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Session 1: Word List

insist

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

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over
He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

majestic

adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

synonym: grand, stately, regal

(1) a **majestic** figure, (2) a **majestic** sense of purpose
The **majestic** mountain range was a sight to behold.

brehtaking

adj. extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming

synonym: stunning, awe-inspiring, magnificent

(1) **brehtaking** view, (2) **brehtaking** performance
The sunset over the ocean was truly **brehtaking**.

waffle

v. to speak or write, especially at great length, without saying anything important or useful; to be indecisive, or to vacillate between different options or actions; (noun) a crisp, light batter cake typically eaten for breakfast and

often served with syrup

synonym : waver, flip-flop, vacillate

(1) **waffle** on about random things, (2) blueberry **waffle**

When asked about his stance on the new tax policy, the candidate began to **waffle** significantly.

diabetes

n. a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood

(1) juvenile **diabetes**, (2) **diabetes** patient

My father was tested for **diabetes**.

overcompensate

v. to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection

synonym : overcorrect, overdo, make up for

(1) **overcompensate** for mistakes, (2) **overcompensate** for lack of experience

After missing a deadline, he worked late into the night to **overcompensate** for his mistake.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

demographic

n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

(1) **demographic** analyses, (2) **demographic** policy

Several **demographic** indicators correlate with care admission.

heel

n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

synonym :

hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler

She wore high **heels** to the party.

convert

v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

synonym: alter, remake, transform

(1) **convert** fat into energy, (2) **convert** base 10 to base 16

I want to **convert** my sadness into strength.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym: prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to

disperse them.

exhaustive

adj. comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned

synonym: thorough, complete, comprehensive

(1) **exhaustive** study, (2) **exhaustive** review

The team conducted an **exhaustive** search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.

reckon

v. to think or believe something

synonym: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

variance

n. the fact or quality that two or more things are different, divergent, or inconsistent; a difference between conflicting facts, claims, or opinions

synonym: difference, conflict, disagreement

(1) **variance** analysis, (2) having no **variance**

The article is at **variance** with the truth.

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym: productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

taxonomy

n. the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

synonym: classification, categorization, hierarchy

(1) **taxonomy** system, (2) biological **taxonomy**

The **taxonomy** of insects is incredibly complex due to the huge number of species.

petri

n. (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria

(1) **petri** dish test, (2) bacteria on **petri** dishes

Glass **petri** dishes are used to culture microorganisms.

troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

synonym: provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

garden-variety

adj. standard or ordinary; not exceptional or special in any way

synonym: ordinary, typical, common

(1) **garden-variety** products, (2) **garden-variety** headache

The restaurant served a **garden-variety** salad with simple ingredients like lettuce and tomatoes.

digital

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

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

yell v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
synonym: shout, scream, cry
(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can
When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

decline v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
synonym: descend, drop, deny
(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality
As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

oriented *adj.* referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
synonym: aligned, directed, focused
(1) **oriented** graph, (2) technology- **oriented**
The company is very customer- **oriented** and strives to provide excellent service.

bigot *n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
synonym: sectarian, dogmatizer, intolerant
(1) **bigot** mentality, (2) religious **bigot**
His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded **bigot**.

affiliation *n.* the act of joining or associating with a particular group or organization; a connection or relationship with a particular group or organization
synonym: association, connection, partnership

(1) **affiliation** agreement, (2) business **affiliation**
Her **affiliation** with the political party helped her to win the election.

church

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

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

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

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

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym: charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

voter

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

synonym: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

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.

ideological

adj. relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters

synonym: theoretical, abstract, philosophical

(1) **ideological** divide, (2) **ideological** differences

The book presents an **ideological** perspective on the role of

government in society.

comedy

n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

synonym : humor, farce, satire

(1) **comedy** series, (2) romantic **comedy**

I love going to see live **comedy** shows with my friends.

brochure

n. a small book or pamphlet advertising a product, service, or place of interest

synonym : pamphlet, leaflet, booklet

(1) company **brochure**, (2) informative **brochure**

The travel agency provided us with a **brochure** outlining the city's attractions.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym : choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym : chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym : affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

rectum

n. the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body

synonym : anal canal, proctum

(1) **rectum** cancer, (2) inflammation of the **rectum**

Hemorrhoids can cause discomfort and bleeding in the **rectum**.

inviting

adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

synonym : attractive, tempting, alluring

(1) **inviting** scent, (2) **inviting** atmosphere

The **inviting** aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.

sneaky

adj. behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness

synonym : sly, crafty, deceitful

(1) **sneaky** tactics, (2) **sneaky** behavior

The **sneaky** thief slipped into the house through an unlocked window.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

encase

v. to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer

synonym : encircle, enclose, encasp

(1) **encase** in glass, (2) **encase** his feet

They **encased** the fragile vase in bubble wrap to protect it during shipping.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym : refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

Muslim

n. a follower of the religion of Islam

synonym : Islamic, believer

(1) predominantly **Muslim** country, (2) **Muslim** culture
The **Muslim** community in the city is small but growing.

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.

offensive

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

synonym: disrespectful, abusive, attacking

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

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

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

font

n. a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen

synonym: typeface, typography, lettering

(1) **font** size, (2) script **font**

I changed the **font** on my resume to make it more visually appealing.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

promote

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

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

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

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

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym : buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

dean

n. a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience

synonym : head, director, chancellor

(1) **dean's** list, (2) **dean** of faculty

The university's **dean** was responsible for overseeing the academic programs and policies.

bigotry

n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself

synonym : intolerance, prejudice, bias

(1) ethnic **bigotry**, (2) self-righteous **bigotry**

Bigotry and discrimination have no place in our society.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym : pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy

was priceless.

approve

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

synonym: accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measures, (2) unanimously **approve** a resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

ban

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

synonym: forbid, prohibit, restrict

(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning

We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

cite

v. to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened

synonym: quote, mention, note

(1) **cite** various authorities, (2) **cite** a fact as evidence

The devil can **cite** Scripture for his purpose.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

push-ups

n. a type of exercise that involves placing one's hands palms-down on the ground shoulder-width apart, lowering the body, and pushing up again repeatedly, typically used to build strength in the upper body and arms

synonym: press-ups, floor exercises

(1) military **push-ups**, (2) wide-arm **push-ups**

She does forty **push-ups** every morning as part of her workout routine.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym: unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

recipe

n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

synonym: instructions, formula, method

(1) **recipe** book, (2) **recipe** collection

The **recipe** for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

lawsuit

n. a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

synonym: suit, legal action, litigation

(1) **lawsuit** settlement, (2) file a **lawsuit**

The company is facing a **lawsuit** for its alleged discrimination

against employees.

dirt *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
synonym : filth, grime, muck
(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track
The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.

victory *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
synonym : win, triumph, success
(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism
We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

weird *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar
(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**
My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

blond *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
synonym : blonde, light-haired
(1) **blond** fuzz, (2) ash- **blond** ringlet
She is a natural **blond** and doesn't need to dye her hair.

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.

denounce *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
synonym : condemn, disapprove, criticize

(1) **denounce** a statement, (2) **denounce** a heresy
He **denounced** the actions of the corrupt official.

bait *n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way

synonym: lure, enticement, temptation

(1) **bait** and switch, (2) fishing **bait**

The **bait** brought the fish into the trap.

panel *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym: board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

cartoon *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

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

synonym: platter, dish, plate

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

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

recognize *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

ridiculous

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

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

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

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

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

caiman

n. a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America

synonym: alligator, crocodile, reptile

(1) **caiman** conservation, (2) **caiman** population

The **caiman's** diet mainly consists of fish and small mammals.

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.

offshore

adj. situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land

synonym: seaward, alongshore

(1) an **offshore** oil field, (2) an **offshore** fund

The company undertakes **offshore** development for software companies in many countries.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

haven

n. a shelter serving as a place of safety or sanctuary; a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo

synonym: harbor, refuge, sanctuary

(1) **haven** for terrorists, (2) cheap-labor **haven**

That country is a tax **haven** where many wealthy people have paper corporations.

brag

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

synonym: boast, swagger, vaunt

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

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

disposable

adj. designed to be used once and then thrown away

synonym: throwaway, single-use, expendable

(1) total **disposable** income, (2) **disposable** camera

I prefer using **disposable** razors because they are more convenient.

indulge

v. to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat

synonym: pamper, gratify, entertain

(1) **indulge** in debauchery, (2) **indulge** children

She **indulged** in a warm bath after a long day at work.

security

- n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

synonym : safety, protection, stock

(1) national **security**, (2) **security** analyst

The building's **security** system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.

brandish

- v.* to wave or display something, typically a weapon, in a threatening or aggressive manner; to exhibit something with pride or enthusiasm

synonym : wave, flourish, exhibit

(1) **brandish** a wand, (2) **brandish** a gun

The robber **brandished** a knife and demanded money from the store clerk.

squeal

- v.* to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure

synonym : scream, shriek, yelp

(1) **squeal** with delight, (2) **squeal** in agony

The children were playing and **squealing** with excitement in the park.

dump

- v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym : throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

pants

- n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

synonym : trousers, breeches, slacks

(1) woolly **pants**, (2) pajama **pants**

I always wear **pants** when I go outside, even in the summer.

laughter

n. the act or sound of laughing

synonym: laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**

Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

occasional

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

synonym: infrequent, sporadic, irregular

(1) **occasional** visitor, (2) **occasional** assistance

She only visited her grandparents on **occasional** weekends.

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym: aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re___e book *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
2. a desirable ou____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
3. in____e children *v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
4. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
5. bacteria on pe__i dishes *n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
6. d__t road *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
7. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
8. ta____my system *n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

ANSWERS: 1. recipe, 2. outcome, 3. indulge, 4. yell, 5. petri, 6. dirt, 7. launch, 8. taxonomy

9. dem_____ic analyses *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
10. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
11. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
12. ide_____al divide *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
13. en___e his feet *v.* to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer
14. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
15. business aff_____on *n.* the act of joining or associating with a particular group or organization; a connection or relationship with a particular group or organization
16. c___e a fact as evidence *v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
17. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
18. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 9. demographic, 10. violent, 11. decide, 12. ideological, 13. encase, 14. decline, 15. affiliation, 16. cite, 17. church, 18. amazing

19. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
20. la____er all around *n.* the act or sound of laughing
21. me____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
22. wa____e on about random things *v.* to speak or write, especially at great length, without saying anything important or useful; to be indecisive, or to vacillate between different options or actions; (noun) a crisp, light batter cake typically eaten for breakfast and often served with syrup
23. va____ce analysis *n.* the fact or quality that two or more things are different, divergent, or inconsistent; a difference between conflicting facts, claims, or opinions
24. h__l wrestler *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
25. sn____y tactics *adj.* behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness
26. su____y train *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
27. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
28. feed a tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

ANSWERS: 19. suppose, 20. laughter, 21. mention, 22. waffle, 23. variance, 24. heel, 25. sneaky, 26. subway, 27. negative, 28. troll

29. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
30. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
31. bring la_____er *n.* the act or sound of laughing
32. bre_____ing performance *adj.* extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming
33. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
34. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
35. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
36. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
37. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
38. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

ANSWERS: 29. constantly, 30. concept, 31. laughter, 32. breathtaking, 33. digital, 34. recognize, 35. ridiculous, 36. outcome, 37. statistics, 38. inequality

39. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
40. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
41. 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
42. self-righteous bi____y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
43. d__t track *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
44. b__t and switch *n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way
45. cheap-labor ha__n *n.* a shelter serving as a place of safety or sanctuary; a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo
46. ide_____al differences *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
47. gar_____ety headache *adj.* standard or ordinary; not exceptional or special in any way
48. biological ta_____my *n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

ANSWERS: 39. weird, 40. launch, 41. decide, 42. bigotry, 43. dirt, 44. bait, 45. haven, 46. ideological, 47. garden-variety, 48. taxonomy

49. dem_____ic policy *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
50. religious bi__t *n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
51. sn___y behavior *adj.* behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness
52. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
53. occ_____al assistance *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
54. d__p hazardous waste *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
55. in_____e in debauchery *v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
56. hard to re___n *v.* to think or believe something
57. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
58. romantic co___y *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

ANSWERS: 49. demographic, 50. bigot, 51. sneaky, 52. decline, 53. occasional, 54. dump, 55. indulge, 56. reckon, 57. approve, 58. comedy

59. ove_____ate for lack of experience *v.* to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection
60. d__p the gravel on the road *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
61. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
62. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
63. pr____r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
64. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
65. ca____n population *n.* a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America
66. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
67. a tremor of de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
68. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
69. br_____sh a wand *v.* to wave or display something, typically a weapon, in a threatening or aggressive manner; to exhibit something with pride or enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 59. overcompensate, 60. dump, 61. quitter, 62. mere, 63. prefer, 64. definitely, 65. caiman, 66. sophisticated, 67. delight, 68. ridiculous, 69. brandish

70. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
71. serving t__y *n.* a shallow, flat container or surface for holding or carrying objects, often with raised edges or handles
72. d__n of faculty *n.* a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience
73. a di____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
74. with de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
75. b__g about my knowledge *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
76. pr____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
77. an eligible vo__r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
78. in____t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 70. quitter, 71. tray, 72. dean, 73. digital, 74. delight, 75. brag, 76. promote, 77. voter, 78. insist

79. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
80. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
81. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
82. ca_____n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
83. copyright tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
84. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
85. re___m cancer *n.* the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body
86. national se_____ty *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

ANSWERS: 79. church, 80. complexity, 81. violent, 82. cartoon, 83. troll, 84. accurate, 85. rectum, 86. security

87. en___e in glass *v.* to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer
88. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
89. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
90. juvenile di_____es *n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
91. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
92. in_____ng scent *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
93. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
94. ca___n conservation *n.* a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America
95. an of_____re oil field *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
96. a ma_____ic figure *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
97. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

ANSWERS: 87. encase, 88. nonprofit, 89. bunch, 90. diabetes, 91. fellow, 92. inviting, 93. mention, 94. caiman, 95. offshore, 96. majestic, 97. ban

98. pajama pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
99. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
100. vi____y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
101. or____ed graph *adj.* referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
102. rapid transit su____y *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
103. a good grounding in mat____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
104. pr____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
105. having no va____ce *n.* the fact or quality that two or more things are different, divergent, or inconsistent; a difference between conflicting facts, claims, or opinions
106. re____n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
107. di____es patient *n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood

ANSWERS: 98. pants, 99. amazing, 100. victory, 101. oriented, 102. subway, 103. mathematics, 104. promote, 105. variance, 106. reckon, 107. diabetes

108. company br____re *n.* a small book or pamphlet advertising a product, service, or place of interest
109. la____t settlement *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
110. b__g to each other *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
111. research on anti-ra____m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
112. dis_____le camera *adj.* designed to be used once and then thrown away
113. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
114. fishing b__t *n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way
115. de____ce a heresy *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
116. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 108. brochure, 109. lawsuit, 110. brag, 111. racism, 112. disposable, 113. graph, 114. bait, 115. denounce, 116. threat

117. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
118. total dis_____le income *adj.* designed to be used once and then thrown away
119. sq___l with delight *v.* to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure
120. 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
121. assume the of_____ve *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
122. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
123. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
124. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
125. bi__t mentality *n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
126. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 117. fake, 118. disposable, 119. squeal, 120. investigate, 121. offensive, 122. ban, 123. accurate, 124. negative, 125. bigot, 126. invention

127. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
128. re___e collection *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
129. ash-bl__d ringlet *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
130. systemic ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
131. c__e various authorities *v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
132. gar_____ety products *adj.* standard or ordinary; not exceptional or special in any way
133. a ma_____ic sense of purpose *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
134. se_____ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

ANSWERS: 127. recognize, 128. recipe, 129. blond, 130. racism, 131. cite, 132. garden-variety, 133. majestic, 134. security

135. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
136. environmental th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
137. sq___l in agony *v.* to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure
138. d__n's list *n.* a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience
139. f__t size *n.* a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen
140. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

ANSWERS: 135. stick, 136. threat, 137. squeal, 138. dean, 139. font, 140. graph

141. in___t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
142. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
143. an of_____re fund *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
144. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
145. ca_____n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
146. com_____ve position *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
147. predominantly Mu___m country *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
148. exh_____ve study *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
149. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
150. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
151. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time

ANSWERS: 141. insist, 142. invention, 143. offshore, 144. prefer, 145. cartoon, 146. competitive, 147. Muslim, 148. exhaustive, 149. mathematics, 150. efficient, 151. constantly

152. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
153. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
154. wide-arm pu_____ps *n.* a type of exercise that involves placing one's hands palms-down on the ground shoulder-width apart, lowering the body, and pushing up again repeatedly, typically used to build strength in the upper body and arms
155. informative br_____re *n.* a small book or pamphlet advertising a product, service, or place of interest
156. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
157. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
158. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
159. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
160. military pu_____ps *n.* a type of exercise that involves placing one's hands palms-down on the ground shoulder-width apart, lowering the body, and pushing up again repeatedly, typically used to build strength in the upper body and arms

ANSWERS: 152. panel, 153. suppose, 154. push-ups, 155. brochure, 156. yell, 157. concept, 158. stick, 159. definitely, 160. push-ups

161. a com_____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
162. script f__t *n.* a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen
163. ethnic bi_____y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
164. inflammation of the re___m *n.* the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body
165. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
166. file a la_____t *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
167. in_____ng atmosphere *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
168. de_____ce a statement *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
169. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
170. co___y series *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

ANSWERS: 161. competitive, 162. font, 163. bigotry, 164. rectum, 165. tweet, 166. lawsuit, 167. inviting, 168. denounce, 169. statistics, 170. comedy

171. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
172. Mu___m culture *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
173. co_____t base 10 to base 16 *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
174. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
175. h__l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
176. vi_____y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
177. an of_____ve smell *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
178. aff_____on agreement *n.* the act of joining or associating with a particular group or organization; a connection or relationship with a particular group or organization
179. woolly pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
180. no_____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit

ANSWERS: 171. ugly, 172. Muslim, 173. convert, 174. tweet, 175. heel, 176. victory, 177. offensive, 178. affiliation, 179. pants, 180. nonprofit

181. 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
182. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
183. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
184. bre_____ing view *adj.* extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming
185. pe__i dish test *n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
186. co_____t fat into energy *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
187. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
188. ha__n for terrorists *n.* a shelter serving as a place of safety or sanctuary; a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo
189. br_____sh a gun *v.* to wave or display something, typically a weapon, in a threatening or aggressive manner; to exhibit something with pride or enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 181. investigate, 182. sophisticated, 183. voter, 184. breathtaking, 185. petri, 186. convert, 187. inequality, 188. haven, 189. brandish

190. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
191. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
192. ove_____ate for mistakes *v.* to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection
193. t__y for drinks *n.* a shallow, flat container or surface for holding or carrying objects, often with raised edges or handles
194. exh_____ve review *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
195. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
196. occ_____al visitor *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
197. technology-or_____ed *adj.* referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
198. blueberry wa___e *v.* to speak or write, especially at great length, without saying anything important or useful; to be indecisive, or to vacillate between different options or actions; (noun) a crisp, light batter cake typically eaten for breakfast and often served with syrup
199. bl__d fuzz *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color

ANSWERS: 190. fake, 191. complexity, 192. overcompensate, 193. tray, 194. exhaustive, 195. fellow, 196. occasional, 197. oriented, 198. waffle, 199. blond

200. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
201. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
202. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
203. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
204. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
205. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
206. ap_____e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

ANSWERS: 200. efficient, 201. panel, 202. mere, 203. weird, 204. bunch, 205. ugly, 206. approve

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
2. The team conducted an _____ search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.
adj. comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
3. She only visited her grandparents on _____ weekends.
adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
4. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
5. Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from _____ about his success.
v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
6. The children were playing and _____ with excitement in the park.
v. to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure
7. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.
n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

ANSWERS: 1. church, 2. exhaustive, 3. occasional, 4. yelled, 5. bragging, 6. squealing, 7. cartoon

8. She placed the dishes on the _____ and carried them to the table.
n. a shallow, flat container or surface for holding or carrying objects, often with raised edges or handles
9. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
10. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.
n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
11. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.
v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
12. The _____ mountain range was a sight to behold.
adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
13. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
14. She does forty _____ every morning as part of her workout routine.
n. a type of exercise that involves placing one's hands palms-down on the ground shoulder-width apart, lowering the body, and pushing up again repeatedly, typically used to build strength in the upper body and arms

ANSWERS: 8. tray, 9. launch, 10. racism, 11. approve, 12. majestic, 13. violent, 14. push-ups

15. He was banned from the online forum for being a _____ and causing trouble.
- n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
16. My father was tested for _____.
- n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
17. I want to _____ my sadness into strength.
- v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
18. She _____ in a warm bath after a long day at work.
- v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
19. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
20. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
21. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
22. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
- v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

ANSWERS: 15. troll, 16. diabetes, 17. convert, 18. indulged, 19. bunch, 20. insisted, 21. recognize, 22. prefer

23. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
24. The garden was filled with _____ and needed to be tilled before planting.
- n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
25. That country is a tax _____ where many wealthy people have paper corporations.
- n.* a shelter serving as a place of safety or sanctuary; a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo
26. After missing a deadline, he worked late into the night to _____ for his mistake.
- v.* to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection
27. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.
- n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
28. 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
29. We should _____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
- v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

ANSWERS: 23. inequality, 24. dirt, 25. haven, 26. overcompensate, 27. voter, 28. investigated, 29. ban

30. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
31. Her _____ with the political party helped her to win the election.
n. the act of joining or associating with a particular group or organization; a connection or relationship with a particular group or organization
32. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
33. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.
adj. correct and exact in all details
34. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
35. The devil can _____ Scripture for his purpose.
v. to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
36. She wore high _____ to the party.
n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
37. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

ANSWERS: 30. concept, 31. affiliation, 32. mentioned, 33. accurate, 34. ridiculous, 35. cite, 36. heels, 37. quitter

38. He _____ the actions of the corrupt official.
v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
39. The _____ diet mainly consists of fish and small mammals.
n. a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America
40. The company undertakes _____ development for software companies in many countries.
adj. situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
41. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
42. I changed the _____ on my resume to make it more visually appealing.
n. a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen
43. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
44. I prefer using _____ razors because they are more convenient.
adj. designed to be used once and then thrown away
45. The _____ thief slipped into the house through an unlocked window.
adj. behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness

ANSWERS: 38. denounced, 39. caiman's, 40. offshore, 41. suppose, 42. font, 43. delight, 44. disposable, 45. sneaky

46. The article is at _____ with the truth.
- n.* the fact or quality that two or more things are different, divergent, or inconsistent; a difference between conflicting facts, claims, or opinions
47. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.
- n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
48. The _____ aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.
- adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
49. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it
- adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
50. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
51. She is a natural _____ and doesn't need to dye her hair.
- adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
52. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
- v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
53. They _____ the fragile vase in bubble wrap to protect it during shipping.
- v.* to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer

ANSWERS: 46. variance, 47. panel, 48. inviting, 49. faked, 50. tweet, 51. blond, 52. declines, 53. encased

54. _____ and discrimination have no place in our society.
n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
55. When asked about his stance on the new tax policy, the candidate began to _____ significantly.
v. to speak or write, especially at great length, without saying anything important or useful; to be indecisive, or to vacillate between different options or actions; (noun) a crisp, light batter cake typically eaten for breakfast and often served with syrup
56. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
57. The company is very customer-_____ and strives to provide excellent service.
adj. referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
58. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.
adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
59. He lost the election by _____ votes.
adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
60. Necessity is the mother of _____.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
61. The robber _____ a knife and demanded money from the store clerk.
v. to wave or display something, typically a weapon, in a threatening or aggressive manner; to exhibit something with pride or enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 54. Bigotry, 55. waffle, 56. outcome, 57. oriented, 58. sophisticated, 59. mere, 60. invention, 61. brandished

62. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

63. His _____ philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

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

64. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

65. Several _____ indicators correlate with care admission.

n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

66. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.

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

67. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

68. 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

69. The travel agency provided us with a _____ outlining the city's attractions.

n. a small book or pamphlet advertising a product, service, or place of interest

ANSWERS: 62. graph, 63. offensive, 64. constantly, 65. demographic, 66. promote, 67. ugly, 68. decide, 69. brochure

70. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

71. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

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

72. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

73. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.

adj. not established for commercial profit

74. Hemorrhoids can cause discomfort and bleeding in the _____.

n. the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body

75. His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded _____.

n. a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people

76. The _____ of insects is incredibly complex due to the huge number of species.

n. the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

77. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

ANSWERS: 70. competitive, 71. digital, 72. complexity, 73. nonprofit, 74. rectum, 75. bigot, 76. taxonomy, 77. efficient

78. The restaurant served a _____ salad with simple ingredients like lettuce and tomatoes.

adj. standard or ordinary; not exceptional or special in any way

79. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

80. He took the _____ to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

n. an underground railway system, typically in a city

81. The company _____ him after several years of service.

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

82. The _____ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

83. The _____ brought the fish into the trap.

n. a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way

84. Some doctor says _____ is the best medicine.

n. the act or sound of laughing

85. The book presents an _____ perspective on the role of government in society.

adj. relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters

ANSWERS: 78. garden-variety, 79. amazing, 80. subway, 81. dumped, 82. recipe, 83. bait, 84. laughter, 85. ideological

86. The _____ community in the city is small but growing.

n. a follower of the religion of Islam

87. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

88. I love going to see live _____ shows with my friends.

n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

89. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

90. The university's _____ was responsible for overseeing the academic programs and policies.

n. a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience

91. The company is facing a _____ for its alleged discrimination against employees.

n. a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

92. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

ANSWERS: 86. Muslim, 87. statistics, 88. comedy, 89. negative, 90. dean, 91. lawsuit, 92. definitely

93. Glass _____ dishes are used to culture microorganisms.
- n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
94. The sunset over the ocean was truly _____.
- adj.* extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming
95. I always wear _____ when I go outside, even in the summer.
- n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
96. We are optimistic about our final _____.
- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
97. He has a flair for _____.
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
98. He _____ that corruption was rampant in the regime.
- v.* to think or believe something
99. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.
- adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
100. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 93. petri, 94. breathtaking, 95. pants, 96. victory, 97. mathematics, 98. reckons, 99. fellow, 100. threat

101. The building's _____ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.

- n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

102. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

103. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

- adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 101. security, 102. stick, 103. weird