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Session 1: Word List

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

millennial

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

synonym: thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign

Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

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

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

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym: skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

hindsight

n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

synonym: retrospect, afterthought

(1) **hindsight** bias, (2) 20/20 **hindsight**

With **hindsight**, we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

downright

adj. (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

synonym : absolute, utter, complete

(1) **downright** nonsense, (2) **downright** impossible

It was a **downright** lie that he would attend the event.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

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.

develop

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

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

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

exceedingly

adv. to an extreme degree

synonym : enormously, especially, exceptionally

(1) **exceedingly** common, (2) an **exceedingly** difficult book

Fear is **exceedingly** infectious, and children catch it from their elders.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

persistent

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

synonym: tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

survive

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

synonym: endure, persist, stay

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

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

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

sophomore

n. a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field

synonym: second-year student, junior, apprentice

(1) **sophomore** in high school, (2) **sophomore** slump

The university student was now a **sophomore**, having completed their first year of studies.

poorest

adj. having the least wealth or resources

synonym: impecunious, penniless, least

(1) **poorest** of the poor, (2) **poorest** area

The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

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.

disadvantage

n. a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

synonym: detriment, drawback, (verb) disfavor

(1) the **disadvantage** of a plan, (2) **disadvantage** small businesses

A lack of education can be a significant **disadvantage** in today's job market.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

bricklayer

n. a person who lays bricks to construct buildings or walls

synonym: mason, brickie

(1) **bricklayer's** trowel, (2) **bricklayer** foreman

The **bricklayer's** work transformed the plain building into a beautiful structure.

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.

statistics

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

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

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

alcoholism

n. a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages

synonym: alcohol dependency, alcohol addiction, drunkenness

(1) acute **alcoholism**, (2) **alcoholism** recovery

He lost everything due to his **alcoholism**.

schizophrenia

n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

synonym: psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**
The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss
The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject
He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

questionnaire

n. a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies

synonym: survey, poll, form

(1) fill out a **questionnaire**, (2) distribute a **questionnaire**
The company sent out a lengthy **questionnaire** to gather feedback from its customers.

scan

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

synonym: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF
She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

brain

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

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage
X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

videotape

n. a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape

synonym : videocassette, tape, recording

(1) **videotape** evidence, (2) rewind **videotape**

We watched a **videotape** of our family vacation from years ago.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

fame

n. the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

synonym : celebrity, renown, stardom

(1) leap into **fame**, (2) his undying **fame**

Good **fame** is better than a good face.

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination

of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

synonym : poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym : separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym : descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

midlife

n. the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness

(1) **midlife** depression, (2) **midlife** changes

Many people go through a **midlife** crisis and contemplate major life changes.

function

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

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

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

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

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

midst

n. the middle part of people or things

synonym : middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal

He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym : clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

divorce

n. the legal dissolution of a marriage

synonym : separation, dissolution, breakup

(1) **divorce** settlement, (2) a consensual **divorce**

The couple decided to get a **divorce** after many years of marriage.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

octogenarian

n. a person who is in their eighties, specifically someone who is between 80 and 89 years old

(1) **octogenarian** age, (2) long-lived **octogenarian**

After decades of marriage, the **octogenarian** couple still held hands and showed affection for each other.

cholesterol

n. a type of fat that is found in the blood and cells of the body and that is important for many bodily functions but can also contribute to heart disease and stroke when levels are too high

synonym: fat, lipid, sterol

(1) **cholesterol** levels, (2) low **cholesterol**

High levels of **cholesterol** can increase the risk of heart disease.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym: please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

buffer

n. a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage

synonym: cushion, shield, insulation

(1) a **buffer** between the quarreling parents, (2) use a **buffer** to reduce noise

Using a password manager can act as a **buffer** against hackers who try to steal your personal information.

sling

v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

synonym: throw, hang, (noun) harness

(1) **sling** an arrow, (2) **sling** shot

The children were playing by **slinging** stones at the monument.

arrow

n. a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

synonym: shaft, dart, projectile

(1) **arrow** pointing, (2) **arrow** diagram

The archer aimed his **arrow** carefully at the target.

mood

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

synonym: mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

synonym: enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display

Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

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

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

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym: fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

bicker

v. to engage in a petty or argumentative disagreement, often characterized by back-and-forth exchanges and trivial accusations or criticisms

synonym : quarrel, dispute, argue

(1) **bicker** over small things, (2) **bicker** with each other

My siblings always **bicker** over who gets the front seat in the car.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

toll

n. money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

synonym : fee, cost, expense

(1) a **toll** road, (2) **toll** a bell at his death

There is no **toll** car park nearby.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

synonym : sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature

The community greatly respected and sought after the older

adult's **wisdom**.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

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

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

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy

synonym: cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

complicated

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

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

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

complicated

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

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym: alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

lifelong

adj. lasting for the whole of someone's life

synonym: enduring, eternal, permanent

(1) **lifelong** career, (2) **lifelong** commitment

He had a **lifelong** love of reading and spent hours daily with a book.

retirement

n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job

synonym: resignation, withdrawal, retreat

(1) **retirement** from politics, (2) impending **retirement**

This fund is responsible for disability and **retirement** benefits.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

mate

n. a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game

synonym: companion, partner, spouse

(1) smoking **mate**, (2) dog-loving **mate**

I need to find a **mate** for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.

achievement

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

synonym: accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**

This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

practically

adv. almost or nearly

synonym: almost, nearly, virtually

(1) **practically** constant, (2) **practically** impossible to find a parking spot

The store is **practically** empty.

endless

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

synonym: infinite, ceaseless, boundless

(1) **endless** possibilities, (2) **endless** hours

He looked out the window at the **endless** stream of people.

liven

v. to make something more interesting, exciting, or active

synonym: enliven, animate, revive

(1) **liven** up a boring meeting, (2) **liven** up atmosphere

The party was boring, but the drinks helped **liven** things up.

stale

adj. no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting

synonym: old, uninteresting, dull

(1) a **stale** joke, (2) **stale** smell

The bread was **stale** and not fit for eating.

feud

n. a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence

synonym: argument, conflict, dispute

(1) family **feud**, (2) carry out a **feud**

The retired politician resolved the **feud** between groups through mediation.

grudge

n. a feeling of resentment or ill-will towards someone, often stemming from a past event or perceived wrongdoing

synonym: animosity, resentment, bitterness

(1) deep-seated **grudge**, (2) bitter **grudge**

I still hold a **grudge** against my former boss for treating me unfairly.

apology

n. an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

synonym: regret, excuse, plea

(1) genuine **apology**, (2) accept his **apology**

She wrote a letter of **apology** to the renter.

heartburn

n. a burning sensation or discomfort in the chest or throat, often caused by stomach acid refluxing into the esophagus

synonym : acid reflux, pyrosis, indigestion

(1) **heartburn** relief, (2) chronic **heartburn**

After eating that spicy meal, she suffered from **heartburn** all night long.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym : immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

Session 2: Spelling

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8. mi_____e changes *n.* the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness
9. carry out a f____d *n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence
10. dis_____age small businesses *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

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| 11. in the mi__t of a scandal | <i>n.</i> the middle part of people or things |
| 12. an in____t reply | <i>adj.</i> happening immediately, with no delay |
| 13. in___t capital | <i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result |
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| 20. wi___m literature | <i>n.</i> the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions |
| 21. cho____ol levels | <i>n.</i> a type of fat that is found in the blood and cells of the body and that is important for many bodily functions but can also contribute to heart disease and stroke when levels are too high |
| 22. the ar____nt against capital punishment | <i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute |

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33. use a bu___r to reduce noise *n.* a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage
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40. di_____e settlement *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
41. 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
42. l__n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

