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Session 1: Word List

punk

n. a type of a loud, fast-moving, and aggressive form of rock music originating in the 1970s; an aggressive and violent young man or boy

synonym: hoodlum, bully, thug

(1) **punk** rock, (2) clothes of the **punk** style

We are never intimidated when dealing with young **punks**.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

secretary

n. a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

synonym : assistant, clerk, administrator

(1) a confidential **secretary**, (2) **secretary** general

The chief **secretary** was responsible for organizing the meeting.

invasion

n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

synonym : aggression, attack, raid

(1) the Turkish **invasion**, (2) home **invasion**

An **invasion** would most probably result in a political catastrophe.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym : calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym : crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

synonym : differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

monument

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

synonym :

memorial, marker, statue

(1) humanity's **monument**, (2) **monument** honoring
The stone **monument** was built to commemorate the war heroes.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom
As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

memorial

n. a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event

synonym: monument, remembrance, tribute

(1) **memorial** address, (2) **memorial** park
The war **memorial** stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our ancestors.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential
Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

circulate

v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

synonym: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

synonym: entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority
Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

civic

adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

synonym: community, civic, communal

(1) **civic** activity, (2) **civic** center

The city promotes **civic** collaboration in community development

assignment

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

synonym: task, duty, designation

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

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

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

notepad

n. (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes

synonym: notebook, memo pad, scratch pad

(1) digital **notepad**, (2) small **notepad**

I always keep a **notepad** and pen in my bag to jot down ideas throughout the day.

tablet

n. a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

synonym : notepad, pill, medication

(1) a multivitamin **tablet**, (2) **tablet** keyboard

The new **tablet** device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

commemorate

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

synonym : honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed

The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial Day.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym : mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

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.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

micro

n. extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth

(1) **micro** bubble, (2) **micro** force sensor

This approach employs both **micro** and macro analysis methods.

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.

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country

He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

stationery

n. writing materials, such as paper, pens, pencils, envelopes, or other office supplies used for writing, typing, or mailing

synonym : paper, writing materials, office supplies

(1) office **stationery**, (2) personalized **stationery**

The office manager ordered new **stationery** supplies for the company.

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.

coalition

n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

synonym: union, confederation, alliance

(1) a three-party **coalition**, (2) **coalition** forces

The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a **coalition** in the next elections.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

assist

v. to help someone in doing anything

synonym: help, support, aid

(1) **assist** a patient, (2) **assist** his goal

Please **assist** her with the furniture relocation.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

memo

n. a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company

synonym: memorandum, note, reminder

(1) a **memo** pad, (2) **memo** content

I received a **memo** from the CEO outlining the new company policies.

matte

adj. having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
synonym : dull, flat, lusterless

(1) **matte** coating, (2) photo with a **matte** finish

The body of his car has a **matte** finish.

ongoing

adj. continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
synonym : continuous, current, proceeding

(1) still **ongoing**, (2) **ongoing** support

The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the **ongoing** economic crisis.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible
synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
synonym : crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase
synonym : wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

archives

n. a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people
synonym : records, documents, repository

(1) historical **archives**, (2) digital **archives**

The **archives** at the library contain a wealth of information about the city's history.

arch

n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

synonym : turn, bow, arc

(1) the **arch** of a person's foot, (2) an **arch-shaped** stone structure

The **arch** bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym : lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

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.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym : gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

accumulate

v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

synonym : amass, stash, earn

(1) **accumulate** cash value, (2) **accumulate** evidence

He has **accumulated** his wealth through real estate investments.

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym : position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym : foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym: poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym: marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

disