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All Words

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Session 1: Word List

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym: comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym: association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

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**.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym : prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym : engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

clarify

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

synonym : explain, ascribe, purify

(1) **clarify** a goal, (2) **clarify** his feelings

The police tried to **clarify** the facts concerning her death.

paragraph

n. a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

synonym : section, chapter, indentation

(1) an editorial **paragraph**, (2) first **paragraph**

Article VII, **Paragraph** 2 of the United States Constitution

stipulates a presidential veto.

punctuate

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

synonym: emphasize, accent, mark

(1) **punctuate** a sentence, (2) **punctuate** his talk
Strikes had also **punctuated** the preceding weeks.

dieresis

n. a mark (¨) placed above a vowel, typically to indicate that it should be pronounced separately from the preceding vowel, creating a separate syllable

synonym: umlaut

(1) diacritical **dieresis**, (2) mark with **dieresis**

The word "naïve" is an example of a **dieresis** used in English to indicate that the two vowels should be pronounced separately.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
synonym: drop, dab, fleck

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

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

naive

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

synonym: innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

impose

v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

synonym: charge, levy, foist

(1) **impose** harsher sanctions, (2) **impose** tariffs

The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they **impose** on students.

distinctive

adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

synonym: characteristic, individual, unique

(1) **distinctive** ability, (2) design to be **distinctive**

His writing style was **distinctive**, with a clear and concise voice.

tease

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

synonym: bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

hyphen

n. a punctuation mark (-) used to connect two words or parts of a word, to indicate a compound word, or to separate syllables for clarity

synonym: dash, connection

(1) double **hyphen**, (2) missing **hyphen**

Make sure to put a **hyphen** between your phone number digits.

cooperate

v. to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal

synonym: collaborate, team up, work together

(1) **cooperate** with one another, (2) **cooperate** closely in various ways

The team had to **cooperate** to complete the project on time.

mechanical

adj. operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

synonym: machinelike, automated, automatic

(1) a **mechanical** style of writing, (2) the influence of **mechanical** action

A **mechanical** engineer is still in demand in many companies.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

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.

query

n. a question or inquiry, often used in the context of research, information-gathering, or data analysis; a request for information

synonym: question, inquiry, investigation

(1) **query** language, (2) **query** result

I had a **query** about my bank statement and called customer service for an explanation.

proofread

v. to examine written material and mark any errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, or formatting; to read carefully and correct errors

synonym: proof, check, edit

(1) **proofread** document, (2) **proofread** manuscript

The teacher asked the student to **proofread** the essay as part of the revision process

interpret

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

synonym:

decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question
Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score
We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

emphasis

n. particular importance or significance that is given to something

synonym: priority, stress, focus

(1) **emphasis** on color, (2) lay great **emphasis** on policy
The spotlight gave the central figure increased **emphasis**.

unintentional

adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental

synonym: accidental, unforeseen, spontaneous

(1) avoid **unintentional** harm, (2) **unintentional** insult
The mistake was **unintentional** and made in good faith.

repetition

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

synonym: duplication, iteration, recurrence

(1) **repetition** of the word, (2) habitual **repetition**
Repetition is the mother of all learning.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym: tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**
Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using

alternative medicines.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym: testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

dynamic

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

synonym: energetic, active, vital

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

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

umbrella

n. a device consisting of a circular canopy of cloth on a central pole used as protection against rain or sometimes against the sun

synonym: parasol, canopy, sunshade

(1) **umbrella** coverage, (2) **umbrella** ban

She opened her **umbrella** to protect herself from the rain.

invariably

adv. in every case or on every occasion; without exception

synonym: consistently, always, uniformly

(1) **invariably** polite, (2) **invariably** correct

She **invariably** arrived at the office early each day.

glaringly

adv. in a way that is obvious, conspicuous, or highly visible; in a manner that draws immediate attention or scrutiny

synonym: blatantly, obviously, conspicuously

(1) **glaringly** obvious fact, (2) **glaringly** bright

The flaws of the proposal were **glaringly** apparent during the meeting.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym: clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray
My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

trump

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

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

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

embodiment

n. someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea

synonym: image, avatar, incarnation

(1) **embodiment** of evil, (2) illustrative **embodiment**

The devil is the **embodiment** of wicked ideas.

endorse

v. to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something

synonym: approve, support, advocate

(1) **endorse** candidate, (2) **endorse** a check

The celebrity **endorsed** the new product on social media.

fable

n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

synonym: fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic **fable**, (2) moralize a **fable**

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known **fable**.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

vernacular

n. a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

synonym : dialect, idiom, lingo

(1) **vernacular** language, (2) native **vernacular**

The poet wrote in the **vernacular** of ordinary people.

nihilist

n. a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose

synonym : anarchist, cynic, skeptic

(1) violent **nihilist**, (2) militant **nihilist**

The professor accused the student of being a **nihilist** for constantly challenging the course material.

ruby

n. a bright red precious stone consisting of corundum, used in jewelry; a transparent type of corundum of any color except red, which is called sapphire

synonym : gemstone, jewel, crimson

(1) **ruby** red dress, (2) **ruby** bracelet

The paintings in the gallery were filled with vibrant **ruby** hues.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym : possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

authoritative

adj. having or showing knowledge, expertise, or power in a particular field or area; recognized as being accurate or reliable; commanding respect or obedience

synonym : reliable, trustworthy, credible

(1) **authoritative** source, (2) **authoritative** figure

The scientist's findings were considered **authoritative** in the field of physics.

steady

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

synonym : stable, solid, secure

(1) **steady** increase, (2) take a **steady** job

The patient's vital signs are **steady**, indicating a stable

condition.

gait

n. a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion

synonym : pace, stride, step

(1) awkward **gait**, (2) brisk **gait**

The older woman's **gait** was slow and unsteady.

belie

v. to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something

synonym : disprove, refute, contradict

(1) **belie** his expectations, (2) **belies** the impact of the speaker's words

The peaceful surroundings **belied** the danger lurking just around the corner.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym : fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to

the enemy.

precision

n. the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
synonym : accuracy, exactness, rigor

(1) a **precision** instrument, (2) speak with **precision**
This operation requires both patience and **precision**.

outline

v. to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something

synonym : recap, summarize, digest

(1) **outlined** the plan, (2) **outline** the findings
This page **outlines** our response planning for an emergency.

complaint

n. a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something

synonym : grievance, objection, accusation

(1) **complaint** department, (2) **complaint** about price-gouging

She filed a **complaint** with the manager about the poor service.

wag

v. to move or swing back and forth or up and down in a lively or playful manner; to shake or quiver

synonym : waggle, swish, wave

(1) **wag** their laughter, (2) **wag** a forefinger

The cow lazily continued to **wag** its tail while grazing in the field.

expel

v. to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

synonym : deport, oust, dislodge

(1) **expel** him from his native country, (2) **expel** air from the lungs

He took a big drag of his cigarette and slowly **expelled** the smoke.

restrain

v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

synonym : restrict, limit, control

(1) **restrain** from violence, (2) **restrain** a child

The police had to **restrain** the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.

maniac

adj. behaving in an extremely wild or violent way; (noun) a person who is extremely enthusiastic about or devoted to a particular thing

synonym : lunatic, maniacal, mad

(1) **maniac** about things, (2) a homicidal **maniac**

He was a **maniac** for collecting stamps.

phrase

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

synonym : expression, idiom, term

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

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

stickler

n. someone who insists on strict adherence to rules, details, or standards; a person who is meticulous or pedantic about something

synonym : perfectionist, nitpicker, pedant

(1) **stickler** for details, (2) **stickler** for cleanliness

He was a **stickler** for punctuality and would not tolerate anyone being late.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym: line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

cord

n. a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment

synonym: wire, cable, string

(1) spinal **cord**, (2) electrical **cord**

Your spinal **cord** is located deep within your body.

chord

n. a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time

synonym: harmony, concord, consonance

(1) **chord** transition, (2) his vocal **chords**

The pianist played a **chord** that filled the room with a rich, harmonious sound.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

egregious

adj. outstandingly bad or shocking; conspicuously or outrageously bad or reprehensible

synonym: atrocious, flagrant, heinous

(1) **egregious** claim, (2) an **egregious** error

It was an **egregious** mistake and caused significant harm to the company's reputation.

pact

n. a formal agreement between two or more parties

synonym: agreement, treaty, covenant

(1) a nonaggression **pact**, (2) aviation **pact**

The two countries made a **pact** to reduce their carbon emissions.

excess

n. an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable

synonym: exuberance, glut, surplus

(1) lose **excess** weight, (2) an **excess** of exports

The road of **excess** leads to the palace of wisdom.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym: publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

oversight

n. the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something

synonym: supervision, monitoring, failure

(1) environmental **oversight**, (2) **oversight** committee

Due to careless **oversight**, the product was not inspected before it was shipped to the customers.

loyal

adj. giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;

synonym: dedicated, devoted, faithful

(1) a **loyal** friend, (2) become a **loyal** customer

Enemy armies are **loyal** to their monarch.

divulge

v. to reveal or make known something that was previously secret or confidential; to disclose information that was previously concealed or hidden

synonym: reveal, disclose, expose

(1) **divulge** whereabouts, (2) **divulge** information
He promised not to **divulge** confidential information to anyone.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym : fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

stern

adj. serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude

synonym : severe, harsh, strict

(1) **stern** warning, (2) a **stern** look

The students' antics did not amuse the **stern** teacher.

sandy

adj. covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown

synonym : arenaceous, sandlike

(1) miles of **sandy** beaches, (2) **sandy** hair

The rain rapidly soaked into the **sandy** soil.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym : halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

synonym : cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

dock

n. a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained

synonym : harbor, pier, quay

(1) fishing **dock**, (2) loading **dock**

The ship pulled to the **dock**, and we disembarked to start our adventure.

slope

n. a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other

synonym : gradient, pitch, slant

(1) an abrupt **slope**, (2) slide down a **slope** on a ski

The hut stands on the **slope** of a mountain.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym : skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

grammar

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

synonym : syntax, elements

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

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

yore

n. a time long past, often nostalgic or romanticized
synonym: bygone, yesteryear, past

(1) stories of **yore**, (2) long-gone **yore**

In the days of **yore**, knights would ride on horseback and joust for honor.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

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.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

extended

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

synonym: extensive, prolonged, elongated

(1) **extended** vacation, (2) **extended** payment

The **extended** airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

simile

n. a figure of speech in which two things are compared using the words "like" or "as"

synonym: comparison, analogy, metaphor

(1) **simile** usage, (2) poetic **simile**

Her poetry is full of beautiful **similes** comparing nature to human emotion.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

indiscretion

n. an act or remark that shows a lack of good judgment, tact, or prudence; a behavior or disclosure that is considered inappropriate or unwise

synonym: mistake, error, blunder

(1) a moment of **indiscretion**, (2) **indiscretion** of youth

The tabloids exposed the celebrity's **indiscretion** in cheating on their partner.

recreation

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exist or seem to exist again in a different time or place

synonym: amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland
Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

jay

n. a type of bird that belongs to the crow family and is known for its brightly colored feathers and loud, raucous call

synonym: magpie, crow

(1) **jay** feather, (2) blue **jay**

I often hear a **jay's** loud and distinctive call while hiking in the woods.

exhibit

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

synonym: display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent

Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

metropolitan

adj. of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country

synonym: urban, city, municipal

(1) major **metropolitan** area, (2) **metropolitan** city

The city is a true **metropolitan**, with a diverse population and bustling streets.

introduction

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

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym : foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

justice

n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

synonym : fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven

The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym : harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

preposition

n. a word or group of words that shows the relationship of a noun or pronoun to another word in a sentence, indicating location, time, direction, or manner (e.g., in, on, at, above, before, after)

synonym : connective, particle, word

(1) English **preposition**, (2) complex **preposition**

When learning a new language, understanding the use of **prepositions** can be quite challenging.

noun

n. a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects

(1) **noun** phrase, (2) proper **noun**

In some foreign languages, the gender of **nouns** exists.

assist

v. to help someone in doing anything

synonym: help, support, aid

(1) **assist** a patient, (2) **assist** his goal

Please **assist** her with the furniture relocation.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym: prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

verb

n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

(1) complex **verb**, (2) an auxiliary **verb**

Use a singular **verb** if the subject is singular.

distraught

adj. deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled

synonym: upset, troubled, distressed

(1) **distraught** with grief, (2) **distraught** emotions

After receiving the bad news, he was so **distraught** that he couldn't concentrate on anything else for the rest of the day.

microphone

n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

synonym: mic, megaphone, amplifier

(1) **microphone** cable, (2) built-in **microphone**

The interviewer asked him to speak into the **microphone**.

abbreviate

v. to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise

synonym: shorten, truncate, condense

(1) **abbreviate** words, (2) **abbreviate** a long document

I will **abbreviate** the title of the article to save space.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

sticky

adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

synonym: adhesive, gluey, clingy

(1) **sticky** weather, (2) **sticky** situation

A peculiar **sticky** material coated the foliage.

pronoun

n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

(1) **pronoun** usage, (2) possessive **pronoun**

In English, personal **pronouns** such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

antecedent

n. something that happened or existed before a particular event or situation; (adjective) preceding in time or order

synonym: precursor, predecessor, (adjective) anterior

(1) **antecedent** conditions, (2) birth and **antecedents**

Chemistry has long historical **antecedents**, including alchemy.

vicinity

n. the area or region surrounding or in the general vicinity of a particular place or location; a nearby or neighboring region

synonym : proximity, nearness, locality

(1) immediate **vicinity**, (2) city and its **vicinity**

The area in the **vicinity** of the mall is known for its heavy traffic congestion.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

plural

n. the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

synonym : multiple, numerous, several

(1) **plural** form, (2) **plural** culture

We use **plural** nouns when there is more than one of something

singular

n. being only one of its kind; unique

synonym : unique, sole, individual

(1) **singular** purpose, (2) **singular** goal

The **singular** beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

legitimacy

n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

synonym : legality, lawfulness, authenticity

(1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**

I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym : wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers
We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym: combine, mix, intermingle

(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream

The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

vague

adj. not clearly expressed or understood

synonym: ambiguous, imprecise, dim

(1) **vague** idea, (2) make a **vague** answer

The **vague** rumor turned out to be false.

judicial

adj. of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

synonym: legal, juridical, judicatory

(1) **judicial** review, (2) **judicial** police

The **judicial** system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym: existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

gratuitous

adj. given or done without charge or payment

synonym: unwarranted, unjustified, unmerited

(1) render **gratuitous** service, (2) **gratuitous** insult

The **gratuitous** violence in the movie was unnecessary and disturbing.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co_____nt department *n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
2. cl_____y his feelings *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
3. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
4. of____d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
5. retie the st____g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
6. ex_____ed vacation *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
7. j_y feather *n.* a type of bird that belongs to the crow family and is known for its brightly colored feathers and loud, raucous call
8. um_____la coverage *n.* a device consisting of a circular canopy of cloth on a central pole used as protection against rain or sometimes against the sun
9. da____e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 1. complaint, 2. clarify, 3. introduction, 4. offend, 5. string, 6. extended, 7. jay, 8. umbrella, 9. damage

10. vi____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
11. a st__n look *adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
12. gra_____us insult *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
13. fishing d__k *n.* a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained
14. electrical c__d *n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
15. challenge the leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
16. the ravages of a hu_____ne *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
17. aut_____ive source *adj.* having or showing knowledge, expertise, or power in a particular field or area; recognized as being accurate or reliable; commanding respect or obedience

ANSWERS: 10. visible, 11. stern, 12. gratuitous, 13. dock, 14. cord, 15. legitimacy, 16. hurricane, 17. authoritative

18. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
19. missing hy____n *n.* a punctuation mark (-) used to connect two words or parts of a word, to indicate a compound word, or to separate syllables for clarity
20. a hu_____ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
21. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
22. diacritical di_____is *n.* a mark (¨) placed above a vowel, typically to indicate that it should be pronounced separately from the preceding vowel, creating a separate syllable
23. lose ex____s weight *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
24. pl____l form *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
25. im____e harsher sanctions *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
26. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
27. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 18. interpret, 19. hyphen, 20. hurricane, 21. sect, 22. dieresis, 23. excess, 24. plural, 25. impose, 26. invisible, 27. industrious

28. qu__y language *n.* a question or inquiry, often used in the context of research, information-gathering, or data analysis; a request for information
29. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
30. illustrative emb_____nt *n.* someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea
31. co__t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
32. immediate vi_____ty *n.* the area or region surrounding or in the general vicinity of a particular place or location; a nearby or neighboring region
33. le___e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
34. moralize a fa__e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
35. ex_____t a great talent *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
36. st___y weather *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

ANSWERS: 28. query, 29. introduction, 30. embodiment, 31. commit, 32. vicinity, 33. league, 34. fable, 35. exhibit, 36. sticky

37. a moment of ind_____ion *n.* an act or remark that shows a lack of good judgment, tact, or prudence; a behavior or disclosure that is considered inappropriate or unwise
38. a nonaggression p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
39. double hy___n *n.* a punctuation mark (-) used to connect two words or parts of a word, to indicate a compound word, or to separate syllables for clarity
40. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
41. en_____e candidate *v.* to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
42. co_____nt about price-gouging *n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
43. na__e belief *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
44. re___n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
45. gl_____ly obvious fact *adv.* in a way that is obvious, conspicuous, or highly visible; in a manner that draws immediate attention or scrutiny
46. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

ANSWERS: 37. indiscretion, 38. pact, 39. hyphen, 40. excuse, 41. endorse, 42. complaint, 43. naive, 44. retain, 45. glaringly, 46. regard

47. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
48. rec_____on of the homeland *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
49. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
50. first pa_____ph *n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
51. pr_____n usage *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
52. re___n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
53. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
54. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
55. im___e tariffs *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
56. birth and ant_____nts *n.* something that happened or existed before a particular event or situation; (adjective) preceding in time or order

ANSWERS: 47. decide, 48. recreation, 49. poetic, 50. paragraph, 51. pronoun, 52. retain, 53. editorial, 54. proof, 55. impose, 56. antecedent

57. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
58. blue j_y *n.* a type of bird that belongs to the crow family and is known for its brightly colored feathers and loud, raucous call
59. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
60. abb_____te a long document *v.* to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise
61. Latin gr_____r *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
62. st_____er for details *n.* someone who insists on strict adherence to rules, details, or standards; a person who is meticulous or pedantic about something
63. his vocal ch__ds *n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time
64. pl___l culture *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
65. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 57. reputation, 58. jay, 59. betray, 60. abbreviate, 61. grammar, 62. stickler, 63. chord, 64. plural, 65. sect

66. his majestic pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
67. an editorial pa_____ph *n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
68. ov_____ht committee *n.* the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something
69. habitual rep_____on *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
70. proper n__n *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
71. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
72. bl__d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
73. ex__l air from the lungs *v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country
74. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
75. of__d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
76. justice of the su_____e court *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
77. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 66. presence, 67. paragraph, 68. oversight, 69. repetition, 70. noun, 71. ridiculous, 72. blend, 73. expel, 74. advertise, 75. offend, 76. supreme, 77. opposition

78. si___e usage *n.* a figure of speech in which two things are compared using the words "like" or "as"
79. rep_____on of the word *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
80. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
81. a baseball le___e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
82. st___y situation *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
83. possessive pr_____n *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
84. long-gone y___e *n.* a time long past, often nostalgic or romanticized
85. become a lo__l customer *adj.* giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;
86. slide down a sl___e on a ski *n.* a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
87. inv_____ly correct *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
88. poetic si___e *n.* a figure of speech in which two things are compared using the words "like" or "as"

ANSWERS: 78. simile, 79. repetition, 80. trump, 81. league, 82. sticky, 83. pronoun, 84. yore, 85. loyal, 86. slope, 87. invariably, 88. simile

89. design to be dis_____ve *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
90. st___y increase *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
91. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
92. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
93. a pr_____on instrument *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
94. em_____is on color *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
95. outdoor rec_____on *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
96. ex_____t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
97. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
98. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
99. um_____la ban *n.* a device consisting of a circular canopy of cloth on a central pole used as protection against rain or sometimes against the sun
100. hold your br___h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

ANSWERS: 89. distinctive, 90. steady, 91. massive, 92. massive, 93. precision, 94. emphasis, 95. recreation, 96. exhibit, 97. dot, 98. embark, 99. umbrella, 100. breath

101. major met_____tan area *adj.* of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country
102. dis_____ve ability *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
103. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
104. ou_____e the findings *v.* to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something
105. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
106. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
107. the su_____e commander *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
108. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
109. te__e the children *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
110. 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
111. ju_____al review *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

ANSWERS: 101. metropolitan, 102. distinctive, 103. eliminate, 104. outline, 105. technique, 106. pause, 107. supreme, 108. fin, 109. tease, 110. relate, 111. judicial

112. ch__d transition *n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time
113. speak with pr_____on *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
114. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
115. an abrupt sl__e *n.* a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
116. a homicidal ma____c *adj.* behaving in an extremely wild or violent way; (noun) a person who is extremely enthusiastic about or devoted to a particular thing
117. n__n phrase *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
118. as___t his goal *v.* to help someone in doing anything
119. city and its vi_____ty *n.* the area or region surrounding or in the general vicinity of a particular place or location; a nearby or neighboring region
120. ready-made ph____es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
121. emb_____nt of evil *n.* someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea
122. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
123. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

ANSWERS: 112. chord, 113. precision, 114. compelling, 115. slope, 116. maniac, 117. noun, 118. assist, 119. vicinity, 120. phrase, 121. embodiment, 122. eliminate, 123. alternative

124. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
125. fo___d smoking in public areas *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
126. ju____al police *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
127. take a st___y job *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
128. aut_____ive figure *adj.* having or showing knowledge, expertise, or power in a particular field or area; recognized as being accurate or reliable; commanding respect or obedience
129. miles of sa__y beaches *adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
130. en____e a check *v.* to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
131. native ver_____ar *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
132. an ed_____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
133. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
134. an auxiliary v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
135. the influence of mec_____al action *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

ANSWERS: 124. phrase, 125. forbid, 126. judicial, 127. steady, 128. authoritative, 129. sandy, 130. endorse, 131. vernacular, 132. editorial, 133. invisible, 134. verb, 135. mechanical

136. dis_____ht with grief *adj.* deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled
137. bl__d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
138. te__e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
139. re_____in a child *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
140. pr_____ad document *v.* to examine written material and mark any errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, or formatting; to read carefully and correct errors
141. militant ni_____st *n.* a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose
142. r__y red dress *n.* a bright red precious stone consisting of corundum, used in jewelry; a transparent type of corundum of any color except red, which is called sapphire
143. be__es the impact of the speaker's words *v.* to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something

ANSWERS: 136. distraught, 137. blend, 138. tease, 139. restrain, 140. proofread, 141. nihilist, 142. ruby, 143. belie

144. ju_____e of Heaven *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
145. si_____ar goal *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
146. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
147. tense piano st_____gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
148. lay great em_____is on policy *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
149. l____n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
150. mic_____ne cable *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
151. gr_____r checker *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
152. a l____n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
153. the evidence of the pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
154. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
155. met_____tan city *adj.* of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country

ANSWERS: 144. justice, 145. singular, 146. compelling, 147. string, 148. emphasis, 149. lean, 150. microphone, 151. grammar, 152. lean, 153. presence, 154. ridiculous, 155. metropolitan

156. English pre_____on *n.* a word or group of words that shows the relationship of a noun or pronoun to another word in a sentence, indicating location, time, direction, or manner (e.g., in, on, at, above, before, after)
157. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
158. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
159. sa__y hair *adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
160. stories of y__e *n.* a time long past, often nostalgic or romanticized
161. aviation p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
162. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
163. w_g their laughter *v.* to move or swing back and forth or up and down in a lively or playful manner; to shake or quiver
164. ant_____nt conditions *n.* something that happened or existed before a particular event or situation; (adjective) preceding in time or order

ANSWERS: 156. preposition, 157. slide, 158. damage, 159. sandy, 160. yore, 161. pact, 162. equip, 163. wag, 164. antecedent

165. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
166. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
167. pr_____ad manuscript *v.* to examine written material and mark any errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, or formatting; to read carefully and correct errors
168. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
169. classic fa__e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
170. vi_____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
171. a lo__l friend *adj.* giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;
172. built-in mic_____ne *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
173. avoid uni_____nal harm *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
174. di_____e information *v.* to reveal or make known something that was previously secret or confidential; to disclose information that was previously concealed or hidden

ANSWERS: 165. equip, 166. confer, 167. proofread, 168. movement, 169. fable, 170. visible, 171. loyal, 172. microphone, 173. unintentional, 174. divulge

175. ou____ed the plan *v.* to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something
176. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
177. a mec_____al style of writing *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
178. environmental ov_____ht *n.* the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something
179. re_____in from violence *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
180. re___d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
181. ind_____ion of youth *n.* an act or remark that shows a lack of good judgment, tact, or prudence; a behavior or disclosure that is considered inappropriate or unwise
182. a dy_____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
183. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

ANSWERS: 175. outline, 176. pause, 177. mechanical, 178. oversight, 179. restrain, 180. regard, 181. indiscretion, 182. dynamic, 183. advertise

184. render gra_____us service *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
185. w_g a forefinger *v.* to move or swing back and forth or up and down in a lively or playful manner; to shake or quiver
186. na__e mistake *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
187. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
188. complex pre_____on *n.* a word or group of words that shows the relationship of a noun or pronoun to another word in a sentence, indicating location, time, direction, or manner (e.g., in, on, at, above, before, after)
189. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
190. co_____te with one another *v.* to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal
191. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
192. qu__y result *n.* a question or inquiry, often used in the context of research, information-gathering, or data analysis; a request for information
193. criminal ju_____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
194. loading d__k *n.* a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained

ANSWERS: 184. gratuitous, 185. wag, 186. naive, 187. critic, 188. preposition, 189. alternative, 190. cooperate, 191. commit, 192. query, 193. justice, 194. dock

195. make a va__e answer *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
196. complex v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
197. si____ar purpose *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
198. cl____y a goal *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
199. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
200. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
201. brisk g__t *n.* a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion
202. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
203. as___t a patient *v.* to help someone in doing anything
204. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
205. awkward g__t *n.* a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion

ANSWERS: 195. vague, 196. verb, 197. singular, 198. clarify, 199. decide, 200. interpret, 201. gait, 202. process, 203. assist, 204. opposition, 205. gait

206. r__y bracelet *n.* a bright red precious stone consisting of corundum, used in jewelry; a transparent type of corundum of any color except red, which is called sapphire
207. dy____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
208. ver_____ar language *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
209. pu_____te a sentence *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
210. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
211. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
212. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
213. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
214. st_____er for cleanliness *n.* someone who insists on strict adherence to rules, details, or standards; a person who is meticulous or pedantic about something

ANSWERS: 206. ruby, 207. dynamic, 208. vernacular, 209. punctuate, 210. industrious, 211. fin, 212. slide, 213. betray, 214. stickler

215. democratic leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
216. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
217. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
218. uni_____nal insult *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
219. ex__l him from his native country *v.* to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country
220. dis_____ht emotions *adj.* deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled
221. fo___d the use of chemical weapons *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
222. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
223. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
224. gl_____ly bright *adv.* in a way that is obvious, conspicuous, or highly visible; in a manner that draws immediate attention or scrutiny

ANSWERS: 215. legitimacy, 216. impressive, 217. process, 218. unintentional, 219. expel, 220. distraught, 221. forbid, 222. critic, 223. embark, 224. glaringly

225. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
226. st__n warning *adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
227. ex_____ed payment *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
228. spinal c__d *n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
229. ma___c about things *adj.* behaving in an extremely wild or violent way; (noun) a person who is extremely enthusiastic about or devoted to a particular thing
230. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
231. be__e his expectations *v.* to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something
232. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
233. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
234. mark with di_____is *n.* a mark (¨) placed above a vowel, typically to indicate that it should be pronounced separately from the preceding vowel, creating a separate syllable

ANSWERS: 225. impressive, 226. stern, 227. extended, 228. cord, 229. maniac, 230. improve, 231. belie, 232. trump, 233. reputation, 234. dieresis

235. inv_____ly polite *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
236. violent ni_____st *n.* a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose
237. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
238. 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
239. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
240. pu_____te his talk *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
241. an eg_____us error *adj.* outstandingly bad or shocking; conspicuously or outrageously bad or reprehensible
242. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
243. eg_____us claim *adj.* outstandingly bad or shocking; conspicuously or outrageously bad or reprehensible
244. an ex___s of exports *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
245. di_____e whereabouts *v.* to reveal or make known something that was previously secret or confidential; to disclose information that was previously concealed or hidden

ANSWERS: 235. invariably, 236. nihilist, 237. technique, 238. relate, 239. improve, 240. punctuate, 241. egregious, 242. proof, 243. egregious, 244. excess, 245. divulge

246. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
247. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
248. va__e idea *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
249. co_____te closely in various ways *v.* to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal
250. br___h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
251. abb_____te words *v.* to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise
252. po___c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
253. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
254. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

ANSWERS: 246. confer, 247. movement, 248. vague, 249. cooperate, 250. breath, 251. abbreviate, 252. poetic, 253. excuse, 254. dot

