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Session 1: Word List

razor

n. a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair

synonym: blade, shaver, cutter

(1) **razor** blade, (2) an electric **razor**

He shaved with a **razor** to get a close shave.

blade

n. the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

synonym: knife, sword, cutter

(1) a **blade** of grass, (2) the **blade** of a turbine

The **blade** of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.

pistol

n. a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand

synonym: revolver, handgun, firearm

(1) **pistol** grip, (2) **pistol** shot

The robbers were armed with **pistols** and demanded money.

bullet

n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

synonym: projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

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.

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.

thorn

n. a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation

synonym: spike, prickle, spine

(1) **thorn** bush, (2) **thorn** injury

The **thorn** in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove it.

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.

stomach

n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

synonym: belly, abdomen, gut

(1) upset **stomach**, (2) **stomach** virus

I have a **stomach** ache after overeating junk food.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

rap

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

synonym : hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**

The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

norm

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

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

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

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

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym : shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

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.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym : engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

blindfold

n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

(1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge

The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

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.

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym: conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

rehearse

v. to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

synonym: practice, recite, drill

(1) **rehearse** an opera, (2) **rehearse** a speech

The actors needed to **rehearse** their lines before the performance.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

mortality

n. the quality or state of being subject to death

synonym: fatality

(1) **mortality** due to cancer, (2) lower infant **mortality**

This disease has a high **mortality**.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

arrow

n. a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

synonym: shaft, dart, projectile

(1) **arrow** pointing, (2) **arrow** diagram

The archer aimed his **arrow** carefully at the target.

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.

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.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym : bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

province

n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

synonym : area, section, region

(1) Bengal **province**, (2) home **province**

A network of railways has developed over the **province**.

baroque

adj. of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama

synonym : ornate, elaborate, decorative

(1) **baroque** music, (2) **baroque** architecture

The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the **baroque** style.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym: mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

bloody

adj. covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

synonym: gory, gruesome, savage

(1) **bloody** massacre, (2) **bloody** diarrhea

The crime scene was **bloody** and gruesome.

cow

n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

synonym: bovine, cattle, kine

(1) **cow** herd, (2) dairy **cow**

The farmer milked the **cows** every morning before breakfast.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

unbearable

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

synonym: intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found

hard to overcome.

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

synonym: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

nowhere

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

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

gaze

v. to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else

synonym : stare, gawk, look

(1) **gaze** steadily at his face, (2) **gaze** absently out a window

The youngster was **gazed** at by the beast.

communicate

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

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

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

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym : academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

upstate

adj. relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States

synonym : northern

(1) **upstate** Connecticut, (2) **upstate** region

He grew up in a small town in **upstate** New York.

REM

n. (abbreviation for rapid eye movement) a stage of sleep characterized by rapid eye movements, increased brain activity, and dreaming

(1) **REM** sleep cycle, (2) **REM** sleep behavior disorder

REM sleep deprivation has been linked to various adverse effects on mood, memory, and cognitive function.

contract

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

synonym : agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

old-fashioned

adj. of or relating to a time in the past; not modern

synonym : antiquated, ancient, outdated

(1) an **old-fashioned** person, (2) **old-fashioned** in appearance

My father is **old-fashioned** in his thinking.

certificate

n. an official document stating that the information contained within is true

synonym : diploma, credential, certification

(1) official score **certificate**, (2) a birth **certificate**

He received a **certificate** in computer programming from the local college.

accomplishment

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

synonym : success, achievement, complete

(1) proud of his **accomplishments**, (2) the

accomplishment of a social goal

Graduating from college was a major **accomplishment** for her.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

orientation

n. a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment

synonym: direction, introduction, frontage

(1) sexual **orientation**, (2) the school **orientation**

There will be an **orientation** lecture for new students this afternoon.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

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.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature
Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

electron

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

synonym : negatron

(1) flow of **electrons**, (2) beam of **electrons**

The outermost **electron** shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.

simplicity

n. the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

synonym : easiness, plainness, modesty

(1) a life of **simplicity**, (2) refined **simplicity**

He liked the car because of the **simplicity** of the design.

magnet

n. an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel

synonym : magnetite, lodestone, attracting substance

(1) **magnet** attraction, (2) permanent **magnet**

The MRI machine uses **magnets** to produce images of the body's internal organs.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym : association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

crystal

n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

synonym: quartz

(1) liquid **crystal**, (2) **crystal** analyses

A vast **crystal** chandelier glittered brightly above us.

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

duration

n. the length of time something lasts or continues

synonym: period, span, course

(1) the **duration** of insurance, (2) short **duration**

The military incarcerated him for the **duration** of the war.

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.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
synonym : shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

asleep

adj. in a state of sleep
synonym : sleeping, fallen, at rest

(1) **asleep** at the wheel, (2) dead **asleep**

He lay down and fell **asleep** immediately.

virtual

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
synonym : practical

(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies

She is the **virtual** president of the company.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly**

insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

bore

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

synonym : bear, tire, weary

(1) **bore** diameter, (2) **bore** him with his stories

The lecture on quantum physics **bored** me to tears.

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.

unbelievable

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

synonym : unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym : please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

synonym : grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

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.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym : domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym : aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym : bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym : donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

blink

v. to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

synonym: twinkle, flash, flicker

(1) **blink** his eyes, (2) **blink** in astonishment

He **blinked** in the dazzling sunlight.

relax

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

synonym: soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

Session 2: Spelling

1. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
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4. ballad op__a *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
5. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
6. permanent ma____t *n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel
7. no____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
8. come out of no____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
9. si____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
10. pho____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
11. the bl__e of a turbine *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

ANSWERS: 1. specific, 2. liberate, 3. chamber, 4. opera, 5. stream, 6. magnet, 7. nowhere, 8. nowhere, 9. silent, 10. photograph, 11. blade

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26. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
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32. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
33. get a r_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

ANSWERS: 26. suffer, 27. thorn, 28. magnet, 29. cow, 30. critic, 31. blindfold, 32. isolate, 33. rap

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43. st_____h virus *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
44. R_M sleep behavior disorder *n.* (abbreviation for rapid eye movement) a stage of sleep characterized by rapid eye movements, increased brain activity, and dreaming

ANSWERS: 34. virtual, 35. razor, 36. territory, 37. liberate, 38. pistol, 39. crystal, 40. experiment, 41. corruptible, 42. accomplishment, 43. stomach, 44. REM

45. employment co____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
46. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
47. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
48. r_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
49. cha_____ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
50. oasis in the de____t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
51. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
52. sa_____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
53. 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
54. bl__k in astonishment *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

ANSWERS: 45. contract, 46. physically, 47. absolutely, 48. rap, 49. charismatic, 50. desert, 51. frame, 52. satisfy, 53. mess, 54. blink

55. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
56. R_M sleep cycle
n. (abbreviation for rapid eye movement) a stage of sleep characterized by rapid eye movements, increased brain activity, and dreaming
57. cr_____l analyses
n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
58. old_____ned in appearance
adj. of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
59. r__n the plan
v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
60. bl_____ld challenge
n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
61. a rid_____us suggestion
adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
62. beam of el_____ons
n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

ANSWERS: 55. communicate, 56. REM, 57. crystal, 58. old-fashioned, 59. ruin, 60. blindfold, 61. ridiculous, 62. electron

63. ob____e wildlife
v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
64. ba____e architecture
adj. of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
65. 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
66. burn s__r
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
67. flow of el____ons
n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
68. a man of imp____ce
n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
69. a picture fr__e
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
70. co____ct a dam
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
71. ba____e music
adj. of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama

ANSWERS: 63. observe, 64. baroque, 65. mess, 66. scar, 67. electron, 68. importance, 69. frame, 70. construct, 71. baroque

72. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
73. g__e steadily at his face *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
74. cause unb_____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
75. 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
76. a bl__e of grass *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
77. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
78. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
79. bu__t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
80. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
81. re__x at home *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

ANSWERS: 72. conscious, 73. gaze, 74. unbelievable, 75. stick, 76. blade, 77. digital, 78. territory, 79. bullet, 80. transport, 81. relax

82. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
83. dead as___p *adj.* in a state of sleep
84. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
85. sa_____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
86. 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
87. th__n injury *n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation
88. 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
89. Platonic di_____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
90. bl__k his eyes *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

ANSWERS: 82. temple, 83. asleep, 84. contribution, 85. satisfy, 86. adrenaline, 87. thorn, 88. frustrate, 89. dialogue, 90. blink

91. up____e Connecticut *adj.* relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States
92. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
93. Bengal pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
94. unb_____le heat *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
95. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
96. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
97. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
98. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
99. pi___l shot *n.* a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand
100. ar__w pointing *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
101. bl___y diarrhea *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

ANSWERS: 91. upstate, 92. responsible, 93. province, 94. unbearable, 95. scar, 96. responsible, 97. stream, 98. incredibly, 99. pistol, 100. arrow, 101. bloody

102. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
103. 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
104. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
105. re_____se an opera *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
106. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
107. a gas ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
108. mo_____ty due to cancer *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
109. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 102. corruptible, 103. stick, 104. exchange, 105. rehearse, 106. norm, 107. chamber, 108. mortality, 109. sham

110. home pr____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
111. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
112. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
113. trading of vi_____l currencies *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
114. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
115. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
116. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
117. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 110. province, 111. contribution, 112. instruction, 113. virtual, 114. exchange, 115. incredible, 116. sham, 117. communicate

118. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
119. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
120. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
121. g__e absently out a window *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
122. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
123. an old_____ned person *adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
124. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
125. b__e him with his stories *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
126. dairy c_w *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

ANSWERS: 118. relation, 119. lab, 120. photograph, 121. gaze, 122. transport, 123. old-fashioned, 124. conscious, 125. bore, 126. cow

127. cha_____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
128. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
129. ob_____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
130. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
131. the acc_____ent of a social goal *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
132. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
133. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
134. up_____e region *adj.* relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States
135. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 127. charismatic, 128. institute, 129. observe, 130. sand, 131. accomplishment, 132. lab, 133. critic, 134. upstate, 135. incredibly

136. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
137. co_____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
138. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
139. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
140. short du_____on *n.* the length of time something lasts or continues
141. an electric ra__r *n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
142. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
143. re_____se a speech *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
144. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
145. cu_____r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
146. lower infant mo_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death

ANSWERS: 136. smartphone, 137. contract, 138. specific, 139. confront, 140. duration, 141. razor, 142. confront, 143. rehearse, 144. unbelievable, 145. curator, 146. mortality

147. upset st_____h *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
148. the form of a di_____ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
149. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
150. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
151. the school ori_____on *n.* a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment
152. 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
153. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
154. refined sim_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
155. bl___y massacre *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
156. re__x a series of muscles *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
157. a birth cer_____te *n.* an official document stating that the information contained within is true

ANSWERS: 147. stomach, 148. dialogue, 149. instruction, 150. experiment, 151. orientation, 152. frustrate, 153. ruin, 154. simplicity, 155. bloody, 156. relax, 157. certificate

158. interim cu____r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
159. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
160. sexual ori_____on *n.* a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment
161. unb_____le pain *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
162. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
163. the du_____on of insurance *n.* the length of time something lasts or continues
164. 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
165. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
166. a life of sim_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

ANSWERS: 158. curator, 159. government, 160. orientation, 161. unbearable, 162. isolate, 163. duration, 164. adrenaline, 165. sand, 166. simplicity

167. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
168. b__e diameter *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
169. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
170. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
171. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
172. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
173. op__a performance *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
174. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 167. construct, 168. bore, 169. ridiculous, 170. relation, 171. suffer, 172. government, 173. opera, 174. institute

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The loss of his wife was an _____ sorrow that he found hard to overcome.
adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
2. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.
n. a conversation in a book, play, or film
3. The stray _____ went through the window and hit the wall.
n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
4. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
5. The doctor administered a _____ test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.
n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
6. He received a _____ in computer programming from the local college.
n. an official document stating that the information contained within is true
7. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 1. unbearable, 2. dialogue, 3. bullet, 4. ridiculous, 5. blindfold, 6. certificate, 7. suffers

8. You should not _____ them from the community.
v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
9. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
10. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
11. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
12. The crime scene was _____ and gruesome.
adj. covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
13. Graduating from college was a major _____ for her.
n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
14. The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the _____ style.
adj. of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
15. He liked the car because of the _____ of the design.
n. the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

ANSWERS: 8. isolate, 9. incredibly, 10. transportation, 11. scar, 12. bloody, 13. accomplishment, 14. baroque, 15. simplicity

16. He grew up in a small town in _____ New York.

adj. relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States

17. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's ____.

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

18. 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

19. This region is predominantly _____.

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

20. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

21. There will be an _____ lecture for new students this afternoon.

n. a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment

22. 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

23. 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

ANSWERS: 16. upstate, 17. lab, 18. specific, 19. desert, 20. photograph, 21.

orientation, 22. adrenaline-pumping, 23. frustrate

24. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
25. The _____ of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.
n. the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
26. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
27. The MRI machine uses _____ to produce images of the body's internal organs.
n. an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel
28. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.
adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
29. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
30. The robbers were armed with _____ and demanded money.
n. a handgun, typically one that can be held in one hand
31. 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
32. The farmer milked the _____ every morning before breakfast.
n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

ANSWERS: 24. experiments, 25. blade, 26. smartphones, 27. magnets, 28. unbelievable, 29. norms, 30. pistols, 31. opera, 32. cows

33. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
34. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.
v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
35. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
36. A network of railways has developed over the _____.
n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
37. This disease has a high _____.
n. the quality or state of being subject to death
38. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
39. The actors needed to _____ their lines before the performance.
v. to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
40. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 33. instruction, 34. confront, 35. frame, 36. province, 37. mortality, 38. absolutely, 39. rehearse, 40. institutes

41. She is the _____ president of the company.

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

42. He _____ in the dazzling sunlight.

v. to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

43. The museum _____ conserved the ancient manuscripts.

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

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

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

45. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

46. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

47. He shaved with a _____ to get a close shave.

n. a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair

48. He became _____ that he was being followed.

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

ANSWERS: 41. virtual, 42. blinked, 43. curator, 44. nowhere, 45. streams, 46. critics, 47. razor, 48. conscious

49. The data he prepared was completely _____.

- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

50. 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

51. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.

- n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

52. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.

- adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

53. My father is _____ in his thinking.

- adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern

54. The rules were _____ after the new executive arrived.

- v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

55. The military incarcerated him for the _____ of the war.

- n.* the length of time something lasts or continues

56. The _____ in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove it.

- n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation

ANSWERS: 49. sham, 50. stick, 51. sand, 52. corruptible, 53. old-fashioned, 54. relaxed, 55. duration, 56. thorn

57. Did this response _____ your request?

- v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

58. I have a _____ ache after overeating junk food.

- n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

59. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

- adj.* unbelievable; enormous

60. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.

- v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

61. 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

62. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

- adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

63. _____ sleep deprivation has been linked to various adverse effects on mood, memory, and cognitive function.

- n.* (abbreviation for rapid eye movement) a stage of sleep characterized by rapid eye movements, increased brain activity, and dreaming

64. A vast _____ chandelier glittered brightly above us.

- n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

ANSWERS: 57. satisfy, 58. stomach, 59. incredible, 60. ruined, 61. mess, 62. digital, 63. REM, 64. crystal

65. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
66. 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
67. The new ____ album is getting a lot of attention.
n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
68. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.
n. an area under the control of a ruler or state
69. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
70. The lecture on quantum physics _____ me to tears.
v. to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
71. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
72. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 65. liberated, 66. relations, 67. rap, 68. territory, 69. charismatic, 70. bored, 71. importance, 72. communicate

73. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

74. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

75. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

76. He lay down and fell _____ immediately.

adj. in a state of sleep

77. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

78. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

79. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 73. silent, 74. observe, 75. contribution, 76. asleep, 77. temple, 78. contract, 79. exchange

80. The outermost _____ shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.
n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
81. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
82. The youngster was _____ at by the beast.
v. to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
83. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
84. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
85. The archer aimed his _____ carefully at the target.
n. a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
86. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.
n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
87. 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: 80. electron, 81. government, 82. gazed, 83. physically, 84. constructs, 85. arrow, 86. chambers, 87. responsible

ANSWERS: