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Session 1: Word List

photograph

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

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

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

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

fraction

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

synonym : piece, part, fragment

(1) a **fractional** share of the vote, (2) a numerator in a **fraction**

He spent only a **fraction** of his earnings.

represent

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

synonym : depict, express, describe

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

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

tangible

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

synonym : palpable, real, actual

(1) **tangible** assets, (2) produce **tangible** results

A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes **tangible**.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym : condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

seamless

adj. without spaces or breaks between one part and the next

synonym : smooth, continuous, unseamed

(1) enable **seamless** access, (2) **seamless** device connectivity

The service was **seamless**, and the food was quite delicious.

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.

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.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym : figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

locate

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

synonym : discover, find, place

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

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

vantage

n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

synonym : advantage, benefit, edge

(1) strategic **vantage**, (2) gain a **vantage**

From our **vantage** point, we could see the whole city skyline.

fleeting

adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

synonym : temporary, brief, transitory

(1) for a **fleeting** moment, (2) **fleeting** opportunity

She savored the **fleeting** happiness she felt during the

vacation.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym : combine, mix, intermingle

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

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

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym : aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

row

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

synonym : line, sequence, layer

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

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

seine

n. a large fishing net that hangs vertically in the water with floats at the top and weights at the bottom used to enclose and catch fish

synonym : net, fishing net, trawl

(1) haul a **seine**, (2) beach **seine**

The fishermen used a purse **seine** to catch fish in the river.

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.

aglow

adj. radiating or emitting a warm, bright light or color;
characterized by a glowing or intense light or color

synonym : radiant, glowing, illuminated

(1) **aglow** with excitement, (2) cheeks **aglow**

The city skyline was **aglow** with the beautiful lights of the fireworks display.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

fascinate

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

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

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

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

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.

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.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

costume

n. a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation
synonym: attire, garb, outfit

(1) **costume** party, (2) **costume** change
She wore a beautiful **costume** for the play.

timelapse

n. a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly

(1) **timelapse** photography, (2) capture **timelapse** footage
The **timelapse** video beautifully captured the changing seasons over a year.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym: unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure
The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers
synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers
When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

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

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

panoramic

adj. relating to an unobstructed and wide view of an extensive area; all-encompassing

synonym: expansive, wide-ranging, scenic

(1) **panoramic** landscape, (2) **panoramic** camera

We hiked to the top of the hill for a **panoramic** view of the city below.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

crew

n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

synonym: team, group, squad

(1) the film **crew**, (2) the **crew** of a fishing boat

The ship's **crew** worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

collage

n. a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements

synonym: montage, assemblage, mosaic

(1) **collage** art, (2) digital **collage**

She made a beautiful **collage** of photos from her travels to display in her home.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as

in greeting or affection

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym : workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

glue

n. a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

synonym : adhesive, paste, gum

(1) **glue** stick, (2) epoxy **glue**

The carpenter applied **glue** to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.

pier

n. a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area

synonym : jetty, wharf, dock

(1) **pier** fishing, (2) a landing **pier**

Families gathered on the head of a **pier** to watch the sunset and catch a glimpse of the dolphins swimming in the bay.

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.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

vector

n. a quantity that has both magnitude and direction, often used in mathematics, physics, and engineering to describe forces, velocities, or other physical phenomena; any agent (person or animal, or microorganism) that carries and transmits a disease

synonym: carrier, transporter, conveyor

(1) disease **vector**, (2) a **vector** operation

The mosquito is a common **vector** for many diseases, including malaria and Zika.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym: cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

trampoline

n. a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on

synonym: rebounder, bouncer, springboard

(1) **trampoline** park, (2) **trampoline** jump

I love jumping on the **trampoline** in my backyard.

warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym: twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym : lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

gravity

n. the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

synonym : heaviness, attraction, weight

(1) the attraction of **gravity**, (2) preserve my **gravity**

The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of **gravity**.

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.

diagonally

adv. in an oblique or slanted direction or manner; at an angle between horizontal and vertical

synonym : obliquely, slantwise, askew

(1) **diagonally** opposite, (2) cut **diagonally**

I walked **diagonally** across the field to reach the other side faster.

continuum

n. a series of similar items in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts

synonym : continuation, continuity

(1) a space-time **continuum**, (2) the **continuum** of events

Our life is a **continuum** of experience in which events pass from the future through the present to the past.

dimension

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

synonym :

extent, measurement, size

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

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

sunrise

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

synonym: daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries

I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

sunset

n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

synonym: evening, sundown, dusk

(1) **sunset** this function, (2) spectacular **sunset** views

He is in the **sunset** of his life.

edit

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

synonym: revise, modify, adjust

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

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

harmony

n. the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

synonym: balance, accord, congruence

(1) a **harmony** of colors, (2) break a **harmony**

We worked in perfect **harmony**.

discordant

adj. not in agreement or harmony; conflicting

synonym: inharmonious, clashing, inconsistent

(1) loud **discordant** voice, (2) **discordant** growth

The **discordant** music made it hard for the audience to enjoy the concert.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

fan

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

synonym: lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

nation

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

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym : canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

cliff

n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

synonym : crag, escarpment, precipice

(1) a bold **cliff**, (2) **cliff** diving

He stood at the edge of the **cliff** and looked out to sea.

moonlight

n. the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer

synonym : moonshine, moonbeam, moon glow

(1) **moonlight** as a bartender, (2) **moonlight** serenade

The garden looked magical in the **moonlight**, with the flowers and trees casting eerie shadows.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym : change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

photocopy

n. a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier

synonym : duplicate, reproduction

(1) **photocopy** machine, (2) color **photocopy**

I need to make a **photocopy** of this document before I send it out.

excitement

n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

synonym : thrill, exhilaration, incitement

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

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

compile

v. to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.

synonym: assemble, collect, gather

(1) **compile** a biography, (2) **compile** the data

We are attempting to **compile** a list of qualified candidates for the position.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym: average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

inauguration

n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an

organization or event

synonym: swearing-in, investiture, initiation

(1) **inauguration** ceremony, (2) presidential **inauguration**

The **inauguration** of the new station was a great success.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

oath

n. a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty

synonym: pledge, vow, promise

(1) **oath** of allegiance, (2) promise an **oath**

He took an **oath** to uphold the law as a police officer.

scissor

v. (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors

synonym: cut, clip, shear

(1) **scissor** paper, (2) kitchen **scissors**

I need to **scissor** my hair to even out the ends.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym: sturdy, unmovable, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

assistant

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

synonym: aide, helper, associate

(1) an unwilling **assistant**, (2) **assistant** professor

An executive **assistant** director administers each branch.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

horizon

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

synonym: skyline, view, visible boundary

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

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

tap

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

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

patience

n. the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry

synonym : forbearance, endurance, tolerance

(1) test my **patience**, (2) show **patience**

Healing a broken heart requires **patience**, as it takes time to heal.

observation

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

synonym : watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

giant

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

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

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

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

emergent

adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known

synonym : coming, appearing, developing

(1) **emergent** repair of an aorta, (2) an **emergent** republic

Extensive areas of **emergent** plants are usually called marsh.

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym : gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers
The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym: shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

sunlight

n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun

synonym: daylight, rays, sunshine

(1) a glare of **sunlight**, (2) in direct **sunlight**

Radiation from **sunlight** has a different wavelength.

checkerboard

n. a board having 64 squares of two alternating black and white colors used for playing draughts, also known as checker

synonym: check, plaid, patchwork

(1) **checkerboard** pattern, (2) **checkerboard** frame

This historic city is famous for its **checkerboard** streets.

wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

synonym: surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of

innovation and sustainability.

metaphysics

n. the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space

(1) **metaphysics** study, (2) the nature of **metaphysics**
Kant's thoughts provided the foundational ideas for treating **metaphysics** as a discipline.

selfie

n. a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

synonym: self-portrait, self-photo, self-snap

(1) **selfie** stick, (2) pose for a **selfie**

She took a **selfie** in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.

backdrop

n. a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance

synonym: background, setting, context

(1) **backdrop** of poverty, (2) perfect **backdrop**

The lush green forest provided a picturesque **backdrop** for the photo shoot.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym: unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply

She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

synonym : keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym : especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically**

American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym : summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

migration

n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

synonym : exodus

(1) the **migration** of birds, (2) overseas **migration**

There was a **migration** of impoverished farmers into the towns.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym : manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

drought

n. a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

synonym : dryness, aridity, water shortage

(1) periods of **drought**, (2) **drought** conditions

The region has been experiencing a severe **drought**, leading to water shortages and crop failures.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym : humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

sealed

adj. closed or secured with

synonym : closed, impenetrable

(1) **sealed** orders, (2) **sealed** jar

We packed and shipped the product in **sealed** containers.

crocodile

n. a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

synonym : alligator, gator, croc

(1) **crocodile** hide, (2) saltwater **crocodile**

The **crocodile** attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear

blind

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

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

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

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

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

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

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

bible

n. the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

synonym : authoritative book, holy book, doctrine

(1) a passage from the **Bible**, (2) believe **Bible** prophecy

Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology **bible**.

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.

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?

grunt

v. to make a short, low noise in the throat
synonym: groan, mutter, murmur

(1) **grunt** a laugh, (2) **grunt** in discontent
She **grunted** and stopped drinking coffee.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable
synonym: adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information
We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,
(2) **communicate** well with my advisor
Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
synonym: compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts
The structure is **composed** of three main components.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**
The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

untold

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

synonym: countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

timeless

adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

synonym: dateless, everlasting, imperishable

(1) **timeless** masterpiece, (2) **timeless** topic

There is a **timeless** aspect to his most remarkable work.

Session 2: Spelling

1. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
2. the nature of met_____cs *n.* the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space
3. a glare of su_____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
4. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
5. overseas mi_____on *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
6. co_____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
7. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
8. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
9. ti_____se photography *n.* a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly

ANSWERS: 1. frank, 2. metaphysics, 3. sunlight, 4. architecture, 5. migration, 6. compress, 7. peak, 8. discovery, 9. timelapse

10. saltwater cr_____le *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
11. em___y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
12. face rel_____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
13. beautiful su_____e *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
14. a ve___r operation *n.* a quantity that has both magnitude and direction, often used in mathematics, physics, and engineering to describe forces, velocities, or other physical phenomena; any agent (person or animal, or microorganism) that carries and transmits a disease
15. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
16. pr_____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
17. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
18. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
19. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

ANSWERS: 10. crocodile, 11. embody, 12. relentless, 13. sunrise, 14. vector, 15. concept, 16. precious, 17. peak, 18. inspire, 19. embody

20. presidential ina_____ion *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
21. take several inputs sim_____sly *adv.* at the same time
22. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
23. a bold cl__f *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
24. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
25. ti_____ss topic *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
26. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
27. co_____e party *n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation
28. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
29. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
30. rel_____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

ANSWERS: 20. inauguration, 21. simultaneously, 22. disconnect, 23. cliff, 24. essentially, 25. timeless, 26. capture, 27. costume, 28. fascinate, 29. embrace, 30. relentless

31. the co_____um of events *n.* a series of similar items in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts
32. the mi_____on of birds *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
33. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
34. promise an o__h *n.* a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty
35. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
36. 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
37. gr__t in discontent *v.* to make a short, low noise in the throat
38. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
39. the c__w of a fishing boat *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

ANSWERS: 31. continuum, 32. migration, 33. unfortunately, 34. oath, 35. diverse, 36. process, 37. grunt, 38. shift, 39. crew

40. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
41. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
42. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
43. em_____nt repair of an aorta *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known
44. a passage from the Bi__e *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
45. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
46. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
47. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
48. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
49. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
50. aesthetic exc_____nt *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
51. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 40. icon, 41. aspect, 42. greet, 43. emergent, 44. bible, 45. unfortunately, 46. transition, 47. fabric, 48. giant, 49. valley, 50. excitement, 51. magical

52. tra_____ne park *n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on
53. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
54. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
55. as_____nt professor *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
56. pa_____ic landscape *adj.* relating to an unobstructed and wide view of an extensive area; all-encompassing
57. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
58. music st____o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
59. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
60. co____t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
61. bl__d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
62. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
63. g__e stick *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

ANSWERS: 52. trampoline, 53. nation, 54. extraordinary, 55. assistant, 56. panoramic, 57. historic, 58. studio, 59. typical, 60. commit, 61. blend, 62. specifically, 63. glue

