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Session 1: Word List

- hell**
- n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
- synonym* : inferno, agony, misery
- (1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose
- The battlefield became **hell** on earth.
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- conviction**
- n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
- synonym* : belief, certainty, faith
- (1) moral **conviction**, (2) **conviction** for murder
- She spoke with **conviction** about the importance of education.
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- mysterious**
- adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
- synonym* : enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling
- (1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger
- The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

clarity

n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

synonym: clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

balance

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

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

graphic

adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

synonym: illustrative, picturesque, visual

(1) **graphic** design, (2) a **graphic** description of an accident

The **graphic** novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

deft

adj. skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness

synonym : skillful, dexterous, adept

(1) **deft** handling of the problem, (2) **deft** touch

The **deft** musician played the complex piece flawlessly.

stroke

n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

synonym : blow

(1) suffer **stroke**, (2) a **stroke** of the putter

This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat **stroke** cases.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

enthral

v. to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate

synonym : captivate, charm, fascinate

(1) **enthral** with beauty, (2) **enthral** the reader

The magician's illusions always managed to **enthrall** the audience.

fan *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
synonym : lover, devotee, blade
(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**
I'm a big **fan** of French food.

typography *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
synonym : printing, typesetting, font design
(1) **typography** skills, (2) **typography** layout
I love the bold **typography** used in this book's chapter heading.

visual *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
synonym : optical, graphical, visible
(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts
The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

symbol *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
synonym : mark, character, insignia
(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness
The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

decision *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
synonym : choice, determination, judgment
(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**
She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym : sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

blunt

adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

synonym : dull, obtuse, insensitive

(1) **blunt** criticism, (2) **blunt** force

The **blunt** knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

sincere

adj. (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful

synonym : earnest, fervent, candid

(1) a **sincere** man, (2) express **sincere** regret

Please accept my **sincere** condolences on your friend's death.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym : exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

yin

n. in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated

with softness, wetness, and cold

synonym: feminine, negative, passive

(1) **yin** deficiency, (2) kidney **yin**

The concept of **yin** and yang is central to traditional Chinese philosophy.

yang

n. in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat

synonym: masculine, positive, active

(1) the **yang** principle, (2) embody **yang** energy

He saw the balance between the yin and **yang** as crucial for a harmonious life.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

decode

v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

synonym: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

freshman

n. a first-year student, typically in college or high school

synonym: freshie, newcomer, rookie

(1) **freshman** orientation, (2) **freshman** year

The **freshman** class was excited to start their first year of college.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

connote

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

synonym: imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

correspond

v. to match or be similar to something else almost exactly; to exchange messages

synonym: match, equate, communicate

(1) **correspond** to a standard, (2) **correspond** with a foreign student

The numbers on the sign **correspond** to points on the map.

nickname

n. a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name

synonym: moniker, sobriquet, handle

(1) endearing **nickname**, (2) **nickname** for a person

The team has a **nickname** for their star player: "The Ace."

colorless

adj. lacking color; without hue or distinction; uninteresting or bland

synonym: pale, drab, dull

(1) **colorless** gas, (2) **colorless** crystals

Water is a **colorless** liquid that is essential for life.

recall

v. to remember something

synonym: remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name

She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym: conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

representation

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

synonym: delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

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.

intersect

v. to meet or cross one another

synonym : cross, bisect, cut

(1) **intersect** at a point, (2) railways **intersect** the country

Her multidisciplinary works **intersect** music and picture with writing.

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym : extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

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.

essay

n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

synonym : paper, commentary, report

(1) score the SAT **essays**, (2) thoughtful **essay**

The Chief editor checks all **essays** for plagiarism with software.

hilarious

adj. extremely funny

synonym: funny, comical, amusing

(1) **hilarious** mistake, (2) a **hilarious** anecdote

The comedian's stand-up routine was **hilarious**.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym: wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

fraud

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

synonym: trickery, deceit, blackmail

(1) get money by **fraud**, (2) victim of **fraud**

The police arrested them for committing insurance **fraud**.

assignment

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

synonym: task, duty, designation

(1) finish the **assignment**, (2) **assignment** of interest

My **assignment** was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

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.

skinny

adj. having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential

synonym : slender, lean, thin

(1) **skinny** jeans, (2) **skinny** finger

His mom was always concerned about his **skinny** frame and encouraged him to eat more

raft

n. a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

synonym : flatboat, boat, barge

(1) a **raft** for carrying horses, (2) a life **raft**

The rubber **raft** was swept out to sea.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

represent

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

synonym : depict, express, describe

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

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

misrepresent

v. to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone

synonym : distort, misinterpret, falsify

(1) **misrepresent** a company's policies, (2) **misrepresent** the situation

The article **misrepresents** the true intentions of the author's argument.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

graffiti

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

synonym: street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

environment

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

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

charm

n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

synonym: allure, appeal, beauty

(1) masculine **charm**, (2) **charm** against bad luck

These are significantly more exquisite than typical **charm** bracelets.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym: banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

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.

prurient

adj. characterized by a lurid or obsessive fascination with sexual matters; having or encouraging an excessive

interest in sexual matters

synonym : salacious, lewd, lascivious

(1) **prurient** interests, (2) **prurient** thoughts

The book contained explicit and **prurient** descriptions of sexual encounters.

rah-rah

adj. characterized by enthusiastic support, excitement, or encouragement, often associated with cheerleading or spirited displays of enthusiasm

synonym : enthusiastic, spirited, lively

(1) **rah-rah** cheer, (2) **rah-rah** attitude

The cheerleaders wore colorful **rah-rah** uniforms to support their team.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

edit

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

synonym : revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

frustration

n. the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

synonym : disappointment, discouragement, dissatisfaction

(1) **frustration** level, (2) express **frustration**

He felt a deep **frustration** as he realized the project would not be completed on time.

scribble

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

synonym : scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes
The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

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.

confidential

adj. intended to be kept secret

synonym: secret, private, classified

(1) **confidential** information, (2) strictly **confidential** data
The **confidential** documents were only available to authorized personnel.

detective

n. a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them

synonym: gumshoe, investigator, hawkshaw

(1) **detective** work, (2) **detective** movie
The **detective** diligently pursued his cases.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak
The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**
This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

pearl

n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

synonym:

bead, gem, nacre

(1) a cultured **pearl**, (2) **pearl** beyond price

She wore a **pearl** necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

harbor

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

synonym : port, dock, pier

(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment

The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

ratchet

n. a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement

synonym : gear, wrench, spanner

(1) **ratchet** wrench, (2) **ratchet** effect

He turned the bolt with the **ratchet**, making sure it was secure.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym : fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym : daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

graft

n. a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods

synonym : transplant, implantation, bribery

(1) **graft** surgery, (2) anti- **graft** law

The patient's skin **graft** procedure was successful, and he was released from the hospital.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym : essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

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

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

high-rise

adj. describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories

synonym : tall building, skyscraper, high building

(1) **high-rise** building, (2) **high-rise** office

Living in a **high-rise** apartment offers spectacular views of the city.

midtown

n. the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district

synonym : downtown, city center, central business district

(1) **midtown** traffic, (2) **midtown** coffee shop

The conference is being held in **midtown** Manhattan.

elevator

n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

synonym : lift, hoist

(1) **elevator** ride, (2) modern **elevator**

The hotel's **elevator** was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

zillion

n. an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity

synonym: countless, myriad

(1) a **zillion** photos of my childhood, (2) **zillion** possibilities
The company received a **zillion** complaints about their faulty product.

sunrise

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

synonym: daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries
I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

digestive

adj. relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food

(1) **digestive** juices, (2) a **digestive** enzyme

A nutritious diet improves **digestive** functions.

cockroach

n. a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

synonym: roach

(1) **cockroach** killer, (2) have a **cockroach** phobia

Cockroaches sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym: ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym: illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure
A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

medicinal

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

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

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

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

cabinet

n. a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister

synonym: cupboard, ministry, authority

(1) member of the **cabinet**, (2) the **cabinet** above the sink
The prime minister decided to reshuffle his **cabinet** to regain support.

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

synonym: lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

synonym: advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading
We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

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.

photograph

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

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

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

off-putting

adj. causing someone to feel unpleasant, uncomfortable, or aversion; causing someone not to want to do or experience something

synonym : unappealing, daunting, repelling

(1) **off-putting** behavior, (2) **off-putting** remarks

The strong smell of fish in the restaurant was **off-putting** to many customers.

illustration

n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

synonym : picture, diagram, explanation

(1) educational **illustration**, (2) **illustration** artist

The **illustration** in the book helped me understand the concept better.

palatable

adj. having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

synonym : delicious, tasty, flavorful

(1) **palatable** food, (2) **palatable** solution

I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly **palatable**.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

girder

n. a large, horizontal, and structural beam, typically made of steel or concrete, that is used to support and reinforce a bridge, building, or other construction by providing strength and stability

synonym : beam, support, brace

(1) concrete **girders**, (2) support **girder**

The construction workers carefully placed the steel **girder** onto the building frame.

compartment

n. a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin

synonym : section, part, subdivision

(1) **compartment** door, (2) a watertight **compartment**

The train's **compartment** was small but comfortable.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

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

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

redesign

v. to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again

synonym : revamp, rework, remodel

(1) **redesign** project, (2) **redesign** of lifestyle

The company is planning to **redesign** its website.

idiot

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

synonym : dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**

He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

- diet** *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
synonym : food, dietary
(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval
A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.
- typewriter** *n.* a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over
(1) **typewriter** keys, (2) electronic **typewriter**
I found an old **typewriter** at a thrift store and used it to write my novel.
- background** *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
synonym : ground, experience, backdrop
(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**
The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.
- essential** *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
synonym : critical, crucial, basic
(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life
Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.
- creditor** *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
- delicatessen** *n.* a shop or restaurant that specializes in offering high-quality, ready-to-eat cuisine or food products, such as cheese, cured meat, salads, and sandwiches

synonym : deli, food shop, gourmet store

(1) gourmet **delicatessen**, (2) traditional **delicatessen**

I ordered a breakfast bagel with cream cheese and lox from the **delicatessen**.

dishearten

v. to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize

synonym : discourage, dismay, demoralize

(1) **dishearten** employees, (2) **dishearten** the hopeful job applicant

The team's loss in the semifinals did not **dishearten** their determination to return stronger next season.

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.

suit

n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

synonym : clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

handshake

n. a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively

synonym: greeting, handclasp, welcome

(1) **handshake** protocol, (2) virtual **handshake**

The two business partners sealed the deal with a **handshake**.

beam

n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

synonym: ray, ray of light, shaft of light

(1) **beam** of light, (2) a structural **beam** of a building

The sun's **beam** shone through the window and illuminated the room.

spare

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

synonym: extra, excess, (verb) afford

(1) **spare** parts, (2) **spare** cost

I made plans to spend my **spare** time beneficially.

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.

misstep

n. a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement

synonym: mistake, blunder, fumble

(1) recover from a **misstep**, (2) navigating **missteps**

She took a **misstep** on the stairs and tumbled down to the bottom.

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym : immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

backlash

n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

synonym : reaction, retaliation, counteraction

(1) political **backlash**, (2) the **backlash** from the community

The company faced a **backlash** from customers after the recall.

unflattering

adj. not showing or representing someone or something in a favorable or attractive way

synonym : unfavorable, unkind, derogatory

(1) **unflattering** comments, (2) **unflattering** portrayal

The lighting in the room made everyone's skin look **unflattering**.

parody

n. a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

synonym : spoof, satire, lampoon

(1) **parody** imitation, (2) comedic **parody**

The movie was a **parody** of classic horror films.

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.

trademark

n. a name or symbol on a product that indicates it was made by a particular company and cannot be used without permission by other companies

synonym: brand, label, hallmark

(1) **trademark** license, (2) assign a **trademark**

The company's logo is a registered **trademark** on a global scale.

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym: abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

unbearable

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

synonym: intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

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

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

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.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym: flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

Session 2: Spelling

1. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
2. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
3. re_____gn project *v.* to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
4. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
5. com_____nt door *n.* a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin
6. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
7. gr_____c design *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
8. po_____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
9. a st___e of the putter *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. complicated, 2. fan, 3. redesign, 4. ignore, 5. compartment, 6. abuse, 7. graphic, 8. portrait, 9. stroke

10. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
11. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
12. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
13. a man of pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
14. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
15. mu_____e objects *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
16. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
17. ability to de___e the differences *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
18. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
19. the y__g principle *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat

ANSWERS: 10. react, 11. diet, 12. intern, 13. property, 14. incredible, 15. mundane, 16. crazy, 17. decode, 18. germ, 19. yang

20. navigating mi____ps *n.* a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement
21. ab____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
22. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
23. modern el____or *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
24. y_n deficiency *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold
25. bl__t force *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
26. 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

ANSWERS: 20. misstep, 21. abstract, 22. firm, 23. elevator, 24. yin, 25. blunt, 26. introduction

27. be killed in_____ly *adv.* immediately
28. finish the ass_____nt *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
29. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
30. moral con_____on *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
31. co_____ch killer *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
32. typ_____hy skills *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
33. in_____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
34. 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
35. re_____gn of lifestyle *v.* to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
36. ch__f accountant *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
37. fr_____an orientation *n.* a first-year student, typically in college or high school
38. sy__l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

ANSWERS: 27. instantly, 28. assignment, 29. transform, 30. conviction, 31. cockroach, 32. typography, 33. instantly, 34. equip, 35. redesign, 36. chief, 37. freshman, 38. symbol

39. dis_____en the hopeful job applicant
v. to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize
40. sy___l color
n. something visible that is used to represent something else
41. de_____ve movie
n. a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them
42. sk___y jeans
adj. having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential
43. es_____al amino acid
adj. indispensable; fundamental
44. a r__t for carrying horses
n. a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
45. a watertight com_____nt
n. a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin
46. ob_____s reasons
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
47. what an id__t
n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
48. the characters that re_____nt numbers
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 39. dishearten, 40. symbol, 41. detective, 42. skinny, 43. essential, 44. raft, 45. compartment, 46. obvious, 47. idiot, 48. represent

49. in_____ct at a point *v.* to meet or cross one another
50. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
51. sp__e cost *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
52. recover from a mi_____p *n.* a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement
53. tr_____rk license *n.* a name or symbol on a product that indicates it was made by a particular company and cannot be used without permission by other companies
54. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
55. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
56. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
57. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
58. pa____y imitation *n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

ANSWERS: 49. intersect, 50. devastate, 51. spare, 52. misstep, 53. trademark, 54. novel, 55. dimension, 56. mystery, 57. amazing, 58. parody

59. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
60. co_____ss gas *adj.* lacking color; without hue or distinction; uninteresting or bland
61. ass_____nt of interest *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
62. sk____y finger *adj.* having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential
63. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
64. crack of d____n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
65. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
66. bi_____e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
67. ra_____h attitude *adj.* characterized by enthusiastic support, excitement, or encouragement, often associated with cheerleading or spirited displays of enthusiasm
68. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
69. co_____e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

ANSWERS: 59. complicated, 60. colorless, 61. assignment, 62. skinny, 63. decision, 64. dawn, 65. horrible, 66. bizarre, 67. rah-rah, 68. absolutely, 69. connote

70. b__m of light *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
71. re___l his name *v.* to remember something
72. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
73. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
74. thoughtful es__y *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
75. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
76. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
77. off_____ng remarks *adj.* causing someone to feel unpleasant, uncomfortable, or aversion; causing someone not to want to do or experience something
78. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
79. typ_____er keys *n.* a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over

ANSWERS: 70. beam, 71. recall, 72. suit, 73. incredible, 74. essay, 75. obvious, 76. emotional, 77. off-putting, 78. murder, 79. typewriter

80. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
81. dis_____en employees *v.* to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize
82. a sheltered ha____r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
83. 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
84. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
85. the th____l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
86. co_____e emotion *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
87. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
88. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 80. novel, 81. dishearten, 82. harbor, 83. excuse, 84. survive, 85. thrill, 86. connote, 87. horrible, 88. balance

89. mis_____ent the situation *v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
90. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
91. ch__f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
92. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
93. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
94. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
95. id__t driver *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
96. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
97. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
98. incredible th___l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
99. d__t touch *adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness

ANSWERS: 89. misrepresent, 90. chip, 91. chief, 92. genius, 93. dot, 94. ignore, 95. idiot, 96. abuse, 97. visual, 98. thrill, 99. deft

100. unf_____ing comments *adj.* not showing or representing someone or something in a favorable or attractive way
101. unb_____le heat *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
102. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
103. virtual ha_____ke *n.* a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively
104. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
105. a gr_____c description of an accident *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
106. de___e a message *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
107. 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: 100. unflattering, 101. unbearable, 102. definition, 103. handshake, 104. equip, 105. graphic, 106. decode, 107. advertise

108. pr____nt thoughts *adj.* characterized by a lurid or obsessive fascination with sexual matters; having or encouraging an excessive interest in sexual matters
109. express si____e regret *adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
110. a person of ge____s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
111. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
112. en____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
113. a zi____n photos of my childhood *n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity
114. typ____hy layout *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
115. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 108. prurient, 109. sincere, 110. genius, 111. firm, 112. encounter, 113. zillion, 114. typography, 115. magic

116. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
117. di_____ve juices *adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food
118. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
119. have a co_____ch phobia *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
120. 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
121. sake of cl_____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
122. the story is bi_____e *adj.* very strange or unusual
123. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
124. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
125. zi_____n possibilities *n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity
126. pa_____le solution *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

ANSWERS: 116. amazing, 117. digestive, 118. crazy, 119. cockroach, 120. introduction, 121. clarity, 122. bizarre, 123. recommend, 124. consume, 125. zillion, 126. palatable

127. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
128. high-technology su_____e industries *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
129. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
130. apo_____ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
131. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
132. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
133. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
134. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
135. unf_____ing portrayal *adj.* not showing or representing someone or something in a favorable or attractive way
136. gr_____ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
137. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 127. chip, 128. sunrise, 129. decide, 130. apocalyptic, 131. editorial, 132. medicinal, 133. underneath, 134. edit, 135. unflattering, 136. graffiti, 137. hell

138. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
139. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
140. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
141. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
142. member of the ca_____t *n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister
143. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
144. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
145. con_____on for murder *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

ANSWERS: 138. magic, 139. survive, 140. representation, 141. fan, 142. cabinet, 143. environment, 144. creditor, 145. conviction

146. hi_____us mistake *adj.* extremely funny
147. sales rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
148. 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
149. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
150. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
151. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
152. mi_____n coffee shop *n.* the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district
153. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
154. el_____or ride *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
155. sc_____le on paper *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

ANSWERS: 146. hilarious, 147. representation, 148. advertise, 149. essential, 150. dot, 151. photograph, 152. midtown, 153. transform, 154. elevator, 155. scribble

156. gr____ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
157. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
158. comedic pa____y *n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
159. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
160. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
161. ha_____ke protocol *n.* a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively
162. the ca_____t above the sink *n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister
163. electronic typ_____er *n.* a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over

ANSWERS: 156. graffiti, 157. mysterious, 158. parody, 159. urban, 160. consume, 161. handshake, 162. cabinet, 163. typewriter

164. bl__t criticism *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
165. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
166. ch__m against bad luck *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
167. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
168. native to___e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
169. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
170. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
171. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
172. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
173. a di_____ve enzyme *adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food
174. beautiful su_____e *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

ANSWERS: 164. blunt, 165. dimension, 166. charm, 167. fascinate, 168. tongue, 169. suit, 170. emotional, 171. urban, 172. background, 173. digestive, 174. sunrise

175. co_____ss crystals *adj.* lacking color; without hue or distinction; uninteresting or bland
176. ra_____t wrench *n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement
177. ra_____h cheer *adj.* characterized by enthusiastic support, excitement, or encouragement, often associated with cheerleading or spirited displays of enthusiasm
178. field of vi____l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
179. re____l the incident *v.* to remember something
180. strictly con_____ial data *adj.* intended to be kept secret
181. embody y__g energy *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
182. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
183. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
184. gourmet del_____sen *n.* a shop or restaurant that specializes in offering high-quality, ready-to-eat cuisine or food products, such as cheese, cured meat, salads, and sandwiches

ANSWERS: 175. colorless, 176. ratchet, 177. rah-rah, 178. visual, 179. recall, 180. confidential, 181. yang, 182. relation, 183. encounter, 184. delicatessen

185. lack of cl____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
186. a structural b__m of a building *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
187. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
188. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
189. bit of good fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
190. fru_____on level *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
191. an ed_____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
192. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
193. d__t handling of the problem *adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
194. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 185. clarity, 186. beam, 187. absolutely, 188. illegal, 189. fortune, 190. frustration, 191. editorial, 192. represent, 193. deft, 194. intern

195. hi_____se office *adj.* describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories
196. unsolved my_____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
197. cor_____nd with a foreign student *v.* to match or be similar to something else almost exactly; to exchange messages
198. hi_____se building *adj.* describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories
199. a life r__t *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
200. pe__l beyond price *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
201. ha___r a resentment *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
202. ni_____me for a person *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name

ANSWERS: 195. high-rise, 196. mystery, 197. correspond, 198. high-rise, 199. raft, 200. pearl, 201. harbor, 202. nickname

203. con_____ial information *adj.* intended to be kept secret
204. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
205. endearing ni_____me *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
206. a si_____e man *adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
207. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
208. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
209. cor_____nd to a standard *v.* to match or be similar to something else almost exactly; to exchange messages
210. score the SAT es__ys *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
211. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
212. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
213. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

ANSWERS: 203. confidential, 204. medicinal, 205. nickname, 206. sincere, 207. edit, 208. react, 209. correspond, 210. essay, 211. insight, 212. hell, 213. mysterious

214. ill fo____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
215. concrete gi____rs *n.* a large, horizontal, and structural beam, typically made of steel or concrete, that is used to support and reinforce a bridge, building, or other construction by providing strength and stability
216. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
217. unb____le pain *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
218. ver____ar language *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
219. support gi____r *n.* a large, horizontal, and structural beam, typically made of steel or concrete, that is used to support and reinforce a bridge, building, or other construction by providing strength and stability
220. mi____n traffic *n.* the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district
221. en____ll the reader *v.* to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate
222. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

ANSWERS: 214. fortune, 215. girder, 216. creditor, 217. unbearable, 218. vernacular, 219. girder, 220. midtown, 221. enthrall, 222. frank

223. get money by fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
224. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
225. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
226. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
227. mis_____ent a company's policies *v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
228. sp__e parts *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
229. a hi_____us anecdote *adj.* extremely funny
230. pe_____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
231. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
232. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
233. the ba_____sh from the community *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
234. 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

ANSWERS: 223. fraud, 224. relation, 225. fascinate, 226. devastate, 227. misrepresent, 228. spare, 229. hilarious, 230. perceive, 231. insight, 232. frank, 233. backlash, 234. decide

235. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
236. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
237. off_____ng behavior *adj.* causing someone to feel unpleasant, uncomfortable, or aversion; causing someone not to want to do or experience something
238. su___y train *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
239. political ba_____sh *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
240. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
241. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
242. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
243. suffer st___e *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
244. business ho_____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

ANSWERS: 235. diet, 236. definition, 237. off-putting, 238. subway, 239. backlash, 240. environment, 241. abstract, 242. germ, 243. stroke, 244. horizon

245. 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
246. child of il____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
247. sc____le notes *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
248. have apo____ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
249. gr__t surgery *n.* a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods
250. a po____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
251. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
252. inv____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
253. chemical pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
254. native ver____ar *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

ANSWERS: 245. excuse, 246. illegal, 247. scribble, 248. apocalyptic, 249. graft, 250. portrait, 251. dawn, 252. investigate, 253. property, 254. vernacular

255. assign a tr_____rk *n.* a name or symbol on a product that indicates it was made by a particular company and cannot be used without permission by other companies
256. ill_____ion artist *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
257. to___e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
258. de_____ve work *n.* a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them
259. fr_____an year *n.* a first-year student, typically in college or high school
260. mu_____e affairs *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
261. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
262. pa_____le food *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
263. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 255. trademark, 256. illustration, 257. tongue, 258. detective, 259. freshman, 260. mundane, 261. photograph, 262. palatable, 263. decision

264. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
265. educational ill_____ion *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
266. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
267. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
268. a cultured pe__l *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
269. anti-gr__t law *n.* a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods
270. pe_____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
271. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
272. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 264. murder, 265. illustration, 266. recommend, 267. tap, 268. pearl, 269. graft, 270. perceive, 271. tap, 272. background

273. pr_____nt interests *adj.* characterized by a lurid or obsessive fascination with sexual matters; having or encouraging an excessive interest in sexual matters
274. railways in_____ct the country *v.* to meet or cross one another
275. express fru_____on *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
276. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
277. rapid transit su_____y *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
278. ra_____t effect *n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement
279. victim of fr___d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
280. masculine ch___m *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
281. traditional del_____sen *n.* a shop or restaurant that specializes in offering high-quality, ready-to-eat cuisine or food products, such as cheese, cured meat, salads, and sandwiches
282. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 273. prurient, 274. intersect, 275. frustration, 276. surround, 277. subway, 278. ratchet, 279. fraud, 280. charm, 281. delicatessen, 282. surround

283. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
284. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
285. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
286. en_____ll with beauty *v.* to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate
287. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
288. kidney y_n *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold

ANSWERS: 283. horizon, 284. underneath, 285. investigate, 286. enthrall, 287. balance, 288. yin

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. After returning from the war, he had a pretty _____ life.
adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
3. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.
n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
4. A nutritious diet improves _____ functions.
adj. relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food
5. The poet wrote in the _____ of ordinary people.
n. a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
6. The _____ in the book helped me understand the concept better.
n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
7. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
8. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.
n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

ANSWERS: 1. introduction, 2. mundane, 3. diet, 4. digestive, 5. vernacular, 6. illustration, 7. crazy, 8. tongue

9. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

adj. indispensable; fundamental

10. The patient's skin _____ procedure was successful, and he was released from the hospital.

n. a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods

11. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

12. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

13. Please accept my _____ condolences on your friend's death.

adj. (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful

14. The word 'home' _____ a sense of warmth and comfort.

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

15. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

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

ANSWERS: 9. essential, 10. graft, 11. representation, 12. abstract, 13. sincere, 14. connotes, 15. environment

16. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
17. The magician's illusions always managed to _____ the audience.
v. to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate
18. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
19. She spoke with _____ about the importance of education.
n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
20. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
21. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
22. The hotel's _____ was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.
n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
23. He acted like an _____ and spilled his drink all over the floor.
n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

ANSWERS: 16. emotional, 17. enthrall, 18. definition, 19. conviction, 20. incredible, 21. dots, 22. elevator, 23. idiot

24. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
25. These are significantly more exquisite than typical _____ bracelets.
- n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
26. He felt a deep _____ as he realized the project would not be completed on time.
- n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
27. _____ sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.
- n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
28. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
29. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
- n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
30. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.
- n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
31. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
- v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

ANSWERS: 24. ignored, 25. charm, 26. frustration, 27. Cockroaches, 28. obvious, 29. fortune, 30. chip, 31. investigated

32. The movie was a _____ of classic horror films.
n. a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
33. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
34. The _____ diligently pursued his cases.
n. a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them
35. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
36. The tsunami swamped every boat in the _____.
n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
37. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.
adv. immediately
38. The construction workers carefully placed the steel _____ onto the building frame.
n. a large, horizontal, and structural beam, typically made of steel or concrete, that is used to support and reinforce a bridge, building, or other construction by providing strength and stability
39. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

ANSWERS: 32. parody, 33. creditor, 34. detective, 35. medicinal, 36. harbor, 37. instantly, 38. girder, 39. abuse

40. The company's logo is a registered _____ on a global scale.
- n.* a name or symbol on a product that indicates it was made by a particular company and cannot be used without permission by other companies
41. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.
- n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
42. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.
- v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
43. His mom was always concerned about his _____ frame and encouraged him to eat more
- adj.* having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential
44. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
45. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
46. The magic tricks _____ the children.
- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 40. trademark, 41. suits, 42. edit, 43. skinny, 44. photograph, 45. absolutely, 46. fascinated

47. The sun's _____ shone through the window and illuminated the room.
n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
48. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
49. The cheerleaders wore colorful _____ uniforms to support their team.
adj. characterized by enthusiastic support, excitement, or encouragement, often associated with cheerleading or spirited displays of enthusiasm
50. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
51. The rubber _____ was swept out to sea.
n. a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
52. The team has a _____ for their star player: "The Ace."
n. a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
53. The book contained explicit and _____ descriptions of sexual encounters.
adj. characterized by a lurid or obsessive fascination with sexual matters; having or encouraging an excessive interest in sexual matters
54. The _____ documents were only available to authorized personnel.
adj. intended to be kept secret

ANSWERS: 47. beam, 48. magic, 49. rah-rah, 50. horizon, 51. raft, 52. nickname, 53. prurient, 54. confidential

55. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally
56. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.
n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
57. 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
58. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.
n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
59. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.
adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
60. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.
adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
61. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for _____.
n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
62. I found an old _____ at a thrift store and used it to write my novel.
n. a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over

ANSWERS: 55. murder, 56. thrill, 57. advertise, 58. dimensions, 59. apocalyptic, 60. firm, 61. clarity, 62. typewriter

63. 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
64. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.
v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
65. This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat _____ cases.
n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
66. The _____ knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.
adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
67. He took the _____ to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.
n. an underground railway system, typically in a city
68. Mozart was a musical _____.
n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
69. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.
v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
70. The conference is being held in _____ Manhattan.
n. the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district

ANSWERS: 63. excuse, 64. perceived, 65. stroke, 66. blunt, 67. subway, 68. genius, 69. encounter, 70. midtown

71. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's _____.

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

72. The lighting in the room made everyone's skin look _____.

adj. not showing or representing someone or something in a favorable or attractive way

73. The article _____ the true intentions of the author's argument.

v. to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone

74. The company is planning to _____ its website.

v. to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again

75. Her multidisciplinary works _____ music and picture with writing.

v. to meet or cross one another

76. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.

adj. not allowed by law

77. She vividly _____ getting laid off several years ago.

v. to remember something

78. The company faced a _____ from customers after the recall.

n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

79. I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly _____.

adj. having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

ANSWERS: 71. portrait, 72. unflattering, 73. misrepresents, 74. redesign, 75. intersect, 76. illegal, 77. recalls, 78. backlash, 79. palatable

80. The truth was more _____ than expected.

adj. very strange or unusual

81. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

82. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

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

83. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

84. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

85. The prime minister decided to reshuffle his _____ to regain support.

n. a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister

86. The software could _____ the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

87. I love the bold _____ used in this book's chapter heading.

n. the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images

ANSWERS: 80. bizarre, 81. devastate, 82. decision, 83. germ, 84. underneath, 85. cabinet, 86. decode, 87. typography

88. 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

89. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

90. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

91. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

- adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

92. We _____ taking media training every six months.

- v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

93. The _____ novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

- adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

94. The team's loss in the semifinals did not _____ their determination to return stronger next season.

- v.* to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize

ANSWERS: 88. equipped, 89. background, 90. amazing, 91. horrible, 92. recommend, 93. graphic, 94. dishearten

95. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the _____ on the buildings downtown.
- n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
96. The comedian's stand-up routine was _____.
- adj.* extremely funny
97. The company received a _____ complaints about their faulty product.
- n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity
98. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
99. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.
- n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
100. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
- adj.* relating to seeing or sight
101. The two business partners sealed the deal with a _____.
- n.* a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively
102. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.
- adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

ANSWERS: 95. graffiti, 96. hilarious, 97. zillion, 98. novel, 99. dawn, 100. visual, 101. handshake, 102. editorial

103. Water is a _____ liquid that is essential for life.

adj. lacking color; without hue or distinction; uninteresting or bland

104. The numbers on the sign _____ to points on the map.

v. to match or be similar to something else almost exactly; to exchange messages

105. The strong smell of fish in the restaurant was _____ to many customers.

adj. causing someone to feel unpleasant, uncomfortable, or aversion; causing someone not to want to do or experience something

106. How did he _____ to your idea?

v. to take action in response to something

107. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

108. I ordered a breakfast bagel with cream cheese and lox from the _____.

n. a shop or restaurant that specializes in offering high-quality, ready-to-eat cuisine or food products, such as cheese, cured meat, salads, and sandwiches

109. Living in a _____ apartment offers spectacular views of the city.

adj. describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories

110. The battlefield became _____ on earth.

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 103. colorless, 104. correspond, 105. off-putting, 106. react, 107. complicated, 108. delicatessen, 109. high-rise, 110. hell

111. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

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

112. She wore a _____ necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

113. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

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

114. The words were _____ in pencil.

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

115. The train's _____ was small but comfortable.

n. a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin

116. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

117. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

118. The _____ musician played the complex piece flawlessly.

adj. skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness

119. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

ANSWERS: 111. balance, 112. pearl, 113. relations, 114. scribbled, 115. compartment, 116. symbol, 117. frank, 118. deft, 119. property

120. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

121. The Chief editor checks all _____ for plagiarism with software.

n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

122. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

123. 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

124. I'm a big ____ of French food.

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

125. He saw the balance between the yin and _____ as crucial for a harmonious life.

n. in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat

126. The _____ class was excited to start their first year of college.

n. a first-year student, typically in college or high school

127. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 120. transformed, 121. essays, 122. mysterious, 123. decide, 124. fan, 125. yang, 126. freshman, 127. mystery

128. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
129. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
130. He turned the bolt with the _____ making sure it was secure.
- n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement
131. I made plans to spend my _____ time beneficially.
- adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
132. The concept of ___ and yang is central to traditional Chinese philosophy.
- n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold
133. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
134. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
135. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 128. insights, 129. represent, 130. ratchet, 131. spare, 132. yin, 133. consume, 134. survive, 135. interned

136. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.
n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
137. I got up early to watch the _____ at the summit.
n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
138. The police arrested them for committing insurance _____.
n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
139. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
adj. relating to or located in a town or city
140. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
v. to be all around something or somebody
141. She took a _____ on the stairs and tumbled down to the bottom.
n. a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement
142. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.
adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
143. The loss of his wife was an _____ sorrow that he found hard to overcome.
adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
144. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 136. assignment, 137. sunrise, 138. fraud, 139. urban, 140. surround, 141. misstep, 142. chief, 143. unbearable, 144. tap

ANSWERS: