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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym*: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

### cologne

*n.* a perfumed liquid typically made from essential oils and alcohol and used to give a pleasant scent to the body or living space

*synonym*: perfume, scent, fragrance

(1) **cologne** smell, (2) **cologne** bottle

He brought back a bottle of **cologne** from France as a souvenir.

### opera

*n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

*synonym*: musical, operetta, oratorio

(1) ballad **opera**, (2) **opera** performance

She loves going to the **opera** house and hearing the beautiful music.

## auditorium

*n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

*synonym*: hall, theater, amphitheater

(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex

The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

## dim

*adj.* poorly lit; not bright

*synonym*: dull, faint, weak

(1) **dim** and distant past, (2) **dim** memory

The **dim** light made it difficult to read the book.

## glow

*v.* to give out a steady, strong light

*synonym*: shine, radiate, beam

(1) **glow** a pale orange, (2) **glow** gold in the light

The sun was setting, and the sky **glowed** with beautiful colors.

## emergency

*n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

*synonym*: crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

## exciting

*adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

*synonym*: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

## concert

*n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

*synonym*: gig, musical, show

(1) have a **concert** again, (2) a benefit **concert**

This artist always packs the **concert** halls.

## promoter

*n.* a person or organization that helps to promote or publicize something, such as an event, product, or idea

*synonym* : advocate, champion, supporter

(1) event **promoter**, (2) **promoter** gene

She was hired as a product **promoter** to advertise the company's products.

## persuade

*v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

*synonym* : convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

## jazz

*n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

*synonym* : swing, blues, bebop

(1) **jazz** club, (2) a school **jazz** band

He listened to **jazz** music to relax after a long day at work.

## rehearsal

*n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

*synonym* : practice, run-through, drill

(1) dress **rehearsal**, (2) music **rehearsal**

The theater company had its final **rehearsal** before opening night.

## introduction

*n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

*synonym* : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

## instrument

*n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

*synonym* : apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

## wary

*adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

*synonym* : cautious, suspicious, leery

(1) a **wary** statesman, (2) **wary** of marriage

She was **wary** of meeting new people because of past experiences.

## mutter

*v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath

*synonym* : grumble, mumble, complain

(1) **mutter** in a low voice, (2) **mutter** to myself

He **muttered** under his breath about the job relocation.

## harsh

*adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

*synonym* : brutal, severe, backbreaking

(1) **harsh** climate, (2) use of **harsh** chemicals

The prime minister faced **harsh** criticism.

## tin

*n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes

*synonym* : can, container, receptacle

(1) **tin** can, (2) **tin** foil

The roof of the old shed was made of rusty **tin**.

## **stick**

*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

*synonym* : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

## **pedal**

*n.* a foot-operated lever or control, especially one used to control a vehicle, machine, or musical instrument

*synonym* : treadle, accelerator

(1) clutch **pedal**, (2) piano **pedal**

He pressed the **pedal** with all his might, but the car still wouldn't start.

## **volume**

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

*synonym* : capacity, amount, intensity

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

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

## **replacement**

*n.* the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another

*synonym* : alternate, substitute, backup

(1) regular **replacement** of tires, (2) **replacement** cost

We demand his **replacement**.

## **beg**

*v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

*synonym* : plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

## cancel

v. to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place

*synonym*: abort, invalidate, annul

(1) **cancel** a class, (2) **cancel** a free subscription trial

When customers **cancel** their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.

## bedraggle

v. to make something or someone wet, dirty, and limp by dragging it through mud or water; to become soaked, dirty, and limp in this way

*synonym*: drench, soak, wet

(1) **bedraggle** the flowers, (2) **bedraggle** hair

I got caught in the rain, and my clothes were completely **bedraggled**.

## drench

v. to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet

*synonym*: soak, saturate, immerse

(1) **drench** with sweat, (2) **drench** the soil with fertilizer

The storm last night **drenched** everything in the yard, leaving puddles everywhere.

## pity

n. a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain

*synonym*: sympathy, compassion, mercy

(1) allow self- **pity**, (2) **pity** speech

It is a **pity** that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.

## magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

*synonym*: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

## keyboard

*n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work

*synonym* : console, piano

(1) numeric **keyboard**, (2) **keyboard** instruments

Please strike the "enter" on the **keyboard**.

## soothe

*v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable

*synonym* : calm, relax, comfort

(1) **soothe** anxiety, (2) **soothe** a baby to sleep

She applied aloe vera to **soothe** her sunburn.

## ambient

*adj.* relating to the immediate surroundings of something; creating a particular atmosphere or mood, often through sound or lighting

*synonym* : atmospheric, surrounding, encompassing

(1) **ambient** temperature, (2) **ambient** air pollution

The **ambient** lighting in the restaurant created a cozy and romantic atmosphere.

## rumble

*v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound

*synonym* : roar, growl, grumble

(1) **rumble** an order, (2) **rumble** down the dirt track

The thunder **rumbled** in the distance.

## repetition

*n.* the act of doing or saying something many times

*synonym* : duplication, iteration, recurrence

(1) **repetition** of the word, (2) habitual **repetition**

**Repetition** is the mother of all learning.

## riff

*v.* to play a short, repeated, tuneful phrase, often used in jazz and rock; to improvise or go off on a humorous tangent; (noun) a short, repeated, tuneful phrase

(1) rock 'n' roll **riff**, (2) **riff** off the audience's reactions

She began to **riff** on the theme of love lost in her poetry.

**bass**

*n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

*synonym* : low-pitch, resonance

(1) **bass** guitar, (2) **bass** fisherman

The **bass** in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.

**twist**

*v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape

*synonym* : wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel

He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

**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**.

**desperately**

*adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

*synonym* : urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

**row**

*n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

*synonym* : line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees

He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

**electrify**

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym* : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process



The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## peaceful

*adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war

*synonym*: friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

## dynamic

*adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

*synonym*: energetic, active, vital

(1) a **dynamic** market, (2) **dynamic** person

The sprinter has a **dynamic** way of running.

## solo

*adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone

*synonym*: alone

(1) a **solo** vocal recital, (2) a **solo** flight

I would love to **solo** camping someday.

## mess

*n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

*synonym*: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

## embrace

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

*synonym*: grasp, hold tightly, accept

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

The woods **embrace** the house.

## soar

*v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

*synonym*: fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights  
The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

## initial

*adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

*synonym*: basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

## instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym*: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## remotely

*adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

*synonym*: distantly, remotely, slightly

(1) **remotely** operate, (2) control **remotely**

The company can **remotely** access its employees' computers for troubleshooting purposes.

## overcome

*v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

*synonym*: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

## unnecessary

*adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important

*synonym*: redundant, extra, superfluous

(1) **unnecessary** expense, (2) **unnecessary** hassle

The extra steps in the process were deemed **unnecessary** and removed to streamline production.

## hurdle

*n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

*synonym*: obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

## appreciation

*n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

*synonym*: recognition, admiration, esteem

(1) express my **appreciation**, (2) **appreciation** for diversity

The artist received a lot of **appreciation** for his latest work.

## unexpected

*adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

*synonym*: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

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

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

## advantage

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

*synonym*: benefit, edge, asset

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

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

## 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.

## psychology

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

## complexity

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

*synonym*: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

## 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.

## difficulty

*n.* a condition or state that causes problems

*synonym*: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

## obstacle

*n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

*synonym*: hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance

The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

## improve

*v.* to make or become better

*synonym*: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

## reform

*n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

*synonym*: change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

## handout

*n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need

*synonym*: contribution, aid, brochure

(1) plead for **handouts**, (2) three-page **handout**

All those eligible will receive financial **handouts**.

## straightforward

*adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

*synonym*: honest, candid, forthright

(1) **straightforward** manner, (2) make a **straightforward** dash

The defendant gave a **straightforward** and accurate description of the accident.

## intense

*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

*synonym*: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

## zest

*n.* enthusiasm, energy, or excitement; a quality that makes something enjoyable or interesting; the outer layer of citrus fruit which can be used to flavor food

*synonym*: enthusiasm, liveliness, gusto

(1) **zest** for life, (2) lemon **zest**

He discovered a new **zest** for running after completing a 10k race.

## bounce

*v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

*synonym*: bound, leap, spring

(1) **bounce** across the floor, (2) **bounce** back from failure  
They will **bounce** between various emotional states.

## comic

*adj.* funny and making you laugh

*synonym*: amusing, funny, humorous

(1) **comic** books, (2) a **comic** hat

The novel is **comic** and tragic.

## ugly

*adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

*synonym*: unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

## font

*n.* a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen

*synonym*: typeface, typography, lettering

(1) **font** size, (2) script **font**

I changed the **font** on my resume to make it more visually appealing.

## semester

*n.* one of the periods that the school or university divided into, especially in the US and Australia; a half-year term

(1) end of the **semester**, (2) during the **semester** breaks

We must complete all of these courses in the following **semester**.

## interpret

*v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

*synonym*: decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

## undergraduate

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

*synonym*: college student, freshman

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

## filter

*n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

*synonym* : strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

## conversation

*n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

*synonym* : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

## struggle

*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

*synonym* : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

## external

*adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

*synonym* : outside, exterior, foreign

(1) **external** factors, (2) **external** commerce

When a company discloses information to the market, an **external** auditor verifies them.

## constantly

*adv.* all the time

*synonym* : continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly**

varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

## interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

*synonym*: disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

## sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

*synonym*: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

## essay

n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

*synonym*: paper, commentary, report

(1) score the SAT **essays**, (2) thoughtful **essay**

The Chief editor checks all **essays** for plagiarism with software.

## disadvantage

n. a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

*synonym*: detriment, drawback, (verb) disfavor

(1) the **disadvantage** of a plan, (2) **disadvantage** small businesses

A lack of education can be a significant **disadvantage** in today's job market.

## achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

*synonym*: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.



**vast**

*adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

*synonym* : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

**creative**

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

*synonym* : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

**milestone**

*n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances

*synonym* : landmark, turning point, touchstone

(1) key **milestone**, (2) **milestone** event

Reaching the **milestone** of 1000 subscribers on her SNS channel was a major achievement for her.

**novel**

*n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

*synonym* : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

**release**

*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

*synonym* : free, let go, discharge

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

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

**distract**

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

*synonym* : divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public

opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

## grist

*n.* grain that has been ground into flour or meal; any useful material or information that can be processed or utilized

*synonym* : wheat, grain, corn

(1) **grist** for the debate, (2) grinding **grist**

The mill ground the wheat into a **grist** to make flour.

## 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.

## jet

*n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

*synonym* : plane, aircraft, flier

(1) private **jet**, (2) commercial **jet**

The **jet** flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

## engine

*n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

*synonym* : motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

## variable

*adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

*synonym* : erratic, inconsistent, irregular

(1) a **variable** species, (2) a dependent **variable**

Rainfall in the tropics is highly **variable**.

## temperature

*n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place  
*synonym* : climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric **temperature**

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

## dimension

*n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

*synonym* : extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

## prototype

*n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

*synonym* : mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

## tweak

*v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

*synonym* : nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

## marginal

*adj.* of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective

*synonym* : fringy, peripheral, borderline

(1) **marginal** note, (2) **marginal** cost

The company's profits have only been **marginal** this year, but they're hoping for a better year.

## eventually

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

*synonym* : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed  
The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

## implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

*synonym* : execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

## cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

*synonym* : revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

## optimize

v. to make the best or most effective use of something

*synonym* : advance, amend, improve

(1) **optimize** a process, (2) **optimize** control for cooling

The essence of economics is to **optimize** the allocation of limited resources.

## random

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

*synonym* : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

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

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

## 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.

### **crazy**

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

*synonym*: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

### **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.

### **robust**

*adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

*synonym*: healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

### **colleague**

*n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

*synonym*: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

### **murder**

*n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

*synonym*: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

### **mystery**

*n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution

of a crime or a puzzle

*synonym* : enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

## dossier

*n.* a collection or file of documents, information, or records compiled about a particular person, subject, or event, often used for investigative or background purposes

*synonym* : file, record, folder

(1) confidential **dossier**, (2) compile a **dossier** on the suspect

The detective examined the **dossier** of evidence, trying to piece together the case details.

## alibi

*n.* a claim or piece of evidence that shows an individual was elsewhere at the time a crime or offense was committed and thus could not have been involved

*synonym* : excuse, defense, justification

(1) airtight **alibi**, (2) provide an **alibi**

The suspect claimed to have an **alibi** at the time of the crime, but the evidence proved otherwise.

## witness

*n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

*synonym* : onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**

The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

## 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.

## committed

*adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

*synonym* :

devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

## experiment

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

*synonym*: experimentation, investigation

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

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym*: apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

## accommodate

*v.* to provide someone with a place to live or to be stored in; to make fit for or to change to suit a new purpose

*synonym*: house, rent, adjust

(1) **accommodate** a person with money, (2) **accommodate** these needs

This large SUV **accommodates** eight people.

## awkward

*adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

*synonym*: embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation difficult.

## leap

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

*synonym*: jump, bound, hop

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

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

## complacent

*adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes

*synonym*: content, satisfied, self-satisfied

(1) **complacent** attitude, (2) **complacent** with past successes

He became **complacent** in his job and stopped trying to improve.

## doubt

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

*synonym*: distrust, suspect, mistrust

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

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

## exemplify

*v.* to serve as a typical example of something

*synonym*: illustrate, show, demonstrate

(1) **exemplify** the importance, (2) **exemplify** the solution

The example of a successful startup serves to **exemplify** the potential of the industry.

## disrupt

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

*synonym*: interrupt, disturb, break into

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

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

## resist

*v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

*synonym*: fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.



## background

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

*synonym*: ground, experience, backdrop

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

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

## compose

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

*synonym*: compile, constitute, build

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

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

## brilliant

*adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

*synonym*: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

## catalyst

*n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

*synonym*: accelerator, stimulant, motivation

(1) a **catalyst** in the process of hydrolysis, (2) **catalyst** for reform

The global financial crisis acted as a **catalyst** to unite the country.

## hero

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

*synonym*: champion, protagonist, savior

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

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is

considered a national **hero**.

## remarkable

*adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

*synonym*: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

## deck

*n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

*synonym*: platform, veranda, patio

(1) **deck** chairs, (2) hands on **deck**

She sat on the ship's **deck**, watching the sunset over the ocean.

## oblique

*adj.* not straightforward or direct in action or speech; having a slanting or sloping direction or position

*synonym*: slanted, angled, tilted

(1) **oblique** angle, (2) **oblique** reference

The painter used **oblique** lines to create a sense of depth in the artwork.

## strategy

*n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

*synonym*: approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

## develop

*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

*synonym*: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow

and increase efficiency.

## studio

*n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

*synonym*: workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

## instruction

*n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

*synonym*: education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

## swap

*v.* to give something and receive something in trade

*synonym*: exchange, switch, trade

(1) **swap** seats, (2) **swap** columns with rows

Don't **swap** horses while crossing a stream.

## embarrass

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

*synonym*: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

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

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

## amplify

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

*synonym*: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

## destructive

*adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

*synonym*: destroying, harmful, disastrous

(1) lead to **destructive** behavior, (2) a habit **destructive** to health

It was the most **destructive** storm in decades.

## unpredictable

*adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

*synonym*: uncertain, variable, random

(1) dangerously **unpredictable** person, (2) **unpredictable** outcome

The weather in this region is often **unpredictable**, with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

## incorporate

*v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity

*synonym*: contain, integrate, amalgamate

(1) **incorporate** the current trends, (2) **incorporate** technology into daily life

We will attempt to **incorporate** some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

## frustrate

*v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

*synonym*: hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

## lodge

*n.* a small country house where people stay when they want to participate in outdoor activities; (verb) officially present a complaint, appeal, claim, etc. to the appropriate authorities

*synonym*: clubhouse, inn, (verb) file

(1) **lodged** a complaint against him, (2) a ski **lodge**

The final decision should be **lodged** with the chairman.

## origin

*n.* the first existence or beginning of something

*synonym*: root, source, ancestor

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

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

## checklist

*n.* a list of items, tasks, or points to be considered or acted upon, used as a reminder and to ensure that all necessary steps have been taken

*synonym*: inventory, list, roll call

(1) **checklist** for evaluating, (2) audit **checklist**

I made a **checklist** of things to do before my vacation.

## messy

*adj.* disorganized and untidy

*synonym*: cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

## settle

*v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

*synonym*: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

## troublesome

*adj.* causing difficulty or annoyance for someone

*synonym*: disconcerting, unsettling, upsetting

(1) undertake a **troublesome** task, (2) **troublesome** behavior

He had to resolve a **troublesome** event that happened unexpectedly

## entirely

*adv.* completely

*synonym*: completely, fully, totally

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

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

## willpower

*n.* the control exerted to do something or restrain impulses

*synonym*: determination, resolve, self-discipline

(1) demonstrate **willpower**, (2) lack of **willpower**

With strong **willpower** and determination, he could quit smoking for good.

## flip

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

*synonym*: throw, jump

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

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

## guilt

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

*synonym*: regret, remorse, blame

(1) criminal **guilt**, (2) feeling of **guilt**

Shame and **guilt** have significant social influences.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. z\_\_t for life *n.* enthusiasm, energy, or excitement; a quality that makes something enjoyable or interesting; the outer layer of citrus fruit which can be used to flavor food
2. overcome hu\_\_\_es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
3. su\_\_\_\_\_t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
4. script f\_\_t *n.* a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen
5. mu\_\_\_r to myself *v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath
6. the degree of dif\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
7. app\_\_\_\_\_ion for diversity *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
8. musical ins\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
9. music re\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

ANSWERS: 1. zest, 2. hurdle, 3. suspect, 4. font, 5. mutter, 6. difficulty, 7. appreciation, 8. instrument, 9. rehearsal

10. airtight al\_\_i *n.* a claim or piece of evidence that shows an individual was elsewhere at the time a crime or offense was committed and thus could not have been involved
11. em\_\_\_\_\_ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
12. rem\_\_\_\_\_le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
13. unn\_\_\_\_\_ry expense *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important
14. und\_\_\_\_\_ate course *n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
15. lack of wi\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* the control exerted to do something or restrain impulses
16. a criminal bac\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
17. 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
18. s\_\_r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

ANSWERS: 10. alibi, 11. embarrass, 12. remarkable, 13. unnecessary, 14. undergraduate, 15. willpower, 16. background, 17. process, 18. soar



19. di\_\_\_\_\_ct public opinion      *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
20. a ro\_\_\_\_t appetite      *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
21. ballad op\_\_a      *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
22. my\_\_\_\_\_y novel      *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
23. undertake a tro\_\_\_\_\_me task      *adj.* causing difficulty or annoyance for someone
24. a dependent va\_\_\_\_\_le      *adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed
25. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l change      *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
26. a warm em\_\_\_\_\_e      *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
27. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process      *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 19. distract, 20. robust, 21. opera, 22. mystery, 23. troublesome, 24. variable, 25. gradual, 26. embrace, 27. electrify

28. gas fi\_\_\_r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
29. the atmospheric tem\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
30. ac\_\_\_\_\_e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
31. pe\_\_\_\_\_de enough people *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
32. strong and co\_\_\_\_\_ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
33. criminal gu\_\_t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
34. st\_\_\_\_\_le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
35. di\_\_\_\_\_t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
36. mi\_\_\_\_\_ne event *n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances

ANSWERS: 28. filter, 29. temperature, 30. achieve, 31. persuade, 32. committed, 33. guilt, 34. struggle, 35. disrupt, 36. milestone

37. d\_m and distant past *adj.* poorly lit; not bright
38. ob\_\_\_\_e angle *adj.* not straightforward or direct in action or speech; having a slanting or sloping direction or position
39. have a co\_\_\_\_t again *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
40. a co\_\_c hat *adj.* funny and making you laugh
41. confidential do\_\_\_\_r *n.* a collection or file of documents, information, or records compiled about a particular person, subject, or event, often used for investigative or background purposes
42. ob\_\_\_\_le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
43. high vo\_\_\_\_e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
44. unp\_\_\_\_ble outcome *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
45. an u\_\_y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
46. b\_\_s fisherman *n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
47. criminal on death r\_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
48. develop in\_\_\_\_e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 37. dim, 38. oblique, 39. concert, 40. comic, 41. dossier, 42. obstacle, 43. volume, 44. unpredictable, 45. ugly, 46. bass, 47. row, 48. intense

49. s\_\_r to new heights      *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
50. tw\_\_t a wet towel      *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
51. ru\_\_\_e an order      *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
52. ov\_\_\_\_\_me all difficulties      *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
53. in\_\_\_\_\_et a graph      *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
54. d\_\_k chairs      *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
55. key mi\_\_\_\_\_ne      *n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances
56. former co\_\_\_\_\_ue      *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
57. en\_\_\_\_\_ly satisfied with the meal      *adv.* completely
58. or\_\_\_\_\_n of information      *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
59. t\_n foil      *n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes

ANSWERS: 49. soar, 50. twist, 51. rumble, 52. overcome, 53. interpret, 54. deck, 55. milestone, 56. colleague, 57. entirely, 58. origin, 59. tin

60. the cy\_\_e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
61. dull si\_\_t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
62. b\_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
63. he was en\_\_\_\_ly to blame *adv.* completely
64. unsolved my\_\_\_\_y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
65. a ski lo\_\_e *n.* a small country house where people stay when they want to participate in outdoor activities; (verb) officially present a complaint, appeal, claim, etc. to the appropriate authorities
66. ru\_\_\_e down the dirt track *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
67. a con\_\_\_\_\_ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
68. lemon z\_\_t *n.* enthusiasm, energy, or excitement; a quality that makes something enjoyable or interesting; the outer layer of citrus fruit which can be used to flavor food
69. g\_\_w gold in the light *v.* to give out a steady, strong light
70. re\_\_\_\_ly operate *adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

ANSWERS: 60. cycle, 61. sight, 62. beg, 63. entirely, 64. mystery, 65. lodge, 66. rumble, 67. constantly, 68. zest, 69. glow, 70. remotely

71. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
72. express my app\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
73. op\_\_\_\_\_ze a process *v.* to make the best or most effective use of something
74. acute em\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
75. a con\_\_\_\_\_ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
76. em\_\_\_\_\_ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
77. lead to des\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
78. acc\_\_\_\_\_te these needs *v.* to provide someone with a place to live or to be stored in; to make fit for or to change to suit a new purpose
79. su\_\_\_\_\_t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
80. barren of cr\_\_\_\_\_ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
81. make a str\_\_\_\_\_ard dash *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

ANSWERS: 71. germ, 72. appreciation, 73. optimize, 74. emergency, 75. constantly, 76. embarrass, 77. destructive, 78. accommodate, 79. suspect, 80. creative, 81. straightforward

82. a ra\_\_\_m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
83. dress re\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
84. dr\_\_\_h with sweat *v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
85. cr\_\_y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
86. ex\_\_\_\_\_ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
87. ro\_\_\_t growth *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
88. no\_\_l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
89. hu\_\_\_e race *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
90. re\_\_\_t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
91. co\_\_\_\_\_e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

ANSWERS: 82. random, 83. rehearsal, 84. drench, 85. crazy, 86. exciting, 87. robust, 88. novel, 89. hurdle, 90. resist, 91. compose

92. music st\_\_\_o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
93. com\_\_\_\_\_nt attitude *adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
94. pe\_\_\_\_\_ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
95. in\_\_\_\_\_l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
96. attempt to pe\_\_\_\_\_de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
97. aggressive in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
98. s\_\_p seats *v.* to give something and receive something in trade
99. l\_\_p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
100. dangerously unp\_\_\_\_\_ble person *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
101. event pr\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person or organization that helps to promote or publicize something, such as an event, product, or idea
102. acc\_\_\_\_\_te a person with money *v.* to provide someone with a place to live or to be stored in; to make fit for or to change to suit a new purpose

ANSWERS: 92. studio, 93. complacent, 94. peaceful, 95. initial, 96. persuade, 97. instinct, 98. swap, 99. leap, 100. unpredictable, 101. promoter, 102. accommodate



103. an aw\_\_\_\_\_d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
104. br\_\_\_\_\_nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
105. series of exp\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
106. bombs fell at ra\_\_\_\_m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
107. a dy\_\_\_\_\_c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
108. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
109. demonstrate wi\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* the control exerted to do something or restrain impulses
110. ex\_\_\_\_\_fy the solution *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
111. tw\_\_k his cheek *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
112. some une\_\_\_\_\_ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
113. develop a st\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
114. s\_\_p columns with rows *v.* to give something and receive something in trade
115. regular rep\_\_\_\_\_nt of tires *n.* the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another

ANSWERS: 103. awkward, 104. brilliant, 105. experiment, 106. random, 107. dynamic, 108. psychology, 109. willpower, 110. exemplify, 111. tweak, 112. unexpected, 113. strategy, 114. swap, 115. replacement

116. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s      *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
117. r\_\_l down his cheeks      *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
118. military st\_\_\_\_gy      *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
119. ex\_\_\_\_fy the importance      *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
120. grinding gr\_\_t      *n.* grain that has been ground into flour or meal; any useful material or information that can be processed or utilized
121. individual ins\_\_\_\_on      *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
122. se\_\_\_e down in the town      *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
123. ma\_\_\_\_l place      *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
124. com\_\_\_\_nt with past successes      *adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
125. unn\_\_\_\_ry hassle      *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important
126. b\_g the question      *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
127. self-int\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 116. obvious, 117. roll, 118. strategy, 119. exemplify, 120. grist, 121. instruction, 122. settle, 123. magical, 124. complacent, 125. unnecessary, 126. beg, 127. introduction

128. allow self-p\_\_y *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
129. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
130. am\_\_\_\_\_y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
131. lo\_\_ed a complaint against him *n.* a small country house where people stay when they want to participate in outdoor activities; (verb) officially present a complaint, appeal, claim, etc. to the appropriate authorities
132. a habit des\_\_\_\_\_ve to health *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
133. control re\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
134. v\_\_t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
135. score the SAT es\_\_ys *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
136. d\_m memory *adj.* poorly lit; not bright
137. in a co\_\_\_\_\_ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
138. dispel do\_\_ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

ANSWERS: 128. pity, 129. gradual, 130. amplify, 131. lodge, 132. destructive, 133. remotely, 134. vast, 135. essay, 136. dim, 137. committed, 138. doubt

139. rep\_\_\_\_\_nt cost      *n.* the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another
140. co\_\_\_\_\_e smell      *n.* a perfumed liquid typically made from essential oils and alcohol and used to give a pleasant scent to the body or living space
141. ex\_\_\_\_\_al factors      *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
142. br\_\_\_\_\_nt performance      *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
143. r\_\_l a ball      *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
144. numeric ke\_\_\_\_\_rd      *n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
145. ov\_\_\_\_\_me opponents      *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
146. the crosswise di\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
147. im\_\_\_\_\_e the test score      *v.* to make or become better
148. re\_\_\_\_m movement      *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