64. sc____r paper *v.* (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors
65. a space-time co_____um *n.* a series of similar items in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts
66. in st___e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
67. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
68. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
69. co_____e a biography *v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
70. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
71. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
72. se___e stick *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

ANSWERS: 64. scissor, 65. continuum, 66. stable, 67. specifically, 68. cast, 69. compile, 70. puzzle, 71. nation, 72. selfie

73. fairly ty____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
74. the attraction of gr____y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
75. as____ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
76. la____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
77. com____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
78. sh____w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
79. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
80. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
81. re____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 73. typical, 74. gravity, 75. aspect, 76. landscape, 77. communicate, 78. shadow, 79. wit, 80. frank, 81. represent

82. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
83. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
84. believe Bi__e prophecy *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
85. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
86. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
87. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
88. high-technology su_____e industries *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
89. co_____e change *n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation
90. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
91. di_____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

ANSWERS: 82. president, 83. perspective, 84. bible, 85. unimaginable, 86. decide, 87. reserve, 88. sunrise, 89. costume, 90. dimension, 91. diverse

92. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
93. for a fl_____ng moment *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
94. co_____e the data *v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
95. p__r fishing *n.* a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area
96. a com_____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
97. beach se__e *n.* a large fishing net that hangs vertically in the water with floats at the top and weights at the bottom used to enclose and catch fish
98. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
99. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
100. a numerator in a fr_____on *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
101. the film c__w *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
102. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

ANSWERS: 92. essentially, 93. fleeting, 94. compile, 95. pier, 96. competitive, 97. seine, 98. conscious, 99. collapse, 100. fraction, 101. crew, 102. evolve

103. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
104. epoxy g__e *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
105. se_____ss device connectivity *adj.* without spaces or breaks between one part and the next
106. ca____n of skyscrapers *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
107. lo____e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
108. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
109. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
110. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
111. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
112. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
113. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 103. inspire, 104. glue, 105. seamless, 106. canyon, 107. locate, 108. narrative, 109. photograph, 110. absolutely, 111. observation, 112. fan, 113. shift

114. an em_____nt republic *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known
115. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
116. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
117. pa_____ic camera *adj.* relating to an unobstructed and wide view of an extensive area; all-encompassing
118. ag__w with excitement *adj.* radiating or emitting a warm, bright light or color; characterized by a glowing or intense light or color
119. ba_____op of poverty *n.* a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance
120. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
121. break a ha_____y *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
122. mathematical pu____e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 114. emergent, 115. specific, 116. horizon, 117. panoramic, 118. aglow, 119. backdrop, 120. collapse, 121. harmony, 122. puzzle

123. ti____ss masterpiece *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
124. co____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
125. color ph____py *n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
126. an un____d number of people *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
127. st____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
128. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
129. in____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
130. su____t this function *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
131. sim____sly affected *adv.* at the same time
132. business ho____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
133. cut dia____ly *adv.* in an oblique or slanted direction or manner; at an angle between horizontal and vertical

ANSWERS: 123. timeless, 124. compress, 125. photocopy, 126. untold, 127. stretch, 128. blind, 129. influence, 130. sunset, 131. simultaneously, 132. horizon, 133. diagonally

134. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
135. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
136. mo_____ht as a bartender *n.* the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer
137. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
138. 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
139. test my pa_____ce *n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry
140. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 134. opportune, 135. studio, 136. moonlight, 137. geography, 138. decide, 139. patience, 140. process

141. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
142. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
143. ina_____ion ceremony *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
144. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
145. fl_____ng opportunity *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
146. periods of dr_____t *n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation
147. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
148. spectacular su____t views *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
149. ro_____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
150. vi____l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 141. discovery, 142. absolutely, 143. inauguration, 144. architecture, 145. fleeting, 146. drought, 147. specific, 148. sunset, 149. romantic, 150. visual

151. haul a se__e *n.* a large fishing net that hangs vertically in the water with floats at the top and weights at the bottom used to enclose and catch fish
152. the per____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
153. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
154. the crosswise di____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
155. a fr____onal share of the vote *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
156. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
157. a ha____y of colors *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
158. cl__f diving *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
159. che____ard frame *n.* a board having 64 squares of two alternating black and white colors used for playing draughts, also known as checker

ANSWERS: 151. seine, 152. perspective, 153. wrap, 154. dimension, 155. fraction, 156. icon, 157. harmony, 158. cliff, 159. checkerboard

160. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
161. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
162. perfect ba_____op *n.* a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance
163. ro_____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
164. cr_____le hide *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
165. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
166. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
167. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
168. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
169. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 160. unimaginable, 161. communicate, 162. backdrop, 163. romantic, 164. crocodile, 165. embrace, 166. suddenly, 167. capture, 168. tap, 169. fascinate

170. gain a va_____e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
171. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
172. bl__d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
173. dis_____nt growth *adj.* not in agreement or harmony; conflicting
174. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
175. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
176. enable se_____ss access *adj.* without spaces or breaks between one part and the next
177. capture ti_____se footage *n.* a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly
178. w__p under pressure *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
179. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
180. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 170. vantage, 171. observation, 172. blend, 173. discordant, 174. obvious, 175. commit, 176. seamless, 177. timelapse, 178. warp, 179. transition, 180. president

181. che_____ard pattern *n.* a board having 64 squares of two alternating black and white colors used for playing draughts, also known as checker
182. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
183. met_____cs study *n.* the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space
184. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
185. twisty ca___n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
186. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
187. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
188. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
189. o__h of allegiance *n.* a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty

ANSWERS: 181. checkerboard, 182. disconnect, 183. metaphysics, 184. blind, 185. canyon, 186. influence, 187. suddenly, 188. unfold, 189. oath

190. pose for a se___e *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
191. co_____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
192. an unwilling as_____nt *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
193. me___m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
194. strategic va_____e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
195. preserve my gr_____y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
196. cheeks ag__w *adj.* radiating or emitting a warm, bright light or color; characterized by a glowing or intense light or color
197. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
198. ta_____le assets *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

ANSWERS: 190. selfie, 191. compose, 192. assistant, 193. medium, 194. vantage, 195. gravity, 196. aglow, 197. giant, 198. tangible

199. co_____e art *n.* a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements
200. co_____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
201. digital co_____e *n.* a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements
202. field of vi____l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
203. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
204. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
205. se____d orders *adj.* closed or secured with
206. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
207. produce ta_____le results *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

ANSWERS: 199. collage, 200. compose, 201. collage, 202. visual, 203. lift, 204. evolve, 205. sealed, 206. photograph, 207. tangible

208. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
209. kitchen sc____rs *v.* (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors
210. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
211. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
212. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
213. the exc_____nt in the business world *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
214. ph_____py machine *n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
215. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
216. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
217. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

ANSWERS: 208. tap, 209. scissor, 210. cast, 211. wit, 212. valley, 213. excitement, 214. photocopy, 215. wrap, 216. conscious, 217. row

218. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
219. mo_____ht serenade *n.* the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer
220. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
221. loud dis_____nt voice *adj.* not in agreement or harmony; conflicting
222. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
223. dia_____ly opposite *adv.* in an oblique or slanted direction or manner; at an angle between horizontal and vertical
224. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
225. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 218. fan, 219. moonlight, 220. shadow, 221. discordant, 222. concept, 223. diagonally, 224. obvious, 225. lift

226. have a st___e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
227. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
228. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
229. un___d riches *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
230. a hand-loomed fa___c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
231. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
232. disease ve___r *n.* a quantity that has both magnitude and direction, often used in mathematics, physics, and engineering to describe forces, velocities, or other physical phenomena; any agent (person or animal, or microorganism) that carries and transmits a disease
233. show pa_____ce *n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry

ANSWERS: 226. stable, 227. reserve, 228. stretch, 229. untold, 230. fabric, 231. edit, 232. vector, 233. patience

234. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
235. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
236. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
237. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
238. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
239. com_____ve position *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
240. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
241. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
242. tra_____ne jump *n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on
243. gr__t a laugh *v.* to make a short, low noise in the throat
244. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
245. se___d jar *adj.* closed or secured with

ANSWERS: 234. edit, 235. greet, 236. narrative, 237. suppose, 238. row, 239. competitive, 240. represent, 241. landscape, 242. trampoline, 243. grunt, 244. magical, 245. sealed

