on his tolerance *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
133. vo__l chart *n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth

ANSWERS: 128. recite, 129. shadow, 130. flutter, 131. process, 132. presume, 133. vowel

134. s_p a drink *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
135. a di_____nt person *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
136. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
137. gr_____r checker *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
138. 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
139. id_____ic language *adj.* relating to or using idioms, which are expressions or phrases peculiar to a particular language or dialect and may not be directly translatable; characteristic of the natural or native style of a language
140. ca_____te tape *n.* a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings
141. a fl_____r of a bird *v.* to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
142. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

ANSWERS: 134. sip, 135. diligent, 136. participate, 137. grammar, 138. hive, 139. idiomatic, 140. cassette, 141. flutter, 142. native

143. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
144. m__a formation *n.* a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata
145. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
146. the ex___t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
147. ti___e with anticipation *v.* to cause a stinging or prickling sensation; (noun) a feeling of slight numbness or a slight prickling or stinging sensation, typically as a result of cold or excitement
148. an_____e shop *adj.* very old and often valuable; from a bygone era
149. vo__l combination *n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth
150. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
151. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 143. worldview, 144. mesa, 145. trump, 146. extent, 147. tingle, 148. antique, 149. vowel, 150. recommend, 151. traffic

152. a gr____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
153. Latin gr____r *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
154. ill_____ion artist *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
155. mul_____ing ability *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
156. do____ul whether *adj.* uncertain or unlikely to happen

ANSWERS: 152. gradual, 153. grammar, 154. illustration, 155. multitasking, 156. doubtful

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

2. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

3. She could finish all her work on time because of her _____ skills.
n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

4. I used an optical _____ to observe the small organisms in the water sample.
n. an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye

5. It is _____ that we will be able to finish the project on time.
adj. uncertain or unlikely to happen

6. She has a collection of _____ vases that she inherited from her grandparents.
adj. very old and often valuable; from a bygone era

7. The butterfly _____ its wings gracefully.
v. to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth

ANSWERS: 1. degree, 2. traffic, 3. multitasking, 4. microscope, 5. doubtful, 6. antique, 7. fluttered

8. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

9. The dress mixes sophisticated lines with an appealing floral design for a classically _____ style.

adj. relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women

10. The company is looking for a _____ customer service representative.

n. a person who speaks two languages fluently; (adjective) involving or relating to two languages or language groups

11. Understanding the _____ usage of English words and phrases without context is challenging.

adj. relating to or using idioms, which are expressions or phrases peculiar to a particular language or dialect and may not be directly translatable; characteristic of the natural or native style of a language

12. He _____ his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

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

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

14. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 8. native, 9. feminine, 10. bilingual, 11. idiomatic, 12. sipped, 13. process, 14. addition,

15. It is _____ for politicians to be effective communicators.

adj. very important or requiring attention or action

16. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

17. We must pass through the narrow _____ with a stream running through it.

n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

18. This information was primarily _____ in the first release.

adj. not well known to many people

19. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

20. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

21. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

22. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

23. During the football _____ the players showed off their skills and strategies.

n. a practice game or informal competition, usually in sports such as football, rugby, or basketball, where players engage in simulated gameplay without the same level of formality as an official match; a rough or confused struggle or fight

ANSWERS: 15. imperative, 16. Arabic, 17. gorge, 18. obscured, 19. extent, 20. slightly, 21. universal, 22. trump, 23. scrimmage,

24. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
25. The _____ in the book helped me understand the concept better.
- n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
26. The salesperson tried to _____ the customer into buying a new car.
- v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
27. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
28. Mozart was a musical _____.
- n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
29. I found an old _____ with my favorite songs from the 80s.
- n.* a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings
30. 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
31. We _____ taking media training every six months.
- v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

ANSWERS: 24. finance, 25. illustration, 26. entice, 27. predict, 28. genius, 29. cassette, 30. hive, 31. recommend

32. A _____ private sector is crucial for economic growth.
adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
33. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language
34. The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of _____ in older age.
n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
35. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
36. Please pronounce your name slowly and emphasize the _____ sounds.
n. a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth
37. _____ dialects typically have relatively few vowels.
n. an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
38. The ancient ruins sat atop the _____ overlooking the valley below.
n. a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata
39. I _____ you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.
v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

ANSWERS: 32. vibrant, 33. Translate, 34. dementia, 35. participated, 36. vowel, 37. Mandarin, 38. mesa, 39. presume

40. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
41. The negotiations were _____ with challenges and setbacks.
adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
42. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
v. to organize and carry out a particular activity
43. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.
adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
44. He could _____ all of Shakespeare's works.
v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
45. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
46. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
47. The view from the top of the mountain was _____.
adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
48. The wound on his leg continued to _____ blood even after he applied pressure.
v. to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily

ANSWERS: 40. accident, 41. fraught, 42. conduct, 43. sophisticated, 44. recite, 45. communicate, 46. span, 47. marvelous, 48. ooze

49. I had to _____ over a bit to make room for my friend on the couch.
- v.* to move or shift slightly or incrementally, often to make room for someone or something else; to slide or shift one's body or weight in a particular direction
50. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.
- adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
51. Many people in the medieval period believed in _____ and their ability to cast spells.
- n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft
52. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
53. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.
- adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
54. Who answers _____ knows little.
- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
55. The two parties have reached a _____.
- n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
56. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
- n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

ANSWERS: 49. scooch, 50. gradual, 51. witches, 52. concept, 53. awful, 54. suddenly, 55. consensus, 56. shadow

57. During pregnancy, the stomach generates less _____ than usual.
- n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
58. I like to take a long soak in the ____ after a long day.
- n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
59. She had many good _____ and few faults.
- n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
60. 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
61. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing _____.
- n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
62. She had a master's degree in _____.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
63. The _____ detective investigated all clues.
- adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
64. He enjoyed a glass of fine _____ after a long day at work.
- n.* a type of American whiskey typically made from a mash primarily consisting of corn, known for its distinctive flavor and is legally required to be aged in new charred oak barrels

ANSWERS: 57. acid, 58. tub, 59. virtues, 60. fiction, 61. worldviews, 62. psychology, 63. diligent, 64. bourbon

65. Mastering _____ takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.
n. the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
66. The _____ of the coconut was removed to reveal the fruit inside.
n. the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel
67. Effective _____ is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.
n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
68. My _____ child, I love you so much.
n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
69. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
70. She _____ the culture and traditions of the country during her visit.
v. to consume or absorb something, especially an alcoholic beverage; to accept ideas or information
71. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.
adj. happening immediately, with no delay
72. The _____ sounds at the beginning and end of the word made it easy to pronounce.
n. a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.

ANSWERS: 65. grammar, 66. husk, 67. diplomacy, 68. darling, 69. rolled, 70. imbibed, 71. instant, 72. consonant

73. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

74. She has a thick southern _____.

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

75. Using proper _____ is essential for writing a good essay.

n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

76. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.

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

77. My dog loves to _____ on bones.

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

78. My nerves began to _____ before the show started.

v. to cause a stinging or prickling sensation; (noun) a feeling of slight numbness or a slight prickling or stinging sensation, typically as a result of cold or excitement

ANSWERS: 73. phrase, 74. accent, 75. vocabulary, 76. opposed, 77. chew, 78. tingle