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Session 1: Word List

large-scale

adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

synonym: big, massive, grand

(1) **large-scale** project, (2) **large-scale** agriculture

The company is planning to make a **large-scale** expansion of its factory.

figurative

adj. using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal

synonym: metaphorical, symbolic, allegorical

(1) in a **figurative** sense, (2) **figurative** painting

When he said he was starving to death, it was a **figurative** way of saying he was very hungry.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

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**.

vacation

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

synonym : leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym : endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

neat

adj. clean or tidy, with everything in its place

synonym : tidy, uncluttered, refined

(1) a **neat** piece of work, (2) **neat** idea

She has **neat** habits.

waitress

n. a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe

synonym : server, attendant, waitperson

(1) **waitress** at a restaurant, (2) tip the **waitress**

The friendly **waitress** brought the food to the table and asked if they needed anything else.

graduate

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

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

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

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

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.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym : drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

electrical

adj. relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering

Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

outlet

n. a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out

synonym : opening, vent, aperture

(1) an **outlet** for water, (2) media **outlet**

The **outlet** in the bathroom was faulty, so I had to use a different one for my hair dryer.

microwave

n. a form of electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths ranging from about one millimeter to one meter and frequencies between 300 MHz (0.3 GHz) and 300 GHz; an electric oven that cooks food by exposing it to high-frequency electromagnetic radiation, which causes the food molecules to vibrate and heat up quickly

synonym : oven, waveguide, radar range

(1) **microwave** radiation, (2) **microwave** popcorn

I heated my leftover food in the **microwave** oven, which tasted just as good as freshly cooked.

toast

n. slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even

(1) drink a **toast**, (2) slice of **toast**

We made a **toast** with everyone.

realistic

adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

synonym : practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

(1) a **realistic** goal, (2) a **realistic** goal

That story was so **realistic**, and it was scary.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

believable

adj. able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible

synonym : plausible, credible, convincing

(1) **believable** story, (2) **believable** excuse

The novel's plot was so well-written that it seemed **believable** and realistic.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym : separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

enclose

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

synonym : surround, encase, contain

(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area

The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym : close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

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.

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.

impulsive

adj. acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have

synonym : abrupt, hasty, capricious

(1) an **impulsive** force, (2) do **impulsive** buying

He regrets the **impulsive** behavior he took in his drunken state.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym : interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

vinyl

n. a synthetic resin or plastic material that can be molded into various shapes and forms, particularly used in construction, furniture, and record production

synonym : insulant

(1) **vinyl** flooring, (2) **vinyl** fence

The record store has a large selection of **vinyl** albums.

eager

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

synonym : keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

motto

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

synonym : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

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

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

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym : acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

inspiring

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

synonym : exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe- **inspiring** sight
An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

pottery

n. ceramic ware made from clay and baked in a kiln; the art or process of making objects from clay by shaping it and then firing it in a kiln or oven

synonym: ceramics, earthenware, clayware

(1) antique **pottery**, (2) **pottery** studio

She took a **pottery** class and learned how to make vases and bowls.

weigh

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

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

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

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

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym: identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans

This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

lung

n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing

(1) **lung** capacity, (2) do **lung** transplantation

He has terminal **lung** cancer.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

brain

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

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

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

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

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.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

medicinal

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

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

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

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

- diet**
- n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
- synonym* : food, dietary
- (1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval
- A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.
- acupuncture**
- n.* a traditional Chinese medical practice that involves inserting thin needles into specific points on the body to stimulate energy flow and promote healing; a form of alternative medicine
- synonym* : stylostixis, needling, reflexology
- (1) **acupuncture** for anxiety, (2) **acupuncture** treatment
- The **acupuncture** needles are very thin and are not painful to insert.
- pace**
- n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
- synonym* : gait, rate, speed
- (1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**
- The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.
- 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.
- surrender**
- v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
- synonym* : yield, submit, relinquish
- (1) **surrender** at discretion, (2) **surrender** an insurance policy
- The enemy was forced to **surrender** after a long battle.

controllable

adj. able to be controlled or directed

synonym: manageable, governable, submissive

(1) computer- **controllable**, (2) **controllable** aircraft

The new software is much more **controllable** and user-friendly.

irrelevant

adj. not connected with or related to something and therefore not important

synonym: unrelated, immaterial, extrinsic

(1) an **irrelevant** thought, (2) do something **irrelevant**

They removed **irrelevant** content from the slides.

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.

routine

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

synonym: habit, custom, procedure

(1) **routine** business, (2) a built-in diagnostic **routine**

She studies gardening on a **routine** basis.

crawl

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

synonym: creep, drag

(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car

Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.

driveway

n. a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles

synonym: entrance, access, approach

(1) long **driveway**, (2) snow-covered **driveway**

I accidentally backed into my wife's car while backing out of the **driveway** this morning.

soda

n. a carbonated soft drink containing a sweetened syrup or flavoring, often used interchangeably with "pop" or "soda pop" in different regions of the world

synonym: pop, cola, soft drink

(1) **soda** pop, (2) lemon-lime **soda**

I'm craving a cold **soda** to quench my thirst.

indulgent

adj. given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish

synonym: lavish, self-indulgent, excessive

(1) an **indulgent** father, (2) **indulgent** lifestyle

The rich and **indulgent** dessert was worth every calorie.

spa

n. a resort or facility offering various health, beauty, and relaxation treatments, such as massages, saunas, and mud baths; a hot spring or mineral spring believed to have therapeutic properties

synonym: resort, salon, wellness center

(1) **spa** treatment, (2) luxurious **spa**

The aromatherapy oils used during my **spa** treatment helped me feel more relaxed and rejuvenated.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

wheelchair

n. a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk

(1) electric-powered **wheelchair**, (2) **wheelchair** accessibility

This library rents out various types of folding **wheelchairs** for visitors.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym: helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym: holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym: tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym : modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

awful

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

synonym : terrible, appalling, horrible

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

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

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.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym : thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

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.

healing

n. the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again

synonym : recovery, recuperation, convalescence

(1) natural **healing** ability, (2) part of the **healing** process

Each ancient tribe has its **healing** traditions.

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.

unravel

v. undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
synonym: separate, unknot, ravel

(1) **unravel** a knit, (2) **unravel** a plot

Detectives are still attempting to **unravel** the mystery of his death.

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

synonym: deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void

The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

myth

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

synonym: fable, legend, lore

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

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

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

attachment

n. a feeling of affection for someone or something

synonym: adoration, affection, extension

(1) **attachment** to a formal plan, (2) stand mixer fitted with the paddle **attachment**

I have no **attachment** to the countryside.

reckless

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

synonym : impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

Reckless youth makes rueful age.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym : all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

lacquer

n. a clear or colored liquid coating composed of a resinous substance typically applied to wood, metal, or other surfaces as a protective or decorative finish; the hard, glossy finish that results from the application of such coating

synonym : varnish, polish, coating

(1) black **lacquer**, (2) **lacquer** craft

The wooden furniture was coated with a layer of glossy **lacquer** for a polished finish.

bug

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

synonym : insect, bacterium, microbe

(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes

I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.

scrape

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

synonym : scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground

He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym : sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

chaos

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

synonym : disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym : amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

caveat

n. a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing

synonym : warning, caution, admonition

(1) a **caveat** against unfair practices, (2) general **caveat**
We often ignore important **caveats** from nature.

imply

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

synonym : hint, indicate, denote

(1) **imply** a strong correlation, (2) **imply** the presence of alien

The salespeople speak in technical terms to **imply** that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym : disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

turbulent

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

synonym : chaotic, stormy, tumultuous

(1) **turbulent** waves, (2) **turbulent** age

The stock market has been **turbulent** lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

synonym : air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

nauseous

adj. causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort

synonym : sickening, queasy, abhorrent

(1) become **nauseous**, (2) **nauseous** stomach
The smell of the fish made me feel **nauseous**.

dizzy

adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

synonym : addled, confounded, unsteady

(1) feel **dizzy**, (2) had a **dizzy** spell

Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting **dizzy**.

adrenaline

n. (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger

synonym : epinephrine

(1) **adrenaline** receptor, (2) **adrenaline** addiction

The band has released a lot of **adrenaline-pumping** rock music.

preview

n. an early look or showing of a movie, book, or other creative work before its official release or presentation; a brief overview or introduction of something

synonym : sneak peek, trailer, teaser

(1) **preview** screening, (2) trailer **preview**

We watched a **preview** of the upcoming movie before it was released in theaters.

upcoming

adj. approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated

synonym : forthcoming, approaching, imminent

(1) **upcoming** events, (2) **upcoming** election

I'm excited about the **upcoming** concert with my favorite band.

expansive

adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

synonym : large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views
The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

bathtub

n. a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe

synonym: tub, bath, basin

(1) **bathtub** curve, (2) **bathtub** drain

I filled the **bathtub** with hot water and a bubble bath for a relaxing soak.

loosen

v. to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax

synonym: relax, slacken, untie

(1) **loosen** grip, (2) **loosen** knot

Please **loosen** the screws on the back panel so we can access the inside of the machine.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no

alteration.

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.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. fas_____ng story
adj. extremely interesting
3. degree in ele_____al engineering
adj. relating to electricity
4. antique po_____y
n. ceramic ware made from clay and baked in a kiln; the art or process of making objects from clay by shaping it and then firing it in a kiln or oven
5. lemon-lime s__a
n. a carbonated soft drink containing a sweetened syrup or flavoring, often used interchangeably with "pop" or "soda pop" in different regions of the world
6. vul_____le parts of the body
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
7. sc___e a hole in the ground
v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
8. tu_____nt age
adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
9. number of b_g fixes
n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

ANSWERS: 1. stick, 2. fascinating, 3. electrical, 4. pottery, 5. soda, 6. vulnerable, 7. scrape, 8. turbulent, 9. bug

10. a s__o flight *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
11. up____ng election *adj.* approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated
12. an aw__l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
13. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
14. a n__t piece of work *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
15. ch____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
16. 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)
17. mi_____ve radiation *n.* a form of electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths ranging from about one millimeter to one meter and frequencies between 300 MHz (0.3 GHz) and 300 GHz; an electric oven that cooks food by exposing it to high-frequency electromagnetic radiation, which causes the food molecules to vibrate and heat up quickly
18. do something irr_____nt *adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important

ANSWERS: 10. solo, 11. upcoming, 12. awful, 13. recognition, 14. neat, 15. chaotic, 16. dynamic, 17. microwave, 18. irrelevant

19. im__y a strong correlation *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
20. re___r an assessment *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
21. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
22. in a fig_____ve sense *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
23. natural he_____g ability *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
24. trailer pr_____w *n.* an early look or showing of a movie, book, or other creative work before its official release or presentation; a brief overview or introduction of something
25. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
26. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
27. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
28. 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
29. mi_____ve popcorn *n.* a form of electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths ranging from about one millimeter to one meter and frequencies between 300 MHz (0.3 GHz) and 300 GHz; an electric oven that cooks food by exposing it to high-frequency electromagnetic radiation, which causes the food molecules to vibrate and heat up quickly

ANSWERS: 19. imply, 20. render, 21. hire, 22. figurative, 23. healing, 24. preview, 25. vulnerable, 26. survival, 27. hire, 28. advantage, 29. microwave

30. drink a to__t *n.* slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even
31. is____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
32. sp____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
33. un____l a knit *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
34. a peaceful la____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
35. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
36. 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
37. an alt____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
38. acu____re for anxiety *n.* a traditional Chinese medical practice that involves inserting thin needles into specific points on the body to stimulate energy flow and promote healing; a form of alternative medicine

ANSWERS: 30. toast, 31. isolate, 32. specific, 33. unravel, 34. landscape, 35. relation, 36. develop, 37. alternative, 38. acupuncture

39. long dr____ay *n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles
40. there is no other alt____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
41. midst of ch__s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
42. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
43. vi__l flooring *n.* a synthetic resin or plastic material that can be molded into various shapes and forms, particularly used in construction, furniture, and record production
44. 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
45. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
46. summer va____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
47. s__a pop *n.* a carbonated soft drink containing a sweetened syrup or flavoring, often used interchangeably with "pop" or "soda pop" in different regions of the world

ANSWERS: 39. driveway, 40. alternative, 41. chaos, 42. relation, 43. vinyl, 44. advantage, 45. brain, 46. vacation, 47. soda

48. a s__o vocal recital *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
49. slice of to__t *n.* slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even
50. tip the wa_____ss *n.* a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe
51. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
52. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
53. in a re_____ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
54. 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
55. 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)
56. media ou__t *n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out

ANSWERS: 48. solo, 49. toast, 50. waitress, 51. curiosity, 52. diet, 53. reckless, 54. develop, 55. dynamic, 56. outlet

57. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
58. re____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
59. in____nt lifestyle *adj.* given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish
60. carbon dioxide in the atm____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
61. ca____r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
62. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
63. a stone wall su____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
64. part of the he____g process *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
65. cr__l across the floor *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
66. is____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

ANSWERS: 57. specific, 58. release, 59. indulgent, 60. atmosphere, 61. cancer, 62. diet, 63. surround, 64. healing, 65. crawl, 66. isolate

67. do im_____ve buying *adj.* acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have
68. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
69. morning ri____l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
70. sa____d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
71. wa_____ss at a restaurant *n.* a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe
72. bel_____le excuse *adj.* able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible
73. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
74. ch__s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
75. music st____o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
76. unp_____ble outcome *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
77. im__y the presence of alien *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

ANSWERS: 67. impulsive, 68. fascinating, 69. ritual, 70. sacred, 71. waitress, 72. believable, 73. weigh, 74. chaos, 75. studio, 76. unpredictable, 77. imply

78. an ele_____al storm *adj.* relating to electricity
79. un_____l a plot *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
80. re_____ss driving *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
81. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
82. a ca____t against unfair practices *n.* a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing
83. in_____ng stories *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
84. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
85. imp_____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
86. 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
87. n__t idea *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
88. la_____r craft *n.* a clear or colored liquid coating composed of a resinous substance typically applied to wood, metal, or other surfaces as a protective or decorative finish; the hard, glossy finish that results from the application of such coating

ANSWERS: 78. electrical, 79. unravel, 80. reckless, 81. survival, 82. caveat, 83. inspiring, 84. immediately, 85. imperfectly, 86. stick, 87. neat, 88. lacquer

89. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
90. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
91. the halo of a sa____d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
92. 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
93. a short va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
94. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
95. na_____us stomach *adj.* causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort
96. a convivial atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
97. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

ANSWERS: 89. aid, 90. represent, 91. sacred, 92. background, 93. vacation, 94. complicated, 95. nauseous, 96. atmosphere, 97. highlight

98. feel di__y *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
99. whe_____ir accessibility *n.* a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk
100. ca___r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
101. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
102. a gr_____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
103. vi__l fence *n.* a synthetic resin or plastic material that can be molded into various shapes and forms, particularly used in construction, furniture, and record production
104. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
105. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
106. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
107. en_____e a check with a letter *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

ANSWERS: 98. dizzy, 99. wheelchair, 100. cancer, 101. environment, 102. grateful, 103. vinyl, 104. opportune, 105. medicinal, 106. environment, 107. enclose

108. black la____r *n.* a clear or colored liquid coating composed of a resinous substance typically applied to wood, metal, or other surfaces as a protective or decorative finish; the hard, glossy finish that results from the application of such coating
109. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
110. luxurious s_a *n.* a resort or facility offering various health, beauty, and relaxation treatments, such as massages, saunas, and mud baths; a hot spring or mineral spring believed to have therapeutic properties
111. di____se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
112. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
113. a per____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
114. re____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
115. ov____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

ANSWERS: 108. lacquer, 109. myth, 110. spa, 111. diagnose, 112. ritual, 113. perspective, 114. release, 115. overnight

116. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
117. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
118. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
119. ro_____e business *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
120. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
121. adr_____ne addiction *n.* (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger
122. awe-in_____ng sight *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
123. a re_____ic goal *adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
124. do l__g transplantation *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
125. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

ANSWERS: 116. curiosity, 117. perspective, 118. myth, 119. routine, 120. motto, 121. adrenaline, 122. inspiring, 123. realistic, 124. lung, 125. overnight

126. lo___n knot *v.* to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax
127. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
128. ba____b drain *n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
129. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
130. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
131. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
132. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
133. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
134. electric-powered whe_____ir *n.* a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk
135. hu___e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
136. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

ANSWERS: 126. loosen, 127. dot, 128. bathtub, 129. studio, 130. dot, 131. aid, 132. carve, 133. complicated, 134. wheelchair, 135. humble, 136. graduate

137. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
138. cr__l away from a car *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
139. acu_____re treatment *n.* a traditional Chinese medical practice that involves inserting thin needles into specific points on the body to stimulate energy flow and promote healing; a form of alternative medicine
140. computer-con_____ble *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
141. lar_____le agriculture *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
142. tu_____nt waves *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
143. lo___n grip *v.* to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax
144. imp_____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
145. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
146. fig_____ve painting *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
147. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 137. medicinal, 138. crawl, 139. acupuncture, 140. controllable, 141. large-scale, 142. turbulent, 143. loosen, 144. imperfectly, 145. grateful, 146. figurative, 147. landscape

148. an in_____nt father *adj.* given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish
149. with an ex_____ve spirit *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
150. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
151. su_____er at discretion *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
152. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
153. att_____nt to a formal plan *n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something
154. en_____e area *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
155. ba_____b curve *n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
156. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
157. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
158. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
159. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

ANSWERS: 148. indulgent, 149. expansive, 150. intention, 151. surrender, 152. weigh, 153. attachment, 154. enclose, 155. bathtub, 156. bug, 157. opportune, 158. brain, 159. highlight

160. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
161. do aw__l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
162. an irr_____nt thought *adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
163. general ca____t *n.* a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing
164. pr_____w screening *n.* an early look or showing of a movie, book, or other creative work before its official release or presentation; a brief overview or introduction of something
165. bel_____le story *adj.* able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible
166. adr_____ne receptor *n.* (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger
167. with ea__r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
168. an ou____t for water *n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out

ANSWERS: 160. responsible, 161. awful, 162. irrelevant, 163. caveat, 164. preview, 165. believable, 166. adrenaline, 167. eager, 168. outlet

169. re___t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
170. po____y studio *n.* ceramic ware made from clay and baked in a kiln; the art or process of making objects from clay by shaping it and then firing it in a kiln or oven
171. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
172. a built-in diagnostic ro____e *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
173. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
174. l__g capacity *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
175. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
176. stand mixer fitted with the paddle att_____nt *n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something
177. snow-covered dr_____ay *n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles
178. con_____ble aircraft *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
179. an im_____ve force *adj.* acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have
180. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 169. resist, 170. pottery, 171. pace, 172. routine, 173. carve, 174. lung, 175. immediately, 176. attachment, 177. driveway, 178. controllable, 179. impulsive, 180. represent

181. the runner's p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
182. the ch____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
183. s_a treatment *n.* a resort or facility offering various health, beauty, and relaxation treatments, such as massages, saunas, and mud baths; a hot spring or mineral spring believed to have therapeutic properties
184. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
185. had a di__y spell *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
186. su_____er an insurance policy *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
187. my in____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
188. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
189. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
190. lar_____le project *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
191. become na____us *adj.* causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort

ANSWERS: 181. pace, 182. chaotic, 183. spa, 184. humble, 185. dizzy, 186. surrender, 187. intimate, 188. responsible, 189. intention, 190. large-scale, 191. nauseous

