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Session 1: Word List

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group
All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

bilingual

n. a person who speaks two languages fluently; (adjective) involving or relating to two languages or language groups

synonym : biliterate, bicultural

(1) **bilingual** community, (2) **bilingual** education
The company is looking for a **bilingual** customer service representative.

multilingual

adj. skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups

synonym : polyglot

(1) **multilingual** education, (2) **multilingual** staff
My friend is **multilingual**, speaking five different languages fluently.

subtitle

n. a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

synonym: caption, heading, inscription

(1) chart **subtitle**, (2) foreign-language **subtitle**

Make sure to turn on **subtitles** so you can understand the foreign film.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

monolingual

adj. being able to speak or use only one language

synonym: unilingual

(1) **monolingual** policies, (2) **monolingual** country

The lack of exposure to foreign languages made her a **monolingual** speaker.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

balanced

adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

synonym: equitable, congruous, flat

(1) a **balanced** diet, (2) a well- **balanced** mind

We conducted a **balanced** assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym: alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price
Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

synonym: ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**
He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym: attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company
Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

immigrate

v. to come to live permanently in a foreign country

synonym: migrate, relocate, settle

(1) **immigrate** to the country, (2) **immigrate** through available legal processes
He **immigrated** to the United States in search of a better life.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym: combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**
Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

linguistic

adj. relating to language or the study of language

synonym : lingual, verbal, lexical

(1) her major is **linguistics**, (2) **linguistic** analysis

Our naive experience undoubtedly contains a **linguistic** aspect.

simultaneously

adv. at the same time

synonym : concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs **simultaneously**

Two students answered the teacher's question **simultaneously**.

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.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**
The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

coordinate

v. to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship;
(adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

synonym: organize, harmonize, ordinate

(1) **coordinate** a special project, (2) a **coordinate** clause
We want to **coordinate** a schedule for the investigation.

fin

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

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

subordinate

adj. of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status;
serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

synonym: inferior, secondary, subservient

(1) **subordinate** position, (2) **subordinate** role

The CEO's **subordinate** employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym: strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

primary

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year

or election cycle

synonym : chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

proficient

adj. having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area

synonym : expert, skilled, adept

(1) **proficient** speaker, (2) **proficient** skill

She is **proficient** in Spanish and can communicate fluently.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym : anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

accent

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

synonym : articulation, inflection, pronunciation

(1) a foreign **accent**, (2) put the **accent** on comfort

She has a thick southern **accent**.

pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym : articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

apparent

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

synonym : obvious, clear, conspicuous

(1) heir **apparent**, (2) **apparent** contradiction
This star is **apparent** to the naked eye.

casual

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
synonym : informal, relaxed, offhand

(1) **casual** dress, (2) take a **casual** glance

They had a **casual** conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

observer

n. a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it

synonym : spectator, onlooker, watcher

(1) a shrewd **observer**, (2) an **observer** in the region

According to the theory of relativity, time is different for each **observer**.

advance

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

synonym : progress, boost, come along

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

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

glimpse

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

synonym : glance, peek, sighting

(1) a momentary **glimpse**, (2) passing **glimpse**

Our team caught a **glimpse** of the world-class technique in this game.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

hemisphere

n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

(1) northern **hemisphere**, (2) cerebral **hemisphere**

This weather pattern is unique to the southern **hemisphere**.

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym: chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

analytical

adj. relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze

synonym: investigative, logical, cogent

(1) **analytical** approach, (2) **analytical** ability

He is **analytical** and can break down complex problems into manageable parts.

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.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym : complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym : break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change
The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

accord

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

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

acquisition

n. the act of getting something, usually through purchase, negotiation, or effort

synonym: purchase, possession, obtaining

(1) merger and **acquisition**, (2) **acquisition** process

The company's latest **acquisition** of a rival firm has dramatically expanded its market share.

holistic

adj. relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts

synonym: comprehensive, all-encompassing, total

(1) **holistic** education, (2) develop a **holistic** vision

The **holistic** approach to healthcare considers the person's physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

grasp

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
synonym : grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym : discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

exhibit

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

synonym : display, expose, show

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

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

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym : engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue
He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym : endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

visible

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

synonym : clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

density

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

synonym : tightness, viscosity

(1) population **density**, (2) higher pixel **density**

Do you know the **density** of the population in Hong Kong?

neuron

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

synonym : nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

synapse

n. the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it

(1) **synapse** circuit, (2) end at a **synapse**

Animals transmit nerve impulses through **synapses**.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym : alluring, interesting, engrossing

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

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

workout

n. a session of physical exercise or training

synonym : exercise, training, physical activity

(1) **workout** at the health club, (2) boxing **workout**

He does a different **workout** every day to keep things interesting.

delay

v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

synonym : block, adjourn, detain

(1) **delay** a flight three hours, (2) **delay** the new project

We **delayed** the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

onset

n. the beginning or early stages of unpleasant something; a military attack

synonym :

beginning, attack, commencement

(1) at the first **onset**, (2) the **onset** of spring

This medicine works best when taken at the **onset** of a cold.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

Alzheimer

n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

synonym: dementia, memory loss, cognitive decline

(1) **Alzheimer's** brain, (2) **Alzheimer's** risk factors

My grandmother has **Alzheimer's** disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

dementia

n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

synonym: cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**

The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

synonym: perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

intuitive

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

synonym: involuntary, instinctive, innate

(1) **intuitive** eating, (2) **intuitive** judgment
I had an **intuitive** feeling that I might be pregnant.

handicap

n. a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities

synonym: disability, impairment, limitation

(1) **handicap** parking space, (2) mental **handicap**

The athlete overcame his physical **handicap** to become a world champion.

distinguish

v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

synonym: determine, differentiate, characterize

(1) **distinguish** these two things, (2) **distinguish** man from the other animals

This study **distinguished** four different ways to run a business.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

flaw

n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

synonym: defect, fault, imperfection

(1) a minor **flaw**, (2) the **flaw** in the legislation

Even the slightest design **flaw** in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym: response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the

groundwater.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

synonym: reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

dorsolateral

adj. relating to or situated on the back and side of something, particularly a body part, such as the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex, which is a region of the brain involved in higher cognitive functions

synonym: side, lateral, flanking

(1) **dorsolateral** pathway, (2) **dorsolateral** approach

The **dorsolateral** prefrontal cortex is responsible for executive functions such as decision-making and problem-solving.

prefrontal

adj. in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain

(1) **prefrontal** bone, (2) **prefrontal** region

Research shows that damage to the **prefrontal** cortex leads to increased aggression.

cortex

n. the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain

(1) **cortex** cells, (2) visual **cortex** neuron

The cerebral **cortex** consists of six layers.

executive

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the

branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

synonym: administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

irrelevant

adj. not connected with or related to something and therefore not important

synonym: unrelated, immaterial, extrinsic

(1) an **irrelevant** thought, (2) do something **irrelevant**

They removed **irrelevant** content from the slides.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

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.

engage

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

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

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

(2) **engage** a new employee

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

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**.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym: jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. bi_____al education | <i>n.</i> a person who speaks two languages fluently; (adjective) involving or relating to two languages or language groups |
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| 6. co_____nt a global warming | <i>v.</i> to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person |
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| 10. develop a ho_____ic vision | <i>adj.</i> relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts |

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11. northern hem_____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
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22. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
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ANSWERS: 22. leap, 23. absolute, 24. emotional, 25. accent, 26. largely, 27. span, 28. cognitive, 29. observer, 30. acquisition, 31. analytical

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36. nontechnical as____ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
37. a coo_____te clause *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
38. en____e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
39. co____x cells *n.* the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain
40. take a ca____l glance *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

ANSWERS: 32. executive, 33. dementia, 34. largely, 35. glimpse, 36. aspect, 37. coordinate, 38. engage, 39. cortex, 40. casual

41. end at a sy____e *n.* the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it
42. str_____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
43. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
44. ex_____t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
45. a gr_____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
46. merger and acq_____on *n.* the act of getting something, usually through purchase, negotiation, or effort
47. Al_____er's risk factors *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
48. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
49. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 41. synapse, 42. strengthen, 43. remarkable, 44. exhibit, 45. gradual, 46. acquisition, 47. Alzheimer, 48. vary, 49. process

50. a well-ba_____ed mind *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
51. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
52. heir ap_____nt *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
53. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
54. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
55. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
56. ex_____t a great talent *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
57. the on__t of spring *n.* the beginning or early stages of unpleasant something; a military attack
58. de__y the new project *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
59. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
60. ca___l dress *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

ANSWERS: 50. balanced, 51. complexity, 52. apparent, 53. advantage, 54. necessarily, 55. fin, 56. exhibit, 57. onset, 58. delay, 59. concept, 60. casual

61. sub_____te role *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
62. co_____se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
63. do something irr_____nt *adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
64. in_____ve judgment *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
65. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
66. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
67. mul_____ual staff *adj.* skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups
68. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
69. vi_____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
70. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 61. subordinate, 62. converse, 63. irrelevant, 64. intuitive, 65. typical, 66. disease, 67. multilingual, 68. engaging, 69. visible, 70. develop

71. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
72. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
73. tr____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
74. dor______ral approach *adj.* relating to or situated on the back and side of something, particularly a body part, such as the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex, which is a region of the brain involved in higher cognitive functions
75. the f__w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
76. take ad____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
77. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
78. mul____ual education *adj.* skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups
79. research on co____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
80. be__g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 71. vary, 72. span, 73. trigger, 74. dorsolateral, 75. flaw, 76. advantage, 77. brain, 78. multilingual, 79. cognitive, 80. belong

81. ho____ic education *adj.* relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts
82. trigger a re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
83. ask a co____se question *v.* to talk informally
84. reg____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
85. mon____al country *adj.* being able to speak or use only one language
86. sub____te position *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
87. a building of vast pro____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
88. pr____ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
89. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
90. test my hyp____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

ANSWERS: 81. holistic, 82. reaction, 83. converse, 84. regardless, 85. monolingual, 86. subordinate, 87. proportion, 88. pronounce, 89. leap, 90. hypothesis

91. at the first on__t *n.* the beginning or early stages of unpleasant something; a military attack
92. ha____ap parking space *n.* a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities
93. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
94. cerebral hem____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
95. boxing wo____t *n.* a session of physical exercise or training
96. ne___n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
97. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
98. in____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
99. do____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
100. im____te to the country *v.* to come to live permanently in a foreign country
101. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 91. onset, 92. handicap, 93. bias, 94. hemisphere, 95. workout, 96. neuron, 97. context, 98. involve, 99. dominant, 100. immigrate, 101. engage

102. ac____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
103. population de____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
104. sy____e circuit *n.* the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it
105. dor____ral pathway *adj.* relating to or situated on the back and side of something, particularly a body part, such as the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex, which is a region of the brain involved in higher cognitive functions
106. the rem____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
107. a minor f__w *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
108. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
109. pr____y education *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
110. em____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
111. a gr____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

ANSWERS: 102. acquire, 103. density, 104. synapse, 105. dorsolateral, 106. remarkable, 107. flaw, 108. split, 109. primary, 110. emotional, 111. gradual

112. put the ac___t on comfort *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
113. pre_____al region *adj.* in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain
114. in_____ve eating *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
115. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
116. ex_____ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
117. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
118. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
119. coo_____te a special project *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

ANSWERS: 112. accent, 113. prefrontal, 114. intuitive, 115. degree, 116. executive, 117. specific, 118. accord, 119. coordinate

120. immune fu____on
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
121. foreign-language su____le
- n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
122. clogged fi____r
- n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
123. direct pro____on
- n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
124. severe cr____c
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
125. pro____nt speaker
- adj.* having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area
126. sp____ic instructions
- adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 120. function, 121. subtitle, 122. filter, 123. proportion, 124. critic, 125. proficient, 126. specific

127. pr_____ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
128. na___e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
129. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
130. excite the ne___ns *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
131. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
132. mental ha_____ap *n.* a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities
133. an ob_____er in the region *n.* a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it
134. her major is lin_____ics *adj.* relating to language or the study of language
135. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
136. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 127. pronounce, 128. native, 129. typical, 130. neuron, 131. fin, 132.

handicap, 133. observer, 134. linguistic, 135. native, 136. function

137. passing gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
138. bi_____al community *n.* a person who speaks two languages fluently; (adjective) involving or relating to two languages or language groups
139. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
140. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
141. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
142. higher pixel de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
143. a bold hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
144. as____ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
145. harmful co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
146. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 137. glimpse, 138. bilingual, 139. disease, 140. acquire, 141. critic, 142. density, 143. hypothesis, 144. aspect, 145. compound, 146. addition

147. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
148. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
149. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
150. pro_____nt skill *adj.* having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area
151. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
152. ana_____al approach *adj.* relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze
153. dis_____sh man from the other animals *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
154. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
155. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 147. complexity, 148. process, 149. fortune, 150. proficient, 151. brain, 152. analytical, 153. distinguish, 154. split, 155. addition

156. Al_____er's brain *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
157. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
158. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
159. an irr_____nt thought *adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
160. ap_____nt contradiction *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
161. chart su_____le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
162. gas fi_____r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
163. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
164. visual co____x neuron *n.* the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain

ANSWERS: 156. Alzheimer, 157. confront, 158. involve, 159. irrelevant, 160. apparent, 161. subtitle, 162. filter, 163. grasp, 164. cortex

165. aquatic co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
166. im_____te through available legal processes *v.* to come to live permanently in a foreign country
167. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
168. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
169. pre_____al bone *adj.* in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain
170. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
171. pr_____y school *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
172. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
173. a ba_____ed diet *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
174. dis_____sh these two things *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
175. 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

ANSWERS: 165. compound, 166. immigrate, 167. bias, 168. necessarily, 169. prefrontal, 170. advance, 171. primary, 172. trigger, 173. balanced, 174. distinguish, 175. fortune

176. mon_____al policies *adj.* being able to speak or use only one language
177. vi_____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
178. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
179. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
180. be_____g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 176. monolingual, 177. visible, 178. advance, 179. context, 180. belong

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The CEO's _____ employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.
adj. of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
2. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.
v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
3. We conducted a _____ assessment of intellectual and cultural history.
adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
4. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.
adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming
5. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
6. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.
n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
7. The athlete overcame his physical _____ to become a world champion.
n. a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities

ANSWERS: 1. subordinate, 2. acquire, 3. balanced, 4. engaging, 5. emotional, 6. proportion, 7. handicap

8. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
9. He _____ to the United States in search of a better life.
v. to come to live permanently in a foreign country
10. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
11. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.
adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
12. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
13. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.
adv. at the same time
14. The incident _____ a political controversy.
v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
15. She struggled to _____ the word in a foreign language.
v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

ANSWERS: 8. span, 9. immigrated, 10. largely, 11. native, 12. specific, 13. simultaneously, 14. triggered, 15. pronounce

16. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.
adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
17. The _____ prefrontal cortex is responsible for executive functions such as decision-making and problem-solving.
adj. relating to or situated on the back and side of something, particularly a body part, such as the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex, which is a region of the brain involved in higher cognitive functions
18. This weather pattern is unique to the southern _____.
n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
19. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.
n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
20. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
21. She researched gender _____ in politics.
n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
22. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
23. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 16. gradual, 17. dorsolateral, 18. hemisphere, 19. filter, 20. aspects, 21. bias, 22. addition, 23. develop

24. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
25. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.
v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
26. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
27. 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
28. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.
adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
29. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.
n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
30. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.
n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
31. She enjoyed the opportunity to _____ with a person who spoke her language.
v. to talk informally

