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Session 1: Word List

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym: snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

miscalculation

n. a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result

synonym: error, mistake, oversight

(1) **miscalculation** of expenses, (2) **miscalculation** of time

His **miscalculation** in the stock market cost him a significant amount of money.

stitch

n. one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn

(1) a **stitch** in a garment, (2) pattern **stitch**

The wound was so deep that it needed a surgical procedure and **stitches**.

forehead

n. the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline

synonym : brow, frontal bone, temple

(1) **forehead** wrinkles, (2) kiss on the **forehead**

The athlete had sweat dripping down her **forehead** after the intense workout.

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym : excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time
I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

institute

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

synonym : academy, university, college

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

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

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.

amazing

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

synonym :

exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

dirt

n. soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

synonym: filth, grime, muck

(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track

The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.

rusty

adj. covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect

synonym: corroded, oxidized, weathered

(1) **rusty** metal, (2) **rusty** nail

The **rusty** gate creaked loudly as it opened.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym: go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

rival

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

synonym: adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the

campaign.

mask

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

synonym: disguise, camouflage, conceal

(1) **mask** body odor, (2) an oxygen **mask**

The politician tried to **mask** the corruption.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

row

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

synonym: line, sequence, layer

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

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

warm-up

v. to prepare oneself physically, mentally, or emotionally for an activity or performance by engaging in light exercises, practice, or relaxation techniques; (noun) a period of preparation or exercise that is done before a more intense activity or performance

synonym: prepare, limber up

(1) **warm-up** exercises, (2) **warm-up** the crowd

It's important to **warm-up** before exercising to prevent injury.

squat

v. to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

synonym : crouch, hunch, sit

(1) **squat** behind a tree, (2) **squat** exercise

I need to **squat** down to pick up the pen from the floor.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym : white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

tray

n. a shallow, flat container or surface for holding or carrying objects, often with raised edges or handles

synonym : platter, dish, plate

(1) serving **tray**, (2) **tray** for drinks

She placed the dishes on the **tray** and carried them to the table.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym : unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym : comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

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.

overcome

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

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

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

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

discomfort

n. a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

synonym: affliction, despair, ache

(1) endure **discomfort** and pain, (2) **discomfort** in the abdomen

He felt no **discomfort** as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym: alluring, intriguing, captivating

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

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

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

athlete

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym: player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**

His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

championship

n. a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support

synonym : crown, title, contest

(1) a world **championship**, (2) **championship** flag

His team won the **championship** for three years running.

tournament

n. a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners

synonym : competition, championship, contest

(1) **tournament** for professionals, (2) national **tournament**

The basketball **tournament** was fiercely competitive, with the top teams all vying for first place.

landslide

n. a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope

synonym : avalanche, mudslide, rockfall

(1) **landslide** victory, (2) prevent a **landslide**

The massive **landslide** buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.

victory

n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

synonym : win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

swear

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

synonym : declare, assert, curse

(1) **swear** an oath, (2) **swear** a blue streak

I **swear** I didn't mean to break your vase.

association

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

synonym : affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**
His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

lounge

n. a waiting room as in a hotel or airport
synonym: lobby, saloon, club

(1) departure **lounge**, (2) conversation **lounge**

We will go to the VIP **lounge** at the airport till departure.

discuss

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

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

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

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

strategy

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

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

interrupt

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

synonym: disturb, hinder, break in

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

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

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or

denomination

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym : wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

nonchalant

adj. relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent

synonym : casual, relaxed, indifferent

(1) **nonchalant** attitude, (2) **nonchalant** behavior

The actor was **nonchalant** about his notoriety and saw it as part of his job.

awkward

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

synonym : embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

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

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

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

confident

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

synonym : certain, sure, convinced

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

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

resignation

n. an act of giving up or resigning from a job or office

synonym : retirement, termination, withdrawal

(1) **resignation** letters, (2) **resignation** as prime minister

The state legislature demanded his **resignation** immediately.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

eager

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

synonym: keen, enthusiastic, ardent

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

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

honk

n. a loud, harsh sound made by a vehicle's horn to signal a warning or attract attention

synonym: beep, toot, blare

(1) **honk** sound, (2) **honk** for attention

The incessant **honk** of the car's horn woke me from sleep.

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym: comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up

Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

corridor

n. a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure

synonym: hallway, passageway, aisle

(1) walk along a **corridor**, (2) air **corridor**

The long **corridor** was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

balloon

n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

synonym : aerostat, blimp, (verb) billow out

(1) **balloon** ride, (2) **balloon** into a severe political problem

The satellite **balloon** slowly ascended into the sky.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

grandstand

n. a large stand for spectators at a racecourse, sports ground, etc

synonym : viewing area, seating, stand

(1) sit in the **grandstand**, (2) view from the **grandstand**

She was in the **grandstand**, cheering for her favorite horse in the horse racing competition.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

spray

n. a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

synonym : mist, aerosol, atomizer

(1) a **spray** of mist, (2) an insect **spray**

The artist used a **spray** paint can to create a graffiti mural on

the wall.

ovation

n. a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected

synonym: applause, accolade, praise

(1) standing **ovation**, (2) spontaneous **ovation**

The singer received an **ovation** from the crowd after her performance.

lump

n. a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough

synonym: mass, clump, ball

(1) **lump** in the throat, (2) single **lump** sum

There is a small **lump** on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.

excitement

n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

synonym: thrill, exhilaration, incitement

(1) the **excitement** in the business world, (2) aesthetic **excitement**

The **excitement** of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

anguish

n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony

synonym: distress, torment, agony

(1) **anguish** and pain, (2) emotional **anguish**

She suffered from a deep sense of **anguish** following the loss of her loved one.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes

were safe.

differ

v. to be not like someone or something in some way

synonym: vary, diverge, disagree

(1) **differ** from the majority, (2) **differ** according to species

The two products **differed** in their quality and price.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

nail

n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

synonym: pin, tack, fastener

(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper

He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on the fence.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

medal

n. a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

synonym: award, decoration, badge

(1) gold **medal**, (2) a prize **medal**

She was proud to receive a **medal** for her hard work and dedication to the sport.

doubt

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

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

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

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

wheelchair

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

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

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

motor

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

synonym: actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

conventional

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

synonym: ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan

She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

bumper

n. a device, typically made of rubber or metal, that projects from the front or rear of a vehicle and absorbs impact in the event of a collision; a metal bar on a vehicle used to push objects out of the way

synonym: buffer, guard, fender

(1) **bumper** crop, (2) **bumper** sale

The **bumper** of my car was dented in the accident.

safeguard

v. to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss

synonym: protect, assure, conserve

(1) **safeguard** my property, (2) **safeguard** environmental quality

This measure will **safeguard** people against terrorism.

spectator

n. someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

synonym: onlooker, observer, viewer

(1) mass **spectator** sport, (2) **spectator** seat

She enjoyed watching the game as a **spectator**.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

prejudice

n. a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

synonym: bias, preconception, predisposition

(1) deep-rooted **prejudice**, (2) color **prejudice**

This community is free of social **prejudice**.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym: by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

unthinkable

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

synonym : impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble

That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym : contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

disability

n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

synonym : impairment, disadvantage, restriction

(1) a **disability** pension, (2) a learning **disability**

Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing **disability**.

greatly

adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much

synonym : enormously, broadly, grandly

(1) **greatly** affect the situation, (2) **greatly** support that player

They **greatly** admired our actions.

subway

n. an underground railway system, typically in a city

synonym : underground, metro, tube

(1) **subway** train, (2) rapid transit **subway**

He took the **subway** to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

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.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym: cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

indifference

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

synonym: apathy, disinterest, unconcern

(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference**

I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.

disabled

adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

synonym: handicapped, impaired, incapacitated

(1) a **disabled** veteran, (2) a learning- **disabled** child
She was **disabled** in a car accident.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an oxygen m__k *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
2. bu___r sale *n.* a device, typically made of rubber or metal, that projects from the front or rear of a vehicle and absorbs impact in the event of a collision; a metal bar on a vehicle used to push objects out of the way
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8. ru__y metal *adj.* covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect

ANSWERS: 1. mask, 2. bumper, 3. blind, 4. crack, 5. conversation, 6. insecure, 7. unthinkable, 8. rusty

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14. sit in the gra____nd *n.* a large stand for spectators at a racecourse, sports ground, etc
15. sp____or seat *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
16. small ch____h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
17. mass sp____or sport *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

ANSWERS: 9. discuss, 10. athlete, 11. prejudice, 12. volunteer, 13. lump, 14. grandstand, 15. spectator, 16. church, 17. spectator

18. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
19. re_____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
20. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
21. get a con_____nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
22. pi____n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
23. a sp__y of mist *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
24. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
25. a fully in_____ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
26. gold me__l *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
27. t__y for drinks *n.* a shallow, flat container or surface for holding or carrying objects, often with raised edges or handles

ANSWERS: 18. fortunate, 19. reassure, 20. nation, 21. conventional, 22. pigeon, 23. spray, 24. fascinating, 25. inclusive, 26. medal, 27. tray

28. res_____on as prime minister *n.* an act of giving up or resigning from a job or office
29. cha_____hip flag *n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support
30. kiss on the fo_____ad *n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
31. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
32. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
33. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
34. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
35. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
36. standing ov_____n *n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected
37. a piece of ch__k *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

ANSWERS: 28. resignation, 29. championship, 30. forehead, 31. motor, 32. responsible, 33. nation, 34. incredible, 35. locate, 36. ovation, 37. chalk

38. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
39. electric-powered whe_____ir *n.* a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk
40. ch__r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
41. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
42. sa_____rd my property *v.* to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss
43. mi_____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
44. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
45. d__t track *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
46. economic mi_____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
47. aesthetic exc_____nt *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

ANSWERS: 38. discuss, 39. wheelchair, 40. cheer, 41. locate, 42. safeguard, 43. miracle, 44. desire, 45. dirt, 46. miracle, 47. excitement

48. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
49. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
50. an_____h and pain *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
51. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
52. rusty n__l *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
53. mis_____ion of expenses *n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
54. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
55. sq__t behind a tree *v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

ANSWERS: 48. competition, 49. rid, 50. anguish, 51. giant, 52. nail, 53. miscalculation, 54. institute, 55. squat

56. national tou_____nt *n.* a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners
57. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
58. a learning-di_____ed child *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
59. ba_____n ride *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
60. di____r according to species *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
61. an aw_____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
62. serving t__y *n.* a shallow, flat container or surface for holding or carrying objects, often with raised edges or handles
63. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
64. an aw_____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
65. color pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
66. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

ANSWERS: 56. tournament, 57. slightly, 58. disabled, 59. balloon, 60. differ, 61. awkward, 62. tray, 63. adapt, 64. awkward, 65. prejudice, 66. confident

67. the exc_____nt in the business world
n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
68. a con_____nal style
adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
69. me_____n name
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
70. give si____t consent
adj. without any or little sound
71. walk along a co_____or
n. a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
72. ap_____ze for being late
v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
73. m__k body odor
v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
74. feel co_____nt
adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
75. ch__r me up
v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
76. conversation lo____e
n. a waiting room as in a hotel or airport
77. research in_____tes
n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
78. beauty s__t
n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 67. excitement, 68. conventional, 69. mention, 70. silent, 71. corridor, 72. apologize, 73. mask, 74. confident, 75. cheer, 76. lounge, 77. institute, 78. spot

79. ru__y nail *adj.* covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect
80. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
81. di___r from the majority *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
82. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
83. sw__r a blue streak *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
84. a prize me__l *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
85. vi_____y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
86. a racing pi___n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
87. spontaneous ov_____n *n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected

ANSWERS: 79. rusty, 80. apologize, 81. differ, 82. competition, 83. swear, 84. medal, 85. victory, 86. pigeon, 87. ovation

88. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
89. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
90. re___d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
91. ch__k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
92. gr_____y support that player *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
93. in_____ve education *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
94. at___d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
95. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
96. a dis_____ty pension *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
97. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 88. desire, 89. slightly, 90. regard, 91. chalk, 92. greatly, 93. inclusive, 94. attend, 95. uncomfortable, 96. disability, 97. process

98. abruptly in_____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
99. in unt_____le trouble *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
100. high school at_____es *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
101. ba_____n into a severe political problem *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
102. su_____y train *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
103. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
104. at_____d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
105. an insect sp_____y *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
106. dis_____rt in the abdomen *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
107. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
108. la_____de victory *n.* a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope

ANSWERS: 98. interrupt, 99. unthinkable, 100. athlete, 101. balloon, 102. subway, 103. strength, 104. attend, 105. spray, 106. discomfort, 107. row, 108. landslide

109. rapid transit su___y *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
110. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
111. 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
112. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
113. n__l clipper *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
114. fo____ad wrinkles *n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
115. ov____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
116. in____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
117. wa____p exercises *v.* to prepare oneself physically, mentally, or emotionally for an activity or performance by engaging in light exercises, practice, or relaxation techniques; (noun) a period of preparation or exercise that is done before a more intense activity or performance

ANSWERS: 109. subway, 110. strength, 111. decide, 112. row, 113. nail, 114. forehead, 115. overcome, 116. interrupt, 117. warm-up

118. bu___r crop *n.* a device, typically made of rubber or metal, that projects from the front or rear of a vehicle and absorbs impact in the event of a collision; a metal bar on a vehicle used to push objects out of the way
119. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
120. emotional an____h *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
121. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
122. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
123. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
124. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
125. h__k for attention *n.* a loud, harsh sound made by a vehicle's horn to signal a warning or attract attention
126. tou_____nt for professionals *n.* a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners
127. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
128. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

ANSWERS: 118. bumper, 119. invite, 120. anguish, 121. fortunate, 122. sibling, 123. regard, 124. sibling, 125. honk, 126. tournament, 127. crack, 128. adapt

129. a learning dis_____ty *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
130. an in_____re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
131. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
132. gr_____y affect the situation *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
133. a st____h in a garment *n.* one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn
134. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
135. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
136. si____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
137. whe_____ir accessibility *n.* a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk
138. res_____on letters *n.* an act of giving up or resigning from a job or office
139. re_____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
140. ea__r anticipation *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
141. with ea__r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
142. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 129. disability, 130. insecure, 131. strategy, 132. greatly, 133. stitch, 134. protagonist, 135. suddenly, 136. silent, 137. wheelchair, 138. resignation, 139. reassure, 140. eager, 141. eager, 142. spot

143. departure lo___e *n.* a waiting room as in a hotel or airport
144. die su___ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
145. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
146. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
147. sa_____rd environmental quality *v.* to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss
148. merge with a ri__l company *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
149. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
150. in___t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
151. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
152. vi_____y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
153. h__k sound *n.* a loud, harsh sound made by a vehicle's horn to signal a warning or attract attention
154. air co_____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure

ANSWERS: 143. lounge, 144. suddenly, 145. volunteer, 146. uncomfortable, 147. safeguard, 148. rival, 149. strategy, 150. insist, 151. conversation, 152. victory, 153. honk, 154. corridor

155. mis_____ion of time *n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
156. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
157. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
158. 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
159. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
160. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
161. single l__p sum *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
162. endure dis_____rt and pain *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
163. in____t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 155. miscalculation, 156. naturally, 157. mention, 158. process, 159. overcome, 160. amazing, 161. lump, 162. discomfort, 163. insist

164. d__t road *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
165. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
166. word ass_____ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
167. ri__l bidder *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
168. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
169. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
170. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
171. non_____nt behavior *adj.* relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent
172. a di_____ed veteran *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
173. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
174. pattern st___h *n.* one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn

ANSWERS: 164. dirt, 165. fascinating, 166. association, 167. rival, 168. rid, 169. responsible, 170. giant, 171. nonchalant, 172. disabled, 173. naturally, 174. stitch

175. view from the gra_____nd *n.* a large stand for spectators at a racecourse, sports ground, etc
176. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
177. sq__t exercise *v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground
178. a scholarship ass_____on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
179. non_____nt attitude *adj.* relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent
180. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
181. ind_____nce to pain *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
182. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 175. grandstand, 176. doubt, 177. squat, 178. association, 179. nonchalant, 180. amazing, 181. indifference, 182. church

183. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
184. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
185. wa_____p the crowd *v.* to prepare oneself physically, mentally, or emotionally for an activity or performance by engaging in light exercises, practice, or relaxation techniques; (noun) a period of preparation or exercise that is done before a more intense activity or performance
186. prevent a la_____de *n.* a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
187. general ind_____nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
188. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
189. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
190. a world cha_____hip *n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support
191. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 183. motor, 184. decide, 185. warm-up, 186. landslide, 187. indifference, 188. protagonist, 189. invite, 190. championship, 191. incredible

192. sw__r an oath

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

193. bl__d spot

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

194. no do__t about the news

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

ANSWERS: 192. swear, 193. blind, 194. doubt

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The satellite _____ slowly ascended into the sky.
n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

2. The children were _____ to start the treasure hunt.
adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

3. The kids used colored _____ to create a mural on the pavement.
n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

4. We must _____ ourselves of pollution.
v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

5. The _____ gate creaked loudly as it opened.
adj. covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect

6. She was _____ in a car accident.
adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

7. The two products _____ in their quality and price.
v. to be not like someone or something in some way

ANSWERS: 1. balloon, 2. eager, 3. chalk, 4. rid, 5. rusty, 6. disabled, 7. differed

8. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

9. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

10. That accident was something _____ with my long experience.

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

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

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

12. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

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

13. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

14. The long _____ was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.

n. a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure

15. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

ANSWERS: 8. fascinating, 9. invite, 10. unthinkable, 11. responsible, 12. strategy, 13. giant, 14. corridor, 15. slightly

16. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

17. The artist used a _____ paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.

n. a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

18. He used a hammer and round _____ to fix the loose board on the fence.

n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

19. His abusive words made me _____.

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

20. I _____ for neglecting your email.

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

21. The _____ design of the interface made the operation difficult.

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

22. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

23. I tried to assume an air of _____.

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

ANSWERS: 16. spot, 17. spray, 18. nail, 19. uncomfortable, 20. apologize, 21. awkward, 22. volunteer, 23. indifference

24. I _____ I didn't mean to break your vase.

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

25. He felt no _____ as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.

n. a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

26. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

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

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

28. It's important to _____ before exercising to prevent injury.

v. to prepare oneself physically, mentally, or emotionally for an activity or performance by engaging in light exercises, practice, or relaxation techniques; (noun) a period of preparation or exercise that is done before a more intense activity or performance

29. The garden was filled with _____ and needed to be tilled before planting.

n. soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

30. She suffered from a deep sense of _____ following the loss of her loved one.

n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony

31. The politician tried to _____ the corruption.

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

ANSWERS: 24. swear, 25. discomfort, 26. suddenly, 27. wheelchairs, 28. warm-up, 29. dirt, 30. anguish, 31. mask

32. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
33. He took the _____ to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.
n. an underground railway system, typically in a city
34. The athlete had sweat dripping down her _____ after the intense workout.
n. the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
35. We must _____ to this matter.
v. to be present at an event, to go to a place
36. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
37. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
38. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
39. He interfered with his _____ in various ways during the campaign.
n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
40. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 32. mentioned, 33. subway, 34. forehead, 35. attend, 36. protagonist's, 37. competition, 38. strength, 39. rivals, 40. insisted

41. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
42. She was in the _____ cheering for her favorite horse in the horse racing competition.
n. a large stand for spectators at a racecourse, sports ground, etc
43. There is a small _____ on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.
n. a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
44. 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
45. The state legislature demanded his _____ immediately.
n. an act of giving up or resigning from a job or office
46. He was _____ gifted.
adv. as might be expected; by natural manners
47. His _____ in the stock market cost him a significant amount of money.
n. a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
48. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 41. Doubt, 42. grandstand, 43. lump, 44. process, 45. resignation, 46. naturally, 47. miscalculation, 48. conversation

49. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

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

50. She enjoyed watching the game as a _____.

- n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

51. The actor was _____ about his notoriety and saw it as part of his job.

- adj.* relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent

52. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

- v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

53. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

- n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

54. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

55. She is very _____ in her thoughts.

- adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

56. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.

- n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

ANSWERS: 49. overcome, 50. spectator, 51. nonchalant, 52. locate, 53. pigeon, 54. siblings, 55. conventional, 56. athlete

57. This measure will _____ people against terrorism.

v. to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss

58. I'm not _____ in our victory.

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

59. We will go to the VIP _____ at the airport till departure.

n. a waiting room as in a hotel or airport

60. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

61. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.

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

62. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

63. The massive _____ buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.

n. a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope

64. 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

65. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

ANSWERS: 57. safeguard, 58. confident, 59. lounge, 60. desire, 61. interrupted, 62. silent, 63. landslide, 64. decide, 65. inclusive

66. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front ____.
- n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
67. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
- adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
68. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
- v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
69. Children in an unstructured environment often feel _____.
- adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
70. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.
- v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
71. His team won the _____ for three years running.
- n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support
72. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.
- v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
73. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
- n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 66. row, 67. blind, 68. adapt, 69. insecure, 70. regarded, 71. championship, 72. reassure, 73. church

74. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

75. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

76. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

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

77. She was proud to receive a _____ for her hard work and dedication to the sport.

n. a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

78. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

79. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

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

80. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

81. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

adj. having good luck or lucky

ANSWERS: 74. incredible, 75. association, 76. discuss, 77. medal, 78. nation, 79. institutes, 80. motors, 81. fortunate

82. The incessant _____ of the car's horn woke me from sleep.
n. a loud, harsh sound made by a vehicle's horn to signal a warning or attract attention
83. Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing _____.
n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
84. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
85. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.
n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
86. They _____ admired our actions.
adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
87. The _____ of my car was dented in the accident.
n. a device, typically made of rubber or metal, that projects from the front or rear of a vehicle and absorbs impact in the event of a collision; a metal bar on a vehicle used to push objects out of the way
88. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.
v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
89. The _____ of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.
n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

ANSWERS: 82. honk, 83. disability, 84. amazing, 85. miracle, 86. greatly, 87. bumper, 88. cheered, 89. excitement

90. This community is free of social _____.

- n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

91. We are optimistic about our final _____.

- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

92. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

- v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

93. The singer received an _____ from the crowd after her performance.

- n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected

94. The basketball _____ was fiercely competitive, with the top teams all vying for first place.

- n.* a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners

95. She placed the dishes on the _____ and carried them to the table.

- n.* a shallow, flat container or surface for holding or carrying objects, often with raised edges or handles

96. I need to _____ down to pick up the pen from the floor.

- v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

ANSWERS: 90. prejudice, 91. victory, 92. crack, 93. ovation, 94. tournament, 95. tray, 96. squat

97. The wound was so deep that it needed a surgical procedure and _____.

n. one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn

ANSWERS: 97. stitches