192. ex_____ve ocean views *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
193. 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
194. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
195. sc___e meat off a bone *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
196. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
197. re___r the contract void *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
198. di_____se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
199. in_____te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
200. re___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
201. dangerously unp_____ble person *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
202. ea__r anticipation *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

ANSWERS: 192. expansive, 193. background, 194. motto, 195. scrape, 196. graduate, 197. render, 198. diagnose, 199. intimate, 200. resist, 201. unpredictable, 202. eager

203. su____nd a town

v. to be all around something or somebody

204. up____ng events

adj. approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated

205. joint rec____on

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

ANSWERS: 203. surround, 204. upcoming, 205. recognition

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ youth makes rueful age.
adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
2. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
3. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
4. The band has released a lot of _____ rock music.
n. (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger
5. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses _____.
v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
6. The walls were _____ to create a private outdoor space.
v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
7. He has terminal _____ cancer.
n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
8. The company is planning to make a _____ expansion of its factory.
adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

ANSWERS: 1. Reckless, 2. dots, 3. graduate, 4. adrenaline-pumping, 5. crawl, 6. enclosed, 7. lung, 8. large-scale

9. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
- n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
10. I'm craving a cold _____ to quench my thirst.
- n.* a carbonated soft drink containing a sweetened syrup or flavoring, often used interchangeably with "pop" or "soda pop" in different regions of the world
11. The wooden furniture was coated with a layer of glossy _____ for a polished finish.
- n.* a clear or colored liquid coating composed of a resinous substance typically applied to wood, metal, or other surfaces as a protective or decorative finish; the hard, glossy finish that results from the application of such coating
12. I have no _____ to the countryside.
- n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something
13. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
14. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
- v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
15. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.
- n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
16. The stock market has been _____ lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.
- adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

ANSWERS: 9. landscape, 10. soda, 11. lacquer, 12. attachment, 13. medicinal, 14. highlighted, 15. curiosity, 16. turbulent

17. An _____ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.
adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
18. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of _____ reform.
adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
19. We made a _____ with everyone.
n. slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even
20. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.
n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
21. She studies gardening on a _____ basis.
n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
22. You should not _____ them from the community.
v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
23. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.
v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
24. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 17. inspiring, 18. chaotic, 19. toast, 20. pace, 21. routine, 22. isolate, 23. diagnose, 24. vulnerable

25. The smell of the fish made me feel _____.

adj. causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort

26. Pakistan's ___ budget was still being reviewed.

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

27. The aromatherapy oils used during my ___ treatment helped me feel more relaxed and rejuvenated.

n. a resort or facility offering various health, beauty, and relaxation treatments, such as massages, saunas, and mud baths; a hot spring or mineral spring believed to have therapeutic properties

28. The enemy was forced to _____ after a long battle.

v. to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority

29. The friendly _____ brought the food to the table and asked if they needed anything else.

n. a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe

30. Please _____ the screws on the back panel so we can access the inside of the machine.

v. to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax

31. Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting _____.

adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

32. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.

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

ANSWERS: 25. nauseous, 26. aid, 27. spa, 28. surrender, 29. waitress, 30. loosen, 31. dizzy, 32. awful

33. When he said he was starving to death, it was a _____ way of saying he was very hungry.
adj. using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
34. 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
35. Each ancient tribe has its _____ traditions.
n. the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
36. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.
n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
37. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.
v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
38. 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
39. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
40. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.
adj. extremely interesting

ANSWERS: 33. figurative, 34. develop, 35. healing, 36. chaos, 37. resist, 38. studio, 39. relations, 40. fascinating

41. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
42. The _____ in the bathroom was faulty, so I had to use a different one for my hair dryer.
- n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
43. The children were _____ to start the treasure hunt.
- adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
44. I accidentally backed into my wife's car while backing out of the _____ this morning.
- n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles
45. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
- n.* something you want to do and are going to do
46. He regrets the _____ behavior he took in his drunken state.
- adj.* acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have
47. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 41. environment, 42. outlet, 43. eager, 44. driveway, 45. intentions, 46. impulsive, 47. responsible

48. The jury must _____ a decision on this complex case.

- v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

49. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.

- n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

50. She took a _____ class and learned how to make vases and bowls.

- n.* ceramic ware made from clay and baked in a kiln; the art or process of making objects from clay by shaping it and then firing it in a kiln or oven

51. We often ignore important _____ from nature.

- n.* a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing

52. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

53. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

- v.* to be all around something or somebody

54. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.

- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

55. She was _____ for the help he provided.

- adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

ANSWERS: 48. render, 49. diet, 50. pottery, 51. caveats, 52. opportune, 53. surround, 54. alternative, 55. grateful

56. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

57. 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

58. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

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

59. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

60. Actuators convert _____ pulses into motion.

adj. relating to electricity

61. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

62. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

63. This space is a private office _____ to the President

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

ANSWERS: 56. carved, 57. unpredictable, 58. weighs, 59. intimate, 60. electrical, 61. specific, 62. ritual, 63. sacred

64. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

v. to give somebody a job

65. I'm excited about the _____ concert with my favorite band.

adj. approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated

66. 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

67. The record store has a large selection of _____ albums.

n. a synthetic resin or plastic material that can be molded into various shapes and forms, particularly used in construction, furniture, and record production

68. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

69. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

70. She has _____ habits.

adj. clean or tidy, with everything in its place

71. 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

ANSWERS: 64. hire, 65. upcoming, 66. background, 67. vinyl, 68. release, 69. perspective, 70. neat, 71. advantages

72. The nobler, the more _____.

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

73. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

74. I filled the _____ with hot water and a bubble bath for a relaxing soak.

n. a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe

75. He _____ the mud off his boots before entering the house.

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

76. Do you have a plan for a long _____

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

77. The novel's plot was so well-written that it seemed _____ and realistic.

adj. able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible

78. They removed _____ content from the slides.

adj. not connected with or related to something and therefore not important

79. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

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

ANSWERS: 72. humble, 73. recognition, 74. bathtub, 75. scraped, 76. vacation?, 77. believable, 78. irrelevant, 79. brain

80. He created an _____ shaped torso.

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

81. 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)

82. That story was so _____ and it was scary.

adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

83. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

84. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

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

85. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

86. 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

ANSWERS: 80. imperfectly, 81. dynamic, 82. realistic, 83. cancer, 84. myth, 85. overnight, 86. stick

87. Detectives are still attempting to _____ the mystery of his death.
v. undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
88. The new software is much more _____ and user-friendly.
adj. able to be controlled or directed
89. The salespeople speak in technical terms to _____ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.
v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
90. The _____ needles are very thin and are not painful to insert.
n. a traditional Chinese medical practice that involves inserting thin needles into specific points on the body to stimulate energy flow and promote healing; a form of alternative medicine
91. The company has an _____ network of offices and locations around the world.
adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
92. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
93. The rich and _____ dessert was worth every calorie.
adj. given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish
94. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 87. unravel, 88. controllable, 89. imply, 90. acupuncture, 91. expansive, 92. represent, 93. indulgent, 94. motto

95. 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

96. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

97. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

98. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

99. This library rents out various types of folding _____ for visitors.

n. a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk

100. I found a stink ____ crawling across the ceiling.

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

101. I would love to ____ camping someday.

adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone

102. We watched a _____ of the upcoming movie before it was released in theaters.

n. an early look or showing of a movie, book, or other creative work before its official release or presentation; a brief overview or introduction of something

ANSWERS: 95. complicated, 96. immediately, 97. survival, 98. atmosphere, 99. wheelchairs, 100. bug, 101. solo, 102. preview

103. I heated my leftover food in the _____ oven, which tasted just as good as freshly cooked.

- n.* a form of electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths ranging from about one millimeter to one meter and frequencies between 300 MHz (0.3 GHz) and 300 GHz; an electric oven that cooks food by exposing it to high-frequency electromagnetic radiation, which causes the food molecules to vibrate and heat up quickly

ANSWERS: 103. microwave