ANSWERS: 24. concept, 25. strengthen, 26. typical, 27. fortune, 28. regardless, 29. compound, 30. hypothesis, 31. converse

32. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

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

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

34. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

35. I had an _____ feeling that I might be pregnant.

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

36. Animals transmit nerve impulses through _____.

n. the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it

37. Do you know the _____ of the population in Hong Kong?

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

38. They had a _____ conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

39. The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of _____ in older age.

n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

ANSWERS: 32. grasp, 33. fins, 34. critics, 35. intuitive, 36. synapses, 37. density, 38. casual, 39. dementia

40. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have
41. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.
- v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
42. 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
43. Research shows that damage to the _____ cortex leads to increased aggression.
- adj.* in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain
44. The _____ approach to healthcare considers the person's physical, mental, and emotional well-being.
- adj.* relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts
45. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.
- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
46. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.
- v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
47. The cerebral _____ consists of six layers.
- n.* the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain
48. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
- v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

ANSWERS: 40. accord, 41. vary, 42. complexity, 43. prefrontal, 44. holistic, 45. leap, 46. confront, 47. cortex, 48. advance

49. This medicine works best when taken at the _____ of a cold.
n. the beginning or early stages of unpleasant something; a military attack
50. The company is looking for a _____ customer service representative.
n. a person who speaks two languages fluently; (adjective) involving or relating to two languages or language groups
51. Even the slightest design _____ in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.
n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
52. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.
adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding
53. We want to _____ a schedule for the investigation.
v. to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
54. This accident was something that happened _____.
adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
55. My grandmother has _____ disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.
n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
56. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 49. onset, 50. bilingual, 51. flaw, 52. cognitive, 53. coordinate, 54. necessarily, 55. Alzheimer's, 56. belong

57. Make sure to turn on _____ so you can understand the foreign film.

- n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

58. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.

- n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

59. She is _____ in Spanish and can communicate fluently.

- adj.* having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area

60. My friend is _____ speaking five different languages fluently.

- adj.* skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups

61. He is _____ and can break down complex problems into manageable parts.

- adj.* relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze

62. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

63. Our naive experience undoubtedly contains a _____ aspect.

- adj.* relating to language or the study of language

ANSWERS: 57. subtitles, 58. disease, 59. proficient, 60. multilingual, 61. analytical, 62. involves, 63. linguistic

64. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
65. The _____ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.
- adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
66. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.
- n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
67. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
68. We _____ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.
- v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
69. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
70. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
- adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

ANSWERS: 64. advantages, 65. primary, 66. executive, 67. degree, 68. delayed, 69. context, 70. absolute

71. He does a different _____ every day to keep things interesting.

n. a session of physical exercise or training

72. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

73. This star is _____ to the naked eye.

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

74. Our body transfers information along each _____ using an electrical impulse.

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

75. My home is easily _____ from the shore.

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

76. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

77. The lack of exposure to foreign languages made her a _____ speaker.

adj. being able to speak or use only one language

78. The company's latest _____ of a rival firm has dramatically expanded its market share.

n. the act of getting something, usually through purchase, negotiation, or effort

ANSWERS: 71. workout, 72. remarkable, 73. apparent, 74. neuron, 75. visible, 76. function, 77. monolingual, 78. acquisition

79. Other technology industries _____ similarly explosive growth.
- v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
80. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
- v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
81. According to the theory of relativity, time is different for each _____.
- n.* a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it
82. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
83. She has a thick southern _____.
- n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
84. They removed _____ content from the slides.
- adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
85. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
- v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

ANSWERS: 79. exhibit, 80. engaged, 81. observer, 82. process, 83. accent, 84. irrelevant, 85. split

86. Her company soon won a _____ market share.

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

87. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

88. This study _____ four different ways to run a business.

v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

89. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

90. Our team caught a _____ of the world-class technique in this game.

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

ANSWERS: 86. dominant, 87. reaction, 88. distinguished, 89. brain, 90. glimpse