ANSWERS: 33. buffer, 34. conflict, 35. vast, 36. heartburn, 37. emotional, 38. octogenarian, 39. isolate, 40. divorce, 41. unfold, 42. lean

43. impending ret_____nt *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
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46. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
47. li__n up atmosphere *v.* to make something more interesting, exciting, or active
48. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
49. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
50. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
51. bi___r with each other *v.* to engage in a petty or argumentative disagreement, often characterized by back-and-forth exchanges and trivial accusations or criticisms
52. dog-loving m___e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
53. get in_____t access *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay

ANSWERS: 43. retirement, 44. wealth, 45. retirement, 46. predict, 47. liven, 48. attach, 49. ignore, 50. well-being, 51. bicker, 52. mate, 53. instant

54. vi_____pe evidence *n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
55. me__y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
56. deep-seated gr____e *n.* a feeling of resentment or ill-will towards someone, often stemming from a past event or perceived wrongdoing
57. chronic he_____rn *n.* a burning sensation or discomfort in the chest or throat, often caused by stomach acid refluxing into the esophagus
58. en_____s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
59. ar__w pointing *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
60. genuine ap_____y *n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble
61. li_____ng career *adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life
62. so_____re in high school *n.* a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field
63. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
64. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

ANSWERS: 54. videotape, 55. messy, 56. grudge, 57. heartburn, 58. endless, 59. arrow, 60. apology, 61. lifelong, 62. sophomore, 63. replace, 64. scan

65. the dis_____age of a plan *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
66. smoking m___e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
67. the m__d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
68. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
69. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
70. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
71. sl__g shot *v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
72. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
73. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
74. mil_____al record *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

ANSWERS: 65. disadvantage, 66. mate, 67. mood, 68. physically, 69. specifically, 70. survey, 71. sling, 72. predict, 73. brain, 74. millennial

75. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
76. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
77. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
78. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
79. de____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
80. exc_____ly common *adv.* to an extreme degree
81. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
82. a bu___r between the quarreling parents *n.* a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage
83. sl__g an arrow *v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
84. pra_____ly impossible to find a parking spot *adv.* almost or nearly

ANSWERS: 75. communal, 76. combination, 77. develop, 78. constantly, 79. decline, 80. exceedingly, 81. brain, 82. buffer, 83. sling, 84. practically

85. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
86. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
87. low cho_____ol *n.* a type of fat that is found in the blood and cells of the body and that is important for many bodily functions but can also contribute to heart disease and stroke when levels are too high
88. in the mi__t of the crowd *n.* the middle part of people or things
89. ar__w diagram *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
90. a st__e joke *adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
91. en_____s possibilities *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
92. a remarkable ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
93. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
94. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
95. his undying f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

ANSWERS: 85. replace, 86. achieve, 87. cholesterol, 88. midst, 89. arrow, 90. stale, 91. endless, 92. achievement, 93. committed, 94. possibility, 95. fame

96. t__l a bell at his death *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
97. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
98. the mil_____al reign *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
99. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
100. hi_____ht bias *n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
101. fill out a que_____ire *n.* a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies
102. dis_____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
103. accept his ap_____y *n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble
104. st__e smell *adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
105. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

ANSWERS: 96. toll, 97. emotional, 98. millennial, 99. specifically, 100. hindsight, 101. questionnaire, 102. distracted, 103. apology, 104. stale, 105. wealth

106. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
107. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
108. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
109. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
110. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
111. ma_____y the danger *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
112. li_____ng commitment *adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life
113. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
114. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
115. cast gl_____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
116. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 106. survive, 107. impressive, 108. distracted, 109. scan, 110. complicated, 111. magnify, 112. lifelong, 113. isolate, 114. impressive, 115. glamorous, 116. opposition

117. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
118. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
119. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
120. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
121. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
122. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
123. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
124. gl_____us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
125. sa_____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

ANSWERS: 117. function, 118. survive, 119. dedicate, 120. develop, 121. opposition, 122. communal, 123. constantly, 124. glamorous, 125. satisfy

126. an exc_____ly difficult book *adv.* to an extreme degree
127. ma_____y the image for display *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
128. per_____nt cough *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
129. so_____re slump *n.* a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field
130. acute alc_____sm *n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
131. mi_____e depression *n.* the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness
132. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
133. oct_____ian age *n.* a person who is in their eighties, specifically someone who is between 80 and 89 years old
134. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
135. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 126. exceedingly, 127. magnify, 128. persistent, 129. sophomore, 130. alcoholism, 131. midlife, 132. decline, 133. octogenarian, 134. relation, 135. committed

136. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
137. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
138. do_____ht nonsense *adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
139. sch_____nia treatment *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
140. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
141. student ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
142. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
143. per_____nt data *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
144. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
145. a consensual di_____e *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
146. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

ANSWERS: 136. combination, 137. ignore, 138. downright, 139. schizophrenia, 140. relation, 141. achievement, 142. physically, 143. persistent, 144. vast, 145. divorce, 146. medical

147. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
148. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
149. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
150. a comprehensive su_____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
151. 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
152. 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.
153. 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.
154. a fountain of wi_____m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

ANSWERS: 147. argument, 148. achieve, 149. patient, 150. survey, 151. unfold, 152. president, 153. president, 154. wisdom

155. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
156. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
157. bi____r over small things *v.* to engage in a petty or argumentative disagreement, often characterized by back-and-forth exchanges and trivial accusations or criticisms
158. de____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
159. pra____ly constant *adv.* almost or nearly
160. par____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
161. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
162. immune fu____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
163. family f__d *n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence

ANSWERS: 155. toxic, 156. creative, 157. bicker, 158. dedicate, 159. practically, 160. participate, 161. lean, 162. function, 163. feud

164. li__n up a boring meeting *v.* to make something more interesting, exciting, or active
165. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
166. sch_____nia spectrum disorder *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
167. leap into f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
168. bri_____er's trowel *n.* a person who lays bricks to construct buildings or walls
169. bri_____er foreman *n.* a person who lays bricks to construct buildings or walls
170. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 164. liven, 165. participate, 166. schizophrenia, 167. fame, 168. bricklayer, 169. bricklayer, 170. patient

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

2. The archer aimed his _____ carefully at the target.
n. a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

3. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

4. This _____ has never been formally accepted.
n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

5. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

6. Fear is _____ infectious, and children catch it from their elders.
adv. to an extreme degree

7. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

8. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 1. opposition, 2. arrow, 3. achieve, 4. achievement, 5. creative, 6. exceedingly, 7. attach, 8. conflicts,

9. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
10. We watched a _____ of our family vacation from years ago.
n. a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
11. The couple decided to get a _____ after many years of marriage.
n. the legal dissolution of a marriage
12. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.
n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
13. She wrote a letter of _____ to the renter.
n. an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble
14. Good _____ is better than a good face.
n. the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
15. I was so _____ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.
adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
16. The _____ countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.
adj. having the least wealth or resources

ANSWERS: 9. replace, 10. videotape, 11. divorce, 12. wisdom, 13. apology, 14. fame, 15. distracted, 16. poorest

17. A lack of education can be a significant _____ in today's job market.
- n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
18. Did this response _____ your request?
- v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
19. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
- n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
20. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
21. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
- adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
22. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
23. The university student was now a _____ having completed their first year of studies.
- n.* a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field
24. This fund is responsible for disability and _____ benefits.
- n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job

ANSWERS: 17. disadvantage, 18. satisfy, 19. patient's, 20. predict, 21. physically, 22. invest, 23. sophomore, 24. retirement

