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Session 1: Word List

offensive

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

synonym : disrespectful, abusive, attacking

(1) assume the **offensive**, (2) an **offensive** smell

His **offensive** philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

childcare

n. a service involving care for other people's children

synonym : babysitting

(1) **childcare** allowance, (2) allow **childcare** leave

Our company offers a full range of **childcare** facilities as part of our benefits package.

polite

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous

behavior

synonym : courteous, civil, respectful

(1) **polite** manners, (2) **polite** tone

It's important to be **polite** even when you disagree with someone.

conversation

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

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

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.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

devolve

v. to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form

synonym : degenerate, drop, decline

(1) **devolve** into chaos, (2) **devolve** his rights

As time has passed, the responsibility has **devolved** to the younger generation.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

trivial

adj. of little value or importance

synonym: insignificant, minor, unimportant

(1) a **trivial** man, (2) for **trivial** reasons

The problem seemed **trivial** initially, but it became a significant issue.

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**.

pew

n. a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services

synonym: seat, church bench

(1) empty **pew**, (2) wooden **pew**

The church was filled with people sitting on the **pews**, listening to the sermon.

polar

adj. relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

synonym: opposing, contrary, contrasting

(1) **polar** bears, (2) **polar** regions

Polar animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym: agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

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**.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity
Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym : alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**
The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

Atlantic

adj. relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

(1) **Atlantic** breeze, (2) **Atlantic** salmon

The **Atlantic** hurricane season runs from June to November each year.

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.

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.

competence

n. the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively

synonym: ability, proficiency, skill

(1) **competence** evaluation, (2) proven **competence**

The company is looking for candidates with the necessary **competence** and skills.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym: alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

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.

interpersonal

adj. connected with relationships between people

synonym: social

(1) communication and **interpersonal** skills,

(2) **interpersonal** situations

Interpersonal rejection and acceptance are both psychologically significant events.

sustain

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

synonym : maintain, nurture, support

(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle

She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.

coherent

adj. logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand

synonym : logical, consistent, clear

(1) a **coherent** explanation, (2) create a **coherent** system

His writing was well-structured and **coherent**.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym : certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

billionaire

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

synonym : mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

kindergarten

n. a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

synonym : preschool, nursery school, daycare

(1) **kindergarten** class, (2) **kindergarten** teacher

The **kindergarten** students were having a good time playing with toys.

plumber

n. a person who installs and repairs the pipes and fixtures of a water supply, heating system, or drainage system

synonym : pipefitter, pipeline engineer

(1) **plumber's** wrench, (2) licensed **plumber**

I had to call a **plumber** to fix the leaky faucet in my bathroom.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

summarize

v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

synonym: recap, outline, digest

(1) **summarizes** the main ideas, (2) **summarize** text

Each chapter **summarizes** the most critical issues.

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.

offend

- v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym: insult, hurt, anger

- (1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

engage

- v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

- (1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

- (2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

inspire

- v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

- (1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

interaction

- n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym: dealings, exchange, relations

- (1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

- (2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

multitasking

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

synonym : juggling, multihandling, parallelism

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

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

tablet

n. a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

synonym : notepad, pill, medication

(1) a multivitamin **tablet**, (2) **tablet** keyboard

The new **tablet** device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.

pontificate

v. to speak or act in a pretentiously authoritative or dogmatic manner; to preach or expound at length on a subject, especially in a pompous or condescending way

synonym : lecture, preach, sermonize

(1) **pontificate** on a topic, (2) **pontificate** about religion

He loved to **pontificate** about politics but often failed to take action.

pushback

n. resistance, opposition, or an adverse reaction to a plan, idea, or proposal; a deliberate effort to resist, challenge, or oppose external pressure or influence; (verb) to resist or object to a proposal, idea, or plan

synonym : resistance, opposition, objection

(1) political **pushback**, (2) social **pushback**

The **pushback** from the community on the proposed policy change was intense and widespread.

pundit

n. an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

synonym : expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative **pundit**, (2) sports **pundit**

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym: dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym: traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

abortion

n. the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage

synonym: miscarriage

(1) **abortion** doctor, (2) the highly charged issue of **abortion**

We strongly oppose the **abortion** ban.

corporation

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

synonym: business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets

Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

predictable

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

synonym: foreseeable, expectable, likely

(1) **predictable** pattern, (2) in a **predictable** manner

The economy becomes more volatile and less **predictable**.

assume

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

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

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

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

fame

n. the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

synonym : celebrity, renown, stardom

(1) leap into **fame**, (2) his undying **fame**

Good **fame** is better than a good face.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym : antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

peck

v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

synonym : beak, nibble, pick

(1) **peck** on the cheek, (2) **peck** at feed

The wood **pecker** would peck at the tree high up in the branches.

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**.

recess

n. a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

synonym : break, interval, pause

(1) a court **recess**, (2) during noon **recess**

The company decided to take a **recess** and reconvene the meeting later that day.

open-ended

adj. without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response

synonym : unlimited, unrestricted, flexible

(1) an **open-ended** discussion, (2) **open-ended** agreements

Most people who saw the film were dissatisfied with the **open-ended** ending.

cue

n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something

synonym : signal, sign, hint

(1) **cue** card, (2) visual **cue**

The director gave the actor a **cue** to begin the scene.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

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.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

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**.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym: jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase

Canada **bounds** on the United States.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

err

v. to make a mistake or error; to stray from accuracy or correctness; to be mistaken or incorrect

synonym: mistake, blunder, slip

(1) **err** in decision-making, (2) **err** on the side of caution

He did not want to **err** in his judgment, so he double-checked all the facts before making a decision.

caution

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

synonym: carefulness, warning, notice

(1) extreme **caution**, (2) act with **caution**

He gave a stern **caution** to the naughty student.

equate

v. to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

synonym: associate, liken, relate

(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility

It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.

individual

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

synonym: person, being, self

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

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

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

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.

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

brag

v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

synonym : boast, swagger, vaunt

(1) **brag** to each other, (2) **brag** about my knowledge

Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from **bragging** about his success.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

condescending

adj. having or showing a feeling of superiority; patronizing

synonym : patronizing, superior, haughty

(1) **condescending** tone, (2) **condescending** smile

He had a **condescending** attitude towards those less fortunate than himself.

rephrase

v. to express or state something in a different or alternative way, usually to make it clearer, easier to understand, or more appropriate for a particular context or audience

synonym : reword, paraphrase, restate

(1) **rephrase** a sentence, (2) **rephrase** the question

Let me **rephrase** what you just said in simpler terms.

weed

n. a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants

synonym : plant, grass, shrub

(1) pull up a **weed**, (2) **weed** management

The garden was full of **weeds** that needed to be pulled.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

struggle

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

synonym : toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

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.

paraphrase

v. to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

synonym : rephrase, reword, reinterpret

(1) **paraphrase** a poem into prose, (2) **paraphrase** the meaning

He **paraphrased** the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

bolster

v. to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources

synonym : reinforce, support, strengthen

(1) **bolster** confidence, (2) **bolster** the economy

The company hired a new advertising agency to **bolster** its marketing efforts.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym : preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym : connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

covey

n. a small group or a flock of birds, usually game birds; a small group of people or things

synonym : flock, brood, set

(1) **covey** of opportunities, (2) **covey** of friends

The **covey** of quails scurried into the underbrush when they heard the hunter's footsteps.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

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.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

runner-up

n. a person or team that finishes in second place in a competition or contest; the second-best or second-place finisher

synonym : second place, second best

(1) **runner-up** prize, (2) Olympic **runner-up**

He was disappointed to be the **runner-up** in the competition but still proud of his accomplishment.

ballet

n. a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing

(1) a **ballet** enthusiast, (2) **ballet** lessons

She is a leading female classical **ballet** dancer

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym : astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations;
to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

Session 2: Spelling

1. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
2. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
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14. di____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
15. field of gene th____y *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
16. a com____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
17. a vul____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
18. empty p_w *n.* a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services

ANSWERS: 9. devolve, 10. decision, 11. specific, 12. climate, 13. equate, 14. discuss, 15. therapy, 16. complicated, 17. vulnerable, 18. pew

19. int_____nal situations *adj.* connected with relationships between people
20. social pu____ck *n.* resistance, opposition, or an adverse reaction to a plan, idea, or proposal; a deliberate effort to resist, challenge, or oppose external pressure or influence; (verb) to resist or object to a proposal, idea, or plan
21. oil bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
22. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
23. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
24. 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
25. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
26. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
27. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
28. communication and int_____nal skills *adj.* connected with relationships between people

ANSWERS: 19. interpersonal, 20. pushback, 21. billionaire, 22. religion, 23. grandparent, 24. bore, 25. confident, 26. amaze, 27. amaze, 28. interpersonal

29. an en_____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
30. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
31. con_____ing tone *adj.* having or showing a feeling of superiority; patronizing
32. conservative pu____t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
33. Olympic ru_____up *n.* a person or team that finishes in second place in a competition or contest; the second-best or second-place finisher
34. su_____ze text *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
35. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
36. ac____d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
37. his undying f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
38. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
39. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

ANSWERS: 29. engaging, 30. conservative, 31. condescending, 32. pundit, 33. runner-up, 34. summarize, 35. advance, 36. accord, 37. fame, 38. disagree, 39. accord

40. visual c_e *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
41. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
42. pr____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
43. su____r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
44. 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
45. 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
46. a multivitamin ta____t *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
47. dis____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
48. int____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

ANSWERS: 40. cue, 41. bound, 42. promote, 43. suffer, 44. communicate, 45. develop, 46. tablet, 47. disappoint, 48. interaction

49. po___e tone *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
50. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
51. co__y of friends *n.* a small group or a flock of birds, usually game birds; a small group of people or things
52. pon_____te about religion *v.* to speak or act in a pretentiously authoritative or dogmatic manner; to preach or expound at length on a subject, especially in a pompous or condescending way
53. ba___t lessons *n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
54. par_____se the meaning *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
55. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
56. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
57. 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

ANSWERS: 49. polite, 50. journalist, 51. covey, 52. pontificate, 53. ballet, 54. paraphrase, 55. specific, 56. bound, 57. develop

58. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
59. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
60. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
61. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
62. bo_____r the economy *v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources
63. e_r on the side of caution *v.* to make a mistake or error; to stray from accuracy or correctness; to be mistaken or incorrect
64. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
65. com_____ce evaluation *n.* the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively
66. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
67. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
68. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

ANSWERS: 58. norm, 59. balance, 60. divide, 61. confident, 62. bolster, 63. err, 64. hawk, 65. competence, 66. intent, 67. nowhere, 68. nowhere

69. At_____ic salmon *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
70. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
71. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
72. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
73. in a pre_____le manner *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
74. allow ch_____re leave *n.* a service involving care for other people's children
75. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
76. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
77. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
78. during noon re____s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

ANSWERS: 69. Atlantic, 70. disagree, 71. journalist, 72. individual, 73. predictable, 74. childcare, 75. overlook, 76. grab, 77. frank, 78. recess

79. con_____ing smile *adj.* having or showing a feeling of superiority; patronizing
80. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
81. a court re____s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
82. p__k on the cheek *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
83. po____e manners *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
84. re_____se a sentence *v.* to express or state something in a different or alternative way, usually to make it clearer, easier to understand, or more appropriate for a particular context or audience
85. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
86. kin_____ten class *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
87. dis_____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

ANSWERS: 79. condescending, 80. overlook, 81. recess, 82. peck, 83. polite, 84. rephrase, 85. individual, 86. kindergarten, 87. distracted

88. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
89. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
90. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
91. b__g about my knowledge *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
92. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
93. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
94. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
95. po__r bears *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
96. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 88. discuss, 89. argument, 90. opportune, 91. brag, 92. religion, 93. relate, 94. opportune, 95. polar, 96. suffer

97. computer mul_____ing *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
98. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
99. leap into f___e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
100. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
101. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
102. pl_____r's wrench *n.* a person who installs and repairs the pipes and fixtures of a water supply, heating system, or drainage system
103. licensed pl_____r *n.* a person who installs and repairs the pipes and fixtures of a water supply, heating system, or drainage system
104. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
105. eq___e mistakes with failure *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
106. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 97. multitasking, 98. promote, 99. fame, 100. engage, 101. divide, 102. plumber, 103. plumber, 104. ritual, 105. equate, 106. amazing

107. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
108. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
109. a tr_____l man *adj.* of little value or importance
110. th_____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
111. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
112. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
113. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
114. co__y of opportunities *n.* a small group or a flock of birds, usually game birds; a small group of people or things
115. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
116. kin_____ten teacher *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
117. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 107. decision, 108. amazing, 109. trivial, 110. therapy, 111. terrify, 112. advance, 113. complicated, 114. covey, 115. claim, 116. kindergarten, 117. struggle

118. p__k at feed v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
119. st_____le to get the job v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
120. en___e in environmental protection activities v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
121. false cl__m v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
122. n_d at each other v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
123. su_____n a good relationship with him v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
124. bo___g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
125. c_e card *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
126. w__d management *n.* a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants

ANSWERS: 118. peck, 119. struggle, 120. engage, 121. claim, 122. nod, 123. sustain, 124. boring, 125. cue, 126. weed

127. of ___d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
128. an ope _____ed discussion *adj.* without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response
129. 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
130. ab _____on doctor *n.* the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
131. en _____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
132. con _____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
133. wooden p_w *n.* a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
134. a public cor _____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
135. act with ca _____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
136. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

ANSWERS: 127. offend, 128. open-ended, 129. bore, 130. abortion, 131. engaging, 132. conservative, 133. pew, 134. corporation, 135. caution, 136. norm

137. 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
138. of___d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
139. b__g to each other *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
140. e_r in decision-making *v.* to make a mistake or error; to stray from accuracy or correctness; to be mistaken or incorrect
141. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
142. su_____zes the main ideas *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
143. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
144. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
145. Silicon Valley bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
146. par_____se a poem into prose *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

ANSWERS: 137. stick, 138. offend, 139. brag, 140. err, 141. nod, 142. summarize, 143. smartphone, 144. hawk, 145. billionaire, 146. paraphrase

147. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
148. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
149. ch_____re allowance *n.* a service involving care for other people's children
150. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
151. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
152. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
153. ru_____up prize *n.* a person or team that finishes in second place in a competition or contest; the second-best or second-place finisher
154. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
155. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
156. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
157. ope_____ed agreements *adj.* without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response

ANSWERS: 147. disappoint, 148. communicate, 149. childcare, 150. compromise, 151. terrify, 152. ritual, 153. runner-up, 154. politician, 155. grandparent, 156. assume, 157. open-ended

158. At____ic breeze *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
159. the in____t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
160. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
161. create a co____nt system *adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand
162. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
163. proven com_____ce *n.* the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively
164. a ba____t enthusiast *n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
165. mistaken id____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

ANSWERS: 158. Atlantic, 159. intent, 160. corporation, 161. coherent, 162. interaction, 163. competence, 164. ballet, 165. identity

166. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
167. de_____e his rights *v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
168. a co_____nt explanation *adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand
169. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
170. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
171. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
172. sports pu____t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
173. for tr_____l reasons *adj.* of little value or importance
174. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

ANSWERS: 166. grab, 167. devolve, 168. coherent, 169. balance, 170. determinant, 171. frank, 172. pundit, 173. trivial, 174. identity

175. po__r regions *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
176. re_____se the question *v.* to express or state something in a different or alternative way, usually to make it clearer, easier to understand, or more appropriate for a particular context or audience
177. pull up a w__d *n.* a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
178. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
179. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
180. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
181. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
182. ta____t keyboard *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
183. extreme ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
184. assume the of_____ve *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

ANSWERS: 175. polar, 176. rephrase, 177. weed, 178. vulnerable, 179. smartphone, 180. distracted, 181. climate, 182. tablet, 183. caution, 184. offensive

185. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
186. the highly charged issue of ab_____on *n.* the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
187. su_____n a wellness lifestyle *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
188. mul_____ing ability *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
189. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
190. pre_____le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
191. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
192. pon_____te on a topic *v.* to speak or act in a pretentiously authoritative or dogmatic manner; to preach or expound at length on a subject, especially in a pompous or condescending way
193. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 185. determinant, 186. abortion, 187. sustain, 188. multitasking, 189. compromise, 190. predictable, 191. conversation, 192. pontificate, 193. relate

194. in____e a feeling of curiosity v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
195. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
196. 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

ANSWERS: 194. inspire, 195. assume, 196. stick

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
2. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have
3. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
4. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory;
a verbal or physical fight or dispute
5. 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
6. The company is looking for candidates with the necessary _____ and
skills.
n. the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability
required to perform a task or job effectively
7. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or
judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 1. divide, 2. accord, 3. therapy, 4. argument, 5. complicated, 6. competence, 7. decision

8. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
9. The _____ from the community on the proposed policy change was intense and widespread.
- n.* resistance, opposition, or an adverse reaction to a plan, idea, or proposal; a deliberate effort to resist, challenge, or oppose external pressure or influence; (verb) to resist or object to a proposal, idea, or plan
10. 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
11. I was so _____ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.
- adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
12. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-_____.
- n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
13. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
- v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
14. _____ animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.
- adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

ANSWERS: 8. discuss, 9. pushback, 10. develop, 11. distracted, 12. hawk, 13. amazed, 14. Polar

15. His _____ philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.
adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
16. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
17. She struggled to _____ the children's reading habits.
v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
18. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
19. It isn't very reasonable to _____ money with happiness.
v. to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
20. The self-made _____ donated millions to charity.
n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
21. She could finish all her work on time because of her _____ skills.
n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
22. Each chapter _____ the most critical issues.
v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

ANSWERS: 15. offensive, 16. relate, 17. sustain, 18. religion, 19. equate, 20. billionaire, 21. multitasking, 22. summarizes

23. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
24. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.
adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming
25. It's important to be _____ even when you disagree with someone.
adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
26. _____ rejection and acceptance are both psychologically significant events.
adj. connected with relationships between people
27. He loved to _____ about politics but often failed to take action.
v. to speak or act in a pretentiously authoritative or dogmatic manner; to preach or expound at length on a subject, especially in a pompous or condescending way
28. He _____ the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.
v. to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
29. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
30. 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

ANSWERS: 23. individual, 24. engaging, 25. polite, 26. Interpersonal, 27. pontificate, 28. paraphrased, 29. determinant, 30. ritual

31. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
32. 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
33. 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
34. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
- v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
35. The director gave the actor a _____ to begin the scene.
- n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
36. The church was filled with people sitting on the _____ listening to the sermon.
- n. a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
37. The problem seemed _____ initially, but it became a significant issue.
- adj. of little value or importance
38. Canada _____ on the United States.
- v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

ANSWERS: 31. claim, 32. communicate, 33. suffers, 34. advance, 35. cue, 36. pews, 37. trivial, 38. bounds

39. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
40. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
41. Most people who saw the film were dissatisfied with the _____ ending.
adj. without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response
42. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
43. The _____ of quails scurried into the underbrush when they heard the hunter's footsteps.
n. a small group or a flock of birds, usually game birds; a small group of people or things
44. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
45. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
46. The new _____ device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.
n. a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

ANSWERS: 39. assumes, 40. compromised, 41. open-ended, 42. politician, 43. covey, 44. intent, 45. frank, 46. tablet

47. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

48. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

49. Let me _____ what you just said in simpler terms.

v. to express or state something in a different or alternative way, usually to make it clearer, easier to understand, or more appropriate for a particular context or audience

50. The company decided to take a _____ and reconvene the meeting later that day.

n. a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

51. He could not _____ against temptation.

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

52. The _____ hurricane season runs from June to November each year.

adj. relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

53. He had a _____ attitude towards those less fortunate than himself.

adj. having or showing a feeling of superiority; patronizing

54. He was disappointed to be the _____ in the competition but still proud of his accomplishment.

n. a person or team that finishes in second place in a competition or contest; the second-best or second-place finisher

ANSWERS: 47. offended, 48. boring, 49. rephrase, 50. recess, 51. struggle, 52. Atlantic, 53. condescending, 54. runner-up

55. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.
- n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
56. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
- v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
57. 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
58. I'm not _____ in our victory.
- adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
59. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
- n.* a parent of one's father or mother
60. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
- v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
61. Our company offers a full range of _____ facilities as part of our benefits package.
- n.* a service involving care for other people's children
62. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

ANSWERS: 55. interaction, 56. engaged, 57. specific, 58. confident, 59. grandparents, 60. nodded, 61. childcare, 62. journalists

63. 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
64. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
65. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.
- adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
66. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
- v. to frighten someone very much
67. I had to call a _____ to fix the leaky faucet in my bathroom.
- n. a person who installs and repairs the pipes and fixtures of a water supply, heating system, or drainage system
68. 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
69. The garden was full of _____ that needed to be pulled.
- n. a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
70. The _____ students were having a good time playing with toys.
- n. a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

ANSWERS: 63. stick, 64. inspired, 65. nowhere, 66. terrify, 67. plumber, 68. bored, 69. weeds, 70. kindergarten

71. The wood_____ would peck at the tree high up in the branches.
v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
72. We strongly oppose the _____ ban.
n. the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
73. He gave a stern _____ to the naughty student.
n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
74. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
75. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
76. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
77. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
78. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
79. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 71. pecker, 72. abortion, 73. caution, 74. amazing, 75. disagree, 76. balance, 77. identity, 78. vulnerable, 79. conversation

80. She is a leading female classical _____ dancer
- n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
81. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
- v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
82. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
83. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
84. He did not want to ____ in his judgment, so he double-checked all the facts before making a decision.
- v.* to make a mistake or error; to stray from accuracy or correctness; to be mistaken or incorrect
85. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
- v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
86. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.
- adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
87. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.
- adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

ANSWERS: 80. ballet, 81. disappoint, 82. opportune, 83. smartphones, 84. err, 85. promote, 86. conservative, 87. predictable

88. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.
- n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
89. The political _____ provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.
- n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
90. As time has passed, the responsibility has _____ to the younger generation.
- v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
91. Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from _____ about his success.
- v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
92. Good _____ is better than a good face.
- n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
93. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
94. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
- n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

ANSWERS: 88. corporation, 89. pundit, 90. devolved, 91. bragging, 92. fame, 93. grab, 94. Climate

95. His writing was well-structured and _____.

adj. logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand

96. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

97. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

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

98. The company hired a new advertising agency to _____ its marketing efforts.

v. to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources

ANSWERS: 95. coherent, 96. overlook, 97. norms, 98. bolster