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The pianist played a _____ that filled the room with a rich, harmonious sound.
n. a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time
2. The word "naïve" is an example of a _____ used in English to indicate that the two vowels should be pronounced separately.
n. a mark (¨) placed above a vowel, typically to indicate that it should be pronounced separately from the preceding vowel, creating a separate syllable
3. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
4. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.
n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
5. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
6. The mistake was _____ and made in good faith.
adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental
7. The hut stands on the _____ of a mountain.
n. a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
8. The tabloids exposed the celebrity's _____ in cheating on their partner.
n. an act or remark that shows a lack of good judgment, tact, or prudence; a behavior or disclosure that is considered inappropriate or unwise

ANSWERS: 1. chord, 2. dieresis, 3. impressive, 4. justice, 5. technique, 6. unintentional, 7. slope, 8. indiscretion

9. The _____ rumor turned out to be false.
adj. not clearly expressed or understood
10. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.
v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
11. The area in the _____ of the mall is known for its heavy traffic congestion.
n. the area or region surrounding or in the general vicinity of a particular place or location; a nearby or neighboring region
12. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.
v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
13. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
14. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
15. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
16. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

ANSWERS: 9. vague, 10. offended, 11. vicinity, 12. regarded, 13. slide, 14. damage, 15. equipped, 16. reputation

17. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

18. The rain rapidly soaked into the _____ soil.

adj. covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown

19. The ship pulled to the _____ and we disembarked to start our adventure.

n. a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained

20. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

21. Strikes had also _____ the preceding weeks.

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

22. The _____ system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

adj. of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

23. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

24. The _____ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

ANSWERS: 17. string, 18. sandy, 19. dock, 20. eliminate, 21. punctuated, 22. judicial, 23. supreme, 24. extended

25. The older woman's _____ was slow and unsteady.
- n.* a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion
26. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
- adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
27. He promised not to _____ confidential information to anyone.
- v.* to reveal or make known something that was previously secret or confidential; to disclose information that was previously concealed or hidden
28. We _____ on a new project.
- v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
29. Due to careless _____ the product was not inspected before it was shipped to the customers.
- n.* the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something
30. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.
- v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
31. Computers help people _____ specific memories.
- v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
32. This ad is intended to _____ a competing product.
- v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

ANSWERS: 25. gait, 26. invisible, 27. divulge, 28. embarked, 29. oversight, 30. blend, 31. retain, 32. tease

33. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
34. Her poetry is full of beautiful _____ comparing nature to human emotion.
n. a figure of speech in which two things are compared using the words "like" or "as"
35. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
36. This page _____ our response planning for an emergency.
v. to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something
37. My home is easily _____ from the shore.
adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view
38. Please _____ her with the furniture relocation.
v. to help someone in doing anything
39. The police had to _____ the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.
v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
40. In English, personal _____ such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.
n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

ANSWERS: 33. dots, 34. similes, 35. industrious, 36. outlines, 37. visible, 38. assist, 39. restrain, 40. pronouns

41. A peculiar _____ material coated the foliage.
adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
42. In the days of _____ knights would ride on horseback and joust for honor.
n. a time long past, often nostalgic or romanticized
43. Chemistry has long historical _____ including alchemy.
n. something that happened or existed before a particular event or situation; (adjective) preceding in time or order
44. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
45. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
46. The devil is the _____ of wicked ideas.
n. someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea
47. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.
n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
48. After receiving the bad news, he was so _____ that he couldn't concentrate on anything else for the rest of the day.
adj. deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled

ANSWERS: 41. sticky, 42. yore, 43. antecedents, 44. opposition, 45. alternative, 46. embodiment, 47. league, 48. distraught

49. _____ is better than argument.
n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
50. The interviewer asked him to speak into the _____.
n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
51. The professor accused the student of being a _____ for constantly challenging the course material.
n. a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose
52. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better
53. The _____ violence in the movie was unnecessary and disturbing.
adj. given or done without charge or payment
54. Your spinal _____ is located deep within your body.
n. a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
55. The celebrity _____ the new product on social media.
v. to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
56. He took a big drag of his cigarette and slowly _____ the smoke.
v. to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country
57. In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known _____.
n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

ANSWERS: 49. Proof, 50. microphone, 51. nihilist, 52. improve, 53. gratuitous, 54. cord, 55. endorsed, 56. expelled, 57. fable

58. Other technology industries _____ similarly explosive growth.

- v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

59. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

60. Basketball is their usual _____ after school.

- n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

61. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.

- n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

62. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

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

63. A _____ engineer is still in demand in many companies.

- adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

64. The poet wrote in the _____ of ordinary people.

- n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

65. She _____ arrived at the office early each day.

- adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception

ANSWERS: 58. exhibit, 59. movement, 60. recreation, 61. presence, 62. phrase, 63. mechanical, 64. vernacular, 65. invariably

66. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
67. We use _____ nouns when there is more than one of something
- n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
68. The students' antics did not amuse the _____ teacher.
- adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
69. The _____ beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.
- n.* being only one of its kind; unique
70. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
71. The peaceful surroundings _____ the danger lurking just around the corner.
- v.* to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something
72. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
- adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
73. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 66. critics, 67. plural, 68. stern, 69. singular, 70. confer, 71. belied, 72. Lean, 73. excuse

74. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.

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

75. God _____ you should regret your marriage.

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

76. The man _____ before opening the door.

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

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

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

78. The scientist's findings were considered _____ in the field of physics.

adj. having or showing knowledge, expertise, or power in a particular field or area; recognized as being accurate or reliable; commanding respect or obedience

79. Different people might _____ this news differently.

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

80. She opened her _____ to protect herself from the rain.

n. a device consisting of a circular canopy of cloth on a central pole used as protection against rain or sometimes against the sun

81. He was a _____ for collecting stamps.

adj. behaving in an extremely wild or violent way; (noun) a person who is extremely enthusiastic about or devoted to a particular thing

ANSWERS: 74. dynamic, 75. forbid, 76. paused, 77. trump, 78. authoritative, 79. interpret, 80. umbrella, 81. maniac

82. Use a singular _____ if the subject is singular.

n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

83. I will _____ the title of the article to save space.

v. to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise

84. I'm going to deny the _____ of his claim.

n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

85. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

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

86. I often hear a _____ loud and distinctive call while hiking in the woods.

n. a type of bird that belongs to the crow family and is known for its brightly colored feathers and loud, raucous call

87. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

88. The con artist's lies quickly took in the _____ young man.

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

89. Mastering _____ takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.

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

ANSWERS: 82. verb, 83. abbreviate, 84. legitimacy, 85. introduction, 86. jay's, 87. breath, 88. naive, 89. grammar

90. The city is a true _____ with a diverse population and bustling streets.

adj. of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country

91. The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they _____ on students.

v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

92. Enemy armies are _____ to their monarch.

adj. giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;

93. We want to _____ our company through your media.

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

94. The team had to _____ to complete the project on time.

v. to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal

95. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

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

96. The police tried to _____ the facts concerning her death.

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

97. When learning a new language, understanding the use of _____ can be quite challenging.

n. a word or group of words that shows the relationship of a noun or pronoun to another word in a sentence, indicating location, time, direction, or manner (e.g., in, on, at, above, before, after)

ANSWERS: 90. metropolitan, 91. impose, 92. loyal, 93. advertise, 94. cooperate, 95. ridiculous, 96. clarify, 97. prepositions

98. Article VII, _____ 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.
- n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
99. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.
- adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
100. This operation requires both patience and _____.
- n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
101. I had a _____ about my bank statement and called customer service for an explanation.
- n.* a question or inquiry, often used in the context of research, information-gathering, or data analysis; a request for information
102. The teacher asked the student to _____ the essay as part of the revision process
- v.* to examine written material and mark any errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, or formatting; to read carefully and correct errors
103. His writing style was _____ with a clear and concise voice.
- adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
104. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.
- adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
105. The cow lazily continued to _____ its tail while grazing in the field.
- v.* to move or swing back and forth or up and down in a lively or playful manner; to shake or quiver

ANSWERS: 98. Paragraph, 99. editorial, 100. precision, 101. query, 102. proofread, 103. distinctive, 104. poetic, 105. wag

106. Make sure to put a _____ between your phone number digits.

n. a punctuation mark (-) used to connect two words or parts of a word, to indicate a compound word, or to separate syllables for clarity

107. The flaws of the proposal were _____ apparent during the meeting.

adv. in a way that is obvious, conspicuous, or highly visible; in a manner that draws immediate attention or scrutiny

108. The patient's vital signs are _____ indicating a stable condition.

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

109. The paintings in the gallery were filled with vibrant _____ hues.

n. a bright red precious stone consisting of corundum, used in jewelry; a transparent type of corundum of any color except red, which is called sapphire

110. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

111. In some foreign languages, the gender of _____ exists.

n. a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects

112. The spotlight gave the central figure increased _____.

n. particular importance or significance that is given to something

113. _____ is the mother of all learning.

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

114. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 106. hyphen, 107. glaringly, 108. steady, 109. ruby, 110. betrayed, 111. nouns, 112. emphasis, 113. Repetition, 114. fins

115. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
116. 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
117. The two countries made a _____ to reduce their carbon emissions.
n. a formal agreement between two or more parties
118. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.
n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
119. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.
adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
120. The road of _____ leads to the palace of wisdom.
n. an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
121. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
122. She filed a _____ with the manager about the poor service.
n. a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something

ANSWERS: 115. decide, 116. relate, 117. pact, 118. hurricane, 119. compelling, 120. excess, 121. process, 122. complaint

123. It was an _____ mistake and caused significant harm to the company's reputation.
adj. outstandingly bad or shocking; conspicuously or outrageously bad or reprehensible
124. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
125. He was a _____ for punctuality and would not tolerate anyone being late.
n. someone who insists on strict adherence to rules, details, or standards; a person who is meticulous or pedantic about something
126. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
127. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
v. to do something illegal or wrong

ANSWERS: 123. egregious, 124. sect, 125. stickler, 126. massive, 127. committed