25. He had a _____ love of reading and spent hours daily with a book.

adj. lasting for the whole of someone's life

26. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

27. Many people go through a _____ crisis and contemplate major life changes.

n. the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness

28. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

v. to take part in something

29. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

30. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

adj. disorganized and untidy

31. He remained serene in the _____ of turbulence.

n. the middle part of people or things

32. Despite the setbacks, he remained _____ in his pursuit of his dreams.

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

33. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

ANSWERS: 25. lifelong, 26. mood, 27. midlife, 28. participated, 29. Lean, 30. messy, 31. midst, 32. persistent, 33. medical

34. The south coast is less _____ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.
adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
35. High levels of _____ can increase the risk of heart disease.
n. a type of fat that is found in the blood and cells of the body and that is important for many bodily functions but can also contribute to heart disease and stroke when levels are too high
36. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
37. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
38. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
39. The _____ to the safe was a secret.
n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
40. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
41. 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

ANSWERS: 34. glamorous, 35. cholesterol, 36. possibility, 37. develop, 38. argument, 39. combination, 40. brain, 41. unfolded

42. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

43. The bread was _____ and not fit for eating.

adj. no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting

44. The retired politician resolved the _____ between groups through mediation.

n. a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence

45. It was a _____ lie that he would attend the event.

adj. (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

46. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

47. After eating that spicy meal, she suffered from _____ all night long.

n. a burning sensation or discomfort in the chest or throat, often caused by stomach acid refluxing into the esophagus

48. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

49. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

50. The company sent out a lengthy _____ to gather feedback from its customers.

n. a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies

ANSWERS: 42. scanned, 43. stale, 44. feud, 45. downright, 46. wealth, 47. heartburn, 48. declines, 49. impressive, 50. questionnaire

51. You should not _____ them from the community.

- v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

52. The store is _____ empty.

- adv.* almost or nearly

53. The _____ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

- n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

54. 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.

55. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.

- adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

56. With _____ we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

- n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

57. Using a password manager can act as a _____ against hackers who try to steal your personal information.

- n.* a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage

58. The party was boring, but the drinks helped _____ things up.

- v.* to make something more interesting, exciting, or active

ANSWERS: 51. isolate, 52. practically, 53. schizophrenia, 54. president, 55. committed, 56. hindsight, 57. buffer, 58. liven

59. I need to find a _____ for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.

- n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game

60. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

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

61. I still hold a _____ against my former boss for treating me unfairly.

- n.* a feeling of resentment or ill-will towards someone, often stemming from a past event or perceived wrongdoing

62. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

63. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

- adj.* relating to people's feelings

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

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

65. There is no _____ car park nearby.

- n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

66. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.

- adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

ANSWERS: 59. mate, 60. survive, 61. grudge, 62. ignored, 63. emotional, 64. statistics, 65. toll, 66. toxic

67. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
68. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.
adj. happening immediately, with no delay
69. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
70. The _____ work transformed the plain building into a beautiful structure.
n. a person who lays bricks to construct buildings or walls
71. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
72. He lost everything due to his _____.
n. a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
73. Terrorists often attempt to _____ the economic impact of their acts of destruction.
v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
74. The children were playing by _____ stones at the monument.
v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

ANSWERS: 67. relations, 68. instant, 69. well-being, 70. bricklayer's, 71. function, 72. alcoholism, 73. magnify, 74. slinging

75. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

76. Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by _____ changes in climate.

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

77. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

78. After decades of marriage, the _____ couple still held hands and showed affection for each other.

n. a person who is in their eighties, specifically someone who is between 80 and 89 years old

79. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

80. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

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

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

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

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

ANSWERS: 75. constantly, 76. millennial-scale, 77. vast, 78. octogenarian, 79. Communal, 80. survey, 81. specifically, 82. complicated

83. He looked out the window at the _____ stream of people.

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

84. He _____ his life to helping others.

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

85. My siblings always _____ over who gets the front seat in the car.

v. to engage in a petty or argumentative disagreement, often characterized by back-and-forth exchanges and trivial accusations or criticisms

ANSWERS: 83. endless, 84. dedicated, 85. bicker