246. un___d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
247. in direct su_____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
248. become w___ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
249. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
250. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
251. an advertising me___m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
252. price of pr_____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
253. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
254. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
255. a landing p__r *n.* a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area

ANSWERS: 246. unfold, 247. sunlight, 248. warp, 249. extraordinary, 250. opportune, 251. medium, 252. precious, 253. locate, 254. geography, 255. pier

256. dr____t conditions *n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation
257. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
258. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 256. drought, 257. suppose, 258. historic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.
adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
2. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
3. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
adj. relating to seeing or sight
4. The mosquito is a common _____ for many diseases, including malaria and Zika.
n. a quantity that has both magnitude and direction, often used in mathematics, physics, and engineering to describe forces, velocities, or other physical phenomena; any agent (person or animal, or microorganism) that carries and transmits a disease
5. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.
n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
6. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
7. She wore a beautiful _____ for the play.
n. a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation

ANSWERS: 1. diverse, 2. stretch, 3. visual, 4. vector, 5. dimensions, 6. inspired, 7. costume

8. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
9. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
10. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.
adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
11. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
12. It was his first _____ love.
adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
13. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.
n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
14. The _____ of the new station was a great success.
n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
15. The ship's hull was _____ from years of use in rough seas.
v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
16. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

ANSWERS: 8. transition, 9. narrative, 10. stable, 11. greeted, 12. romantic, 13. observation, 14. inauguration, 15. warped, 16. collapsed

17. The service was _____ and the food was quite delicious.

adj. without spaces or breaks between one part and the next

18. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

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

19. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

20. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

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

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

22. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

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

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

24. From our _____ point, we could see the whole city skyline.

n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

ANSWERS: 17. seamless, 18. photograph, 19. president, 20. absolutely, 21. nation, 22. reserve, 23. giant, 24. vantage

25. He is in the _____ of his life.

- n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

26. The fishermen used a purse _____ to catch fish in the river.

- n.* a large fishing net that hangs vertically in the water with floats at the top and weights at the bottom used to enclose and catch fish

27. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

- v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

28. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

29. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

30. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.

- n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

31. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

- v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

32. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

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

ANSWERS: 25. sunset, 26. seine, 27. capture, 28. communicate, 29. concept, 30. studio, 31. Wrap, 32. blind

33. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

34. We packed and shipped the product in _____ containers.

adj. closed or secured with

35. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

36. The _____ music made it hard for the audience to enjoy the concert.

adj. not in agreement or harmony; conflicting

37. A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes _____.

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

38. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

39. 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

40. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 33. evolved, 34. sealed, 35. perspective, 36. discordant, 37. tangible, 38. cast, 39. specific, 40. unfortunately,

41. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

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

42. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

43. He became _____ that he was being followed.

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

44. The garden looked magical in the _____ with the flowers and trees casting eerie shadows.

n. the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer

45. We are attempting to _____ a list of qualified candidates for the position.

v. to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.

46. The Grand _____ has an awe-inspiring sight.

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

47. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

48. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

ANSWERS: 41. represent, 42. frank, 43. conscious, 44. moonlight, 45. compile, 46. Canyon, 47. Essentially, 48. architecture

49. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

50. She savored the _____ happiness she felt during the vacation.

adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

51. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

52. He took an _____ to uphold the law as a police officer.

n. a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty

53. Our life is a _____ of experience in which events pass from the future through the present to the past.

n. a series of similar items in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts

54. 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

55. She made a beautiful _____ of photos from her travels to display in her home.

n. a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements

56. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 49. obvious, 50. fleeting, 51. aspects, 52. oath, 53. continuum, 54. decide, 55. collage, 56. magical

57. Kant's thoughts provided the foundational ideas for treating _____ as a discipline.
- n.* the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space
58. She took a _____ in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.
- n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
59. I got up early to watch the _____ at the summit.
- n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
60. The carpenter applied _____ to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.
- n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
61. The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of _____.
- n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
62. The lush green forest provided a picturesque _____ for the photo shoot.
- n.* a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance
63. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
- v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
64. The _____ attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear
- n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