ANSWERS: 139. replacement, 140. cologne, 141. external, 142. brilliant, 143. roll, 144. keyboard, 145. overcome, 146. dimension, 147. improve, 148. reform

149. f\_\_t size *n.* a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen
150. am\_\_\_\_\_t temperature *adj.* relating to the immediate surroundings of something; creating a particular atmosphere or mood, often through sound or lighting
151. collaborate with co\_\_\_\_\_ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
152. im\_\_\_\_\_nt a corporate strategy *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
153. cr\_\_\_\_\_ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
154. racial or\_\_\_\_n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
155. historical no\_\_l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
156. co\_\_\_\_\_e bottle *n.* a perfumed liquid typically made from essential oils and alcohol and used to give a pleasant scent to the body or living space
157. dif\_\_\_\_\_ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
158. op\_\_a performance *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
159. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

ANSWERS: 149. font, 150. ambient, 151. colleague, 152. implement, 153. creative, 154. origin, 155. novel, 156. cologne, 157. difficulty, 158. opera, 159. psychology

160. de\_\_\_\_p a strategy      *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
161. ma\_\_\_\_l powers      *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
162. int\_\_\_\_ion education      *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
163. in\_\_\_\_e heat      *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
164. j\_\_z club      *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
165. ex\_\_\_\_ng news      *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
166. thoughtful es\_\_y      *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
167. con\_\_\_\_ion in English      *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 160. develop, 161. magical, 162. introduction, 163. intense, 164. jazz, 165. exciting, 166. essay, 167. conversation

168. surgical ins\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
169. di\_\_\_\_\_ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
170. an ob\_\_\_\_\_le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
171. pr\_\_\_\_\_er gene *n.* a person or organization that helps to promote or publicize something, such as an event, product, or idea
172. be\_\_\_\_\_le the flowers *v.* to make something or someone wet, dirty, and limp by dragging it through mud or water; to become soaked, dirty, and limp in this way
173. des\_\_\_\_\_ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
174. a material wi\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
175. dr\_\_\_\_h the soil with fertilizer *v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
176. a school j\_\_z band *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

ANSWERS: 168. instrument, 169. distract, 170. obstacle, 171. promoter, 172. bedraggle, 173. desperately, 174. witness, 175. drench, 176. jazz

177. in\_\_\_\_\_et the question      *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
178. a s\_\_o flight      *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
179. abruptly in\_\_\_\_\_pt      *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
180. an aw\_\_\_\_\_d expression      *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
181. rep\_\_\_\_\_on of the word      *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
182. inc\_\_\_\_\_te the current trends      *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
183. r\_\_f off the audience's reactions      *v.* to play a short, repeated, tuneful phrase, often used in jazz and rock; to improvise or go off on a humorous tangent; (noun) a short, repeated, tuneful phrase
184. ca\_\_\_l a free subscription trial      *v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
185. me\_\_y handling      *adj.* disorganized and untidy
186. have a whole m\_\_s      *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
187. the dis\_\_\_\_\_age of a plan      *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

ANSWERS: 177. interpret, 178. solo, 179. interrupt, 180. awkward, 181. repetition, 182. incorporate, 183. riff, 184. cancel, 185. messy, 186. mess, 187. disadvantage



188. ex\_\_\_\_al commerce *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
189. a photo st\_\_\_\_o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
190. str\_\_\_\_\_ard manner *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
191. piano pe\_\_l *n.* a foot-operated lever or control, especially one used to control a vehicle, machine, or musical instrument
192. in\_\_\_\_pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
193. st\_\_k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
194. a benefit co\_\_\_\_t *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
195. b\_\_s guitar *n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
196. habitual rep\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
197. dy\_\_\_\_c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

ANSWERS: 188. external, 189. studio, 190. straightforward, 191. pedal, 192. interrupt, 193. stick, 194. concert, 195. bass, 196. repetition, 197. dynamic

198. ca\_\_\_l a class *v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
199. feeling of gu\_\_t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
200. become increasingly com\_\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
201. l\_\_p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
202. re\_\_\_\_\_e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
203. p\_\_y speech *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
204. an une\_\_\_\_\_ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
205. hands on d\_\_k *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
206. in\_\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
207. co\_\_c books *adj.* funny and making you laugh

ANSWERS: 198. cancel, 199. guilt, 200. complicated, 201. leap, 202. release, 203. pity, 204. unexpected, 205. deck, 206. instinct, 207. comic

208. compile a do\_\_\_\_\_r on the suspect     *n.* a collection or file of documents, information, or records compiled about a particular person, subject, or event, often used for investigative or background purposes
209. g\_\_w a pale orange     *v.* to give out a steady, strong light
210. a g\_\_m-free environment     *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
211. am\_\_\_\_\_y a signal     *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
212. a w\_\_y statesman     *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
213. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience     *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
214. unsung h\_\_o     *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
215. a s\_\_o vocal recital     *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
216. score an ad\_\_\_\_\_ge     *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

ANSWERS: 208. dossier, 209. glow, 210. germ, 211. amplify, 212. wary, 213. electrify, 214. hero, 215. solo, 216. advantage

217. a friendly con\_\_\_\_\_ion                    *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
218. pe\_\_\_\_\_ul country                    *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
219. tw\_\_k the economy                    *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
220. wi\_\_\_\_\_s of the car accident                    *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
221. a com\_\_\_\_\_ed process                    *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
222. a r\_w of cherry trees                    *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
223. a cr\_\_y scheme                    *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
224. bo\_\_\_e back from failure                    *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
225. ha\_\_h climate                    *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
226. get into a m\_\_s                    *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
227. ca\_\_\_\_\_st for reform                    *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

ANSWERS: 217. conversation, 218. peaceful, 219. tweak, 220. witness, 221. complicated, 222. row, 223. crazy, 224. bounce, 225. harsh, 226. mess, 227. catalyst

228. aud\_\_\_\_\_um annex *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
229. three-page ha\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
230. im\_\_\_\_\_e a process *v.* to make or become better
231. fire st\_\_k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
232. no do\_\_t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
233. inc\_\_\_\_\_te technology into daily life *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
234. end of the se\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* one of the periods that the school or university divided into, especially in the US and Australia; a half-year term
235. bo\_\_\_e across the floor *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
236. tw\_\_t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
237. ma\_\_\_\_\_al cost *adj.* of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective
238. ch\_\_\_\_\_st for evaluating *n.* a list of items, tasks, or points to be considered or acted upon, used as a reminder and to ensure that all necessary steps have been taken

ANSWERS: 228. auditorium, 229. handout, 230. improve, 231. stick, 232. doubt, 233. incorporate, 234. semester, 235. bounce, 236. twist, 237. marginal, 238. checklist

239. research on co\_\_\_\_\_ve psychology     *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
240. early pr\_\_\_\_\_pe     *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
241. gr\_\_t for the debate     *n.* grain that has been ground into flour or meal; any useful material or information that can be processed or utilized
242. re\_\_\_\_\_e CO2 into the air     *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
243. commercial j\_t     *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
244. open-air aud\_\_\_\_\_um     *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
245. attempted mu\_\_\_\_r     *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
246. op\_\_\_\_\_ze control for cooling     *v.* to make the best or most effective use of something
247. f\_\_p a coin     *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
248. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty     *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
249. provide an al\_\_i     *n.* a claim or piece of evidence that shows an individual was elsewhere at the time a crime or offense was committed and thus could not have been involved
250. ma\_\_\_\_\_al note     *adj.* of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective

ANSWERS: 239. cognitive, 240. prototype, 241. grist, 242. release, 243. jet, 244. auditorium, 245. murder, 246. optimize, 247. flip, 248. complexity, 249. alibi, 250. marginal

251. rock 'n' roll r\_\_f      *v.* to play a short, repeated, tuneful phrase, often used in jazz and rock; to improvise or go off on a humorous tangent; (noun) a short, repeated, tuneful phrase
252. thousands of po\_\_ds      *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
253. clutch pe\_\_l      *n.* a foot-operated lever or control, especially one used to control a vehicle, machine, or musical instrument
254. ob\_\_\_\_s reasons      *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
255. eve\_\_\_\_ly become obsolete      *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
256. so\_\_\_e anxiety      *v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
257. use of ha\_\_h chemicals      *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
258. t\_n can      *n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes
259. engineering und\_\_\_\_\_ate      *n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
260. audit ch\_\_\_\_st      *n.* a list of items, tasks, or points to be considered or acted upon, used as a reminder and to ensure that all necessary steps have been taken

ANSWERS: 251. riff, 252. pound, 253. pedal, 254. obvious, 255. eventually, 256. soothe, 257. harsh, 258. tin, 259. undergraduate, 260. checklist

261. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
262. fr\_\_\_\_\_te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
263. local h\_\_o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
264. em\_\_\_\_\_cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
265. exp\_\_\_\_\_nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
266. co\_\_\_\_\_e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
267. improve co\_\_\_\_\_ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
268. 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

ANSWERS: 261. eventually, 262. frustrate, 263. hero, 264. emergency, 265. experiment, 266. compose, 267. cognitive, 268. process



269. des\_\_\_\_\_ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
270. de\_\_\_\_\_p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
271. tro\_\_\_\_\_me behavior *adj.* causing difficulty or annoyance for someone
272. the rem\_\_\_\_\_le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
273. st\_\_\_\_\_le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
274. me\_\_y data *adj.* disorganized and untidy
275. am\_\_\_\_\_t air pollution *adj.* relating to the immediate surroundings of something; creating a particular atmosphere or mood, often through sound or lighting
276. v\_\_t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
277. ke\_\_\_\_\_rd instruments *n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
278. mu\_\_\_\_r in a low voice *v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath

ANSWERS: 269. desperately, 270. develop, 271. troublesome, 272. remarkable, 273. struggle, 274. messy, 275. ambient, 276. vast, 277. keyboard, 278. mutter

279. com\_\_\_\_\_ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
280. a bac\_\_\_\_\_nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
281. f\_\_p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
282. an in\_\_\_\_\_l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
283. ac\_\_\_\_\_e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
284. dis\_\_\_\_\_age small businesses *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
285. extreme tem\_\_\_\_\_res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
286. so\_\_\_e a baby to sleep *v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
287. im\_\_\_\_\_nt security measures *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
288. ob\_\_\_\_\_e reference *adj.* not straightforward or direct in action or speech; having a slanting or sloping direction or position

ANSWERS: 279. complexity, 280. background, 281. flip, 282. initial, 283. achieve, 284. disadvantage, 285. temperature, 286. soothe, 287. implement, 288. oblique

289. fr\_\_\_\_\_te other team members      *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
290. three-fourths of a po\_\_d      *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
291. take ad\_\_\_\_\_ge of his weak points      *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
292. di\_\_\_\_\_t a well-ordered condition      *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
293. clogged fi\_\_\_\_r      *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
294. during the se\_\_\_\_\_er breaks      *n.* one of the periods that the school or university divided into, especially in the US and Australia; a half-year term
295. economic re\_\_\_\_m      *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
296. new di\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
297. a steam en\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

ANSWERS: 289. frustrate, 290. pound, 291. advantage, 292. disrupt, 293. filter, 294. semester, 295. reform, 296. dimension, 297. engine

298. an unexpected si\_\_t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
299. u\_\_y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
300. be\_\_\_\_\_le hair *v.* to make something or someone wet, dirty, and limp by dragging it through mud or water; to become soaked, dirty, and limp in this way
301. plead for ha\_\_\_\_\_ts *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
302. go to the workplace by cy\_\_e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
303. a va\_\_\_\_\_le species *adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed
304. w\_\_y of marriage *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
305. follow his ins\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
306. vo\_\_\_e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
307. complete a pr\_\_\_\_\_pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
308. an air-cooled en\_\_\_e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

ANSWERS: 298. sight, 299. ugly, 300. bedraggle, 301. handout, 302. cycle, 303. variable, 304. wary, 305. instruction, 306. volume, 307. prototype, 308. engine

309. re\_\_\_t being kissed      *v.*    to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
310. se\_\_\_e a dispute      *v.*    to reach an agreement of disagreement
311. a ca\_\_\_\_st in the process of hydrolysis      *n.*    a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
312. mu\_\_\_r in the second degree      *n.*    the crime of killing somebody intentionally
313. em\_\_\_\_e an opportunity      *v.*    to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
314. private j\_t      *n.*    a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

ANSWERS: 309. resist, 310. settle, 311. catalyst, 312. murder, 313. embrace, 314. jet

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
  - v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
  
2. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.
  - v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
  
3. Cities around the world set records for highest \_\_\_\_\_ this summer.
  - n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
  
4. He didn't \_\_\_\_\_ the plan, even though he had time.
  - v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
  
5. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
  
6. With strong \_\_\_\_\_ and determination, he could quit smoking for good.
  - n. the control exerted to do something or restrain impulses
  
7. The weather in this region is often \_\_\_\_\_ with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.
  - adj. not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

ANSWERS: 1. develop, 2. persuade, 3. temperatures, 4. tweak, 5. strategy, 6. willpower, 7. unpredictable,

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
- n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
9. He pressed the \_\_\_\_\_ with all his might, but the car still wouldn't start.
- n.* a foot-operated lever or control, especially one used to control a vehicle, machine, or musical instrument
10. We must complete all of these courses in the following \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* one of the periods that the school or university divided into, especially in the US and Australia; a half-year term
11. The roof of the old shed was made of rusty \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes
12. The election was a \_\_\_\_\_ success for the Whigs.
- adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
13. The storm last night \_\_\_\_\_ everything in the yard, leaving puddles everywhere.
- v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
14. The corporation \_\_\_\_\_ dominated the entire tobacco business.
- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 8. mystery, 9. pedal, 10. semester, 11. tin, 12. remarkable, 13. drenched, 14. eventually

15. The \_\_\_\_\_ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.  
*adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
16. The artist received a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ for his latest work.  
*n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
17. The bird \_\_\_\_\_ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.  
*v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
18. 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
19. This intriguing \_\_\_\_\_ mystery remains unsolved.  
*n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
20. 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
21. I'm so sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're pretty busy.  
*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
22. The novel is \_\_\_\_\_ and tragic.  
*adj.* funny and making you laugh
23. This large SUV \_\_\_\_\_ eight people.  
*v.* to provide someone with a place to live or to be stored in; to make fit for or to change to suit a new purpose

ANSWERS: 15. unexpected, 16. appreciation, 17. soared, 18. pounds, 19. murder, 20. rolled, 21. disrupt, 22. comic, 23. accommodates



24. It was the most \_\_\_\_\_ storm in decades.

*adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

25. The \_\_\_\_\_ course was challenging but fun.

*n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

26. She applied aloe vera to \_\_\_\_\_ her sunburn.

*v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable

27. There are various hypotheses concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

*n.* the first existence or beginning of something

28. When customers \_\_\_\_\_ their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.

*v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place

29. I would love to \_\_\_\_\_ camping someday.

*adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone

30. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

31. This electronic \_\_\_\_\_ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

*n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

32. Ozone is a primary \_\_\_\_\_ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

*n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

ANSWERS: 24. destructive, 25. obstacle, 26. soothe, 27. origin, 28. cancel, 29. solo, 30. colleague, 31. instrument, 32. filter

33. His \_\_\_\_\_ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.  
*adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
34. The detective examined the \_\_\_\_\_ of evidence, trying to piece together the case details.  
*n.* a collection or file of documents, information, or records compiled about a particular person, subject, or event, often used for investigative or background purposes
35. Rainfall in the tropics is highly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed
36. The project's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.  
*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
37. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.  
*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
38. He listened to \_\_\_\_\_ music to relax after a long day at work.  
*n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
39. The government is proposing a \_\_\_\_\_ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.  
*n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
40. The policies he announces can be the \_\_\_\_\_ of economic growth in the country.  
*n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

ANSWERS: 33. cognitive, 34. dossier, 35. variable, 36. complexity, 37. distract, 38. jazz, 39. reform, 40. engine

41. The mobile application industry is \_\_\_\_\_ changing.

*adv.* all the time

42. The prime minister faced \_\_\_\_\_ criticism.

*adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

43. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the new class was informative and engaging.

*n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

44. \_\_\_\_\_ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

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

45. Later, his claim was found to be \_\_\_\_\_ false.

*adv.* completely

46. When a company discloses information to the market, an \_\_\_\_\_ auditor verifies them.

*adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

47. They took the \_\_\_\_\_ step toward reconciliation.

*adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

48. The food chain causes a material \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

ANSWERS: 41. constantly, 42. harsh, 43. introduction, 44. Doubt, 45. entirely, 46. external, 47. initial, 48. cycle

49. This artist always packs the \_\_\_\_\_ halls.

*n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

50. The \_\_\_\_\_ seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

*n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

51. Her sleep was \_\_\_\_\_ by recurring pain.

*v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

52. The Chief editor checks all \_\_\_\_\_ for plagiarism with software.

*n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

53. The class was composed of both \_\_\_\_\_ and graduate students.

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

54. That statement by the prime minister drew \_\_\_\_\_ international criticism.

*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

55. 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

56. He has \_\_\_\_\_ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

*n.* a condition or state that causes problems

57. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 49. concert, 50. auditorium, 51. interrupted, 52. essays, 53. undergraduate, 54. intense, 55. complicated, 56. difficulty, 57. obvious

58. This container has a \_\_\_\_\_ of 10 cubic meters.  
*n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
59. Plutonium has limited \_\_\_\_\_ applications.  
*adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
60. I will work hard to \_\_\_\_\_ my goals and realize my dreams.  
*v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
61. He looked for an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ that actor in public.  
*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
62. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.  
*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
63. The experiment yielded \_\_\_\_\_ results that support his theory.  
*adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
64. The example of a successful startup serves to \_\_\_\_\_ the potential of the industry.  
*v.* to serve as a typical example of something
65. The mill ground the wheat into a \_\_\_\_\_ to make flour.  
*n.* grain that has been ground into flour or meal; any useful material or information that can be processed or utilized

ANSWERS: 58. volume, 59. peaceful, 60. achieve, 61. embarrass, 62. germ, 63. robust, 64. exemplify, 65. grist

66. The coach explained a strategy to \_\_\_\_\_ the opponent's schemes to the players.
- v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
67. The president declared a state of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
68. Different people might \_\_\_\_\_ this news differently.
- v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
69. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.
- n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
70. The rain and thunder are \_\_\_\_\_ today.
- adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
71. They needed further \_\_\_\_\_ to perform their duties efficiently.
- n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
72. She works at a recording \_\_\_\_\_ in Los Angeles.
- n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
73. He \_\_\_\_\_ under his breath about the job relocation.
- v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath

ANSWERS: 66. frustrate, 67. emergency, 68. interpret, 69. instinct, 70. crazy, 71. instruction, 72. studio, 73. muttered

74. She was hired as a product \_\_\_\_\_ to advertise the company's products.  
*n.* a person or organization that helps to promote or publicize something, such as an event, product, or idea
75. The theater company had its final \_\_\_\_\_ before opening night.  
*n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
76. I chose to \_\_\_\_\_ cancer by trying every possible treatment.  
*v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
77. The company's profits have only been \_\_\_\_\_ this year, but they're hoping for a better year.  
*adj.* of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective
78. Overall \_\_\_\_\_ are approximately 400x200mm.  
*n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
79. I changed the \_\_\_\_\_ on my resume to make it more visually appealing.  
*n.* a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen
80. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ horses while crossing a stream.  
*v.* to give something and receive something in trade
81. To find drunk drivers, police conduct \_\_\_\_\_ tests.  
*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 74. promoter, 75. rehearsal, 76. resist, 77. marginal, 78. dimensions, 79. font, 80. swap, 81. random

82. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front \_\_\_\_.
- n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
83. The \_\_\_\_ flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.
- n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
84. The company can \_\_\_\_\_ access its employees' computers for troubleshooting purposes.
- adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
85. The essence of economics is to \_\_\_\_\_ the allocation of limited resources.
- v.* to make the best or most effective use of something
86. When I was a child, my mother often cast \_\_\_\_\_ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
87. We demand his \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another
88. The sprinter has a \_\_\_\_\_ way of running.
- adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
89. The cops \_\_\_\_\_ him of being the killer.
- v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

ANSWERS: 82. row, 83. jet, 84. remotely, 85. optimize, 86. magical, 87. replacement, 88. dynamic, 89. suspected



90. One of the main \_\_\_\_\_ of the new product is its increased efficiency.  
*n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
91. All those eligible will receive financial \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
92. Many famous \_\_\_\_\_ are within walking distance.  
*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
93. The baby clung \_\_\_\_\_ to her mother.  
*adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
94. She was \_\_\_\_\_ of meeting new people because of past experiences.  
*adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
95. The flying car is presently in the \_\_\_\_\_ stage.  
*n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
96. The final decision should be \_\_\_\_\_ with the chairman.  
*n.* a small country house where people stay when they want to participate in outdoor activities; (verb) officially present a complaint, appeal, claim, etc. to the appropriate authorities
97. He had to resolve a \_\_\_\_\_ event that happened unexpectedly  
*adj.* causing difficulty or annoyance for someone

ANSWERS: 90. advantages, 91. handouts, 92. sights, 93. desperately, 94. wary, 95. prototype, 96. lodged, 97. troublesome

98. He \_\_\_\_\_ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.  
*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
99. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.  
*n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
100. I don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ for second best.  
*v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
101. Shame and \_\_\_\_\_ have significant social influences.  
*n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
102. The manufacturing industry is \_\_\_\_\_ fierce competition.  
*n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
103. \_\_\_\_\_ is the mother of all learning.  
*n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
104. The government promised to \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to control the financial crisis.  
*v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
105. The sun was setting, and the sky \_\_\_\_\_ with beautiful colors.  
*v.* to give out a steady, strong light
106. A \_\_\_\_\_ audience viewed the broadcast.  
*adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 98. flipped, 99. bass, 100. settle, 101. guilt, 102. witnessing, 103. Repetition, 104. implement, 105. glowed, 106. vast

107. The animal rights group worked to \_\_\_\_\_ the dolphins back into the wild.  
*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
108. The defendant gave a \_\_\_\_\_ and accurate description of the accident.  
*adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
109. His \_\_\_\_\_ showed highly positive results.  
*n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
110. The thunder \_\_\_\_\_ in the distance.  
*v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
111. She sat on the ship's \_\_\_\_\_ watching the sunset over the ocean.  
*n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
112. He \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of rope out of straw.  
*v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
113. The country experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ increase in population.  
*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
114. He became \_\_\_\_\_ in his job and stopped trying to improve.  
*adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
115. Reaching the \_\_\_\_\_ of 1000 subscribers on her SNS channel was a major achievement for her.  
*n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances

ANSWERS: 107. release, 108. straightforward, 109. experiments, 110. rumbled, 111. deck, 112. twisted, 113. gradual, 114. complacent, 115. milestone

116. I made a \_\_\_\_\_ of things to do before my vacation.

*n.* a list of items, tasks, or points to be considered or acted upon, used as a reminder and to ensure that all necessary steps have been taken

117. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ ties between our two countries.

*v.* to make or become better

118. Your \_\_\_\_\_ reflects your thoughts.

*n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

119. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more \_\_\_\_\_.

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

120. The \_\_\_\_\_ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

*adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

121. We will attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

*v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity

122. Our company is strongly \_\_\_\_\_ to meeting customers' needs.

*adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

123. He discovered a new \_\_\_\_\_ for running after completing a 10k race.

*n.* enthusiasm, energy, or excitement; a quality that makes something enjoyable or interesting; the outer layer of citrus fruit which can be used to flavor food

ANSWERS: 116. checklist, 117. improve, 118. conversation, 119. creative, 120. ugly, 121. incorporate, 122. committed, 123. zest

124. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.
- v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
125. The \_\_\_ light made it difficult to read the book.
- adj. poorly lit; not bright
126. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
127. The structure is \_\_\_\_\_ of three main components.
- v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
128. The suspect claimed to have an \_\_\_\_\_ at the time of the crime, but the evidence proved otherwise.
- n. a claim or piece of evidence that shows an individual was elsewhere at the time a crime or offense was committed and thus could not have been involved
129. I got caught in the rain, and my clothes were completely \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. to make something or someone wet, dirty, and limp by dragging it through mud or water; to become soaked, dirty, and limp in this way
130. She loves going to the \_\_\_\_\_ house and hearing the beautiful music.
- n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
131. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 124. electrify, 125. dim, 126. stick, 127. composed, 128. alibi, 129.

bedraggled, 130. opera, 131. background

132. Please strike the "enter" on the \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work

133. His \_\_\_\_\_ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

- adj.* disorganized and untidy

134. The \_\_\_\_\_ has largely gotten positive feedback.

- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

135. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national \_\_\_\_\_.

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

136. She had a master's degree in \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

137. They will \_\_\_\_\_ between various emotional states.

- v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

138. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ a bad reputation and win the election.

- v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

139. You might need to \_\_\_\_\_ this point.

- v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

ANSWERS: 132. keyboard, 133. messy, 134. novel, 135. hero, 136. psychology, 137. bounce, 138. overcome, 139. amplify

140. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.

- n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain

141. The athlete was able to \_\_\_\_\_ over the hurdle with ease.

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

142. The woods \_\_\_\_\_ the house.

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

143. A lack of education can be a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in today's job market.

- n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

144. The \_\_\_\_\_ lighting in the restaurant created a cozy and romantic atmosphere.

- adj.* relating to the immediate surroundings of something; creating a particular atmosphere or mood, often through sound or lighting

145. 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

146. The extra steps in the process were deemed \_\_\_\_\_ and removed to streamline production.

- adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important

ANSWERS: 140. pity, 141. leap, 142. embrace, 143. disadvantage, 144. ambient, 145. process, 146. unnecessary



147. The painter used \_\_\_\_\_ lines to create a sense of depth in the artwork.

*adj.* not straightforward or direct in action or speech; having a slanting or sloping direction or position

148. He brought back a bottle of \_\_\_\_\_ from France as a souvenir.

*n.* a perfumed liquid typically made from essential oils and alcohol and used to give a pleasant scent to the body or living space

149. He made a frightful \_\_\_\_\_ in his room.

*n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

150. The more \_\_\_\_\_ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

*adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

151. She began to \_\_\_\_\_ on the theme of love lost in her poetry.

*v.* to play a short, repeated, tuneful phrase, often used in jazz and rock; to improvise or go off on a humorous tangent; (noun) a short, repeated, tuneful phrase

152. The findings of the experiment were both \_\_\_\_\_ and unexpected.

*adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

153. The \_\_\_\_\_ design of the interface made the operation difficult.

*adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

154. The global financial crisis acted as a \_\_\_\_\_ to unite the country.

*n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

ANSWERS: 147. oblique, 148. cologne, 149. mess, 150. brilliant, 151. riff, 152. exciting, 153. awkward, 154. catalyst

155. The company faced several \_\_\_\_\_ in the development of its new product.

*n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

156. She \_\_\_\_\_ her parents to let her go to the concert.

*v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

157. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ against temptation.

*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 155. hurdles, 156. begged, 157. struggle