ANSWERS: 57. metaphysics, 58. selfie, 59. sunrise, 60. glue, 61. gravity, 62. backdrop, 63. lifted, 64. crocodile

65. Healing a broken heart requires _____ as it takes time to heal.
- n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry
66. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.
- adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
67. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.
- v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
68. This historic city is famous for its _____ streets.
- n.* a board having 64 squares of two alternating black and white colors used for playing draughts, also known as checker
69. The city skyline was _____ with the beautiful lights of the fireworks display.
- adj.* radiating or emitting a warm, bright light or color; characterized by a glowing or intense light or color
70. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.
- v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
71. The structure is _____ of three main components.
- v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
72. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.
- adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

ANSWERS: 65. patience, 66. competitive, 67. disconnect, 68. checkerboard, 69. aglow, 70. embody, 71. composed, 72. unimaginable

73. 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
74. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.
- n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
75. There was a _____ of impoverished farmers into the towns.
- n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
76. We worked in perfect _____.
- n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
77. I need to make a _____ of this document before I send it out.
- n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
78. She _____ and stopped drinking coffee.
- v.* to make a short, low noise in the throat
79. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.
- adv.* at the same time
80. The woods _____ the house.
- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

ANSWERS: 73. process, 74. fabrics, 75. migration, 76. harmony, 77. photocopy, 78. grunted, 79. simultaneously, 80. embrace

81. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.

- n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

82. I walked _____ across the field to reach the other side faster.

- adv.* in an oblique or slanted direction or manner; at an angle between horizontal and vertical

83. The region has been experiencing a severe _____ leading to water shortages and crop failures.

- n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

84. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

- v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

85. The ship's _____ worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

- n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

86. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.

- n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

87. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

- n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

88. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

- n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 81. icons, 82. diagonally, 83. drought, 84. compressed, 85. crew, 86. peak, 87. valley, 88. shift

89. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

90. The magic tricks _____ the children.

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

91. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.

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

92. He stood at the edge of the _____ and looked out to sea.

n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

93. She did well on her _____ exam.

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

94. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

95. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

96. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 89. suddenly, 90. fascinated, 91. tap, 92. cliff, 93. geography, 94. typical, 95. shadow, 96. landscape

97. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
98. The _____ of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.
n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
99. The _____ stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.
adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
100. Extensive areas of _____ plants are usually called marsh.
adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known
101. There is a _____ aspect to his most remarkable work.
adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
102. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
103. I'm a big ____ of French food.
n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
104. Radiation from _____ has a different wavelength.
n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
105. I need to _____ my hair to even out the ends.
v. (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors

ANSWERS: 97. locate, 98. excitement, 99. untold, 100. emergent, 101. timeless, 102. influence, 103. fan, 104. sunlight, 105. scissor

106. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.

- n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

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

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

108. I love jumping on the _____ in my backyard.

- n.* a strong fabric sheet attached by springs to a frame, used for bouncing on

109. Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology _____.

- n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

110. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.

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

111. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.

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

112. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.

- adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

ANSWERS: 106. puzzle, 107. horizon, 108. trampoline, 109. bible, 110. row, 111. edit, 112. medium

113. He spent only a _____ of his earnings.

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

114. Families gathered on the head of a _____ to watch the sunset and catch a glimpse of the dolphins swimming in the bay.

n. a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area

115. Her research team made an important _____.

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

116. An executive _____ director administers each branch.

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

117. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

118. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

119. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

120. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.

v. to do something illegal or wrong

121. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

ANSWERS: 113. fraction, 114. pier, 115. discovery, 116. assistant, 117. relentless, 118. historic, 119. extraordinary, 120. committed, 121. blend

122. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.

- v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

123. The _____ video beautifully captured the changing seasons over a year.

- n.* a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly

124. He has the ____ to keep talking about this topic.

- n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

125. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

126. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.

- adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable

127. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.

- adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

128. We hiked to the top of the hill for a _____ view of the city below.

- adj.* relating to an unobstructed and wide view of an extensive area; all-encompassing

129. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

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

ANSWERS: 122. unfolded, 123. timelapse, 124. wit, 125. opportune, 126. precious, 127. specifically, 128. panoramic, 129. suppose

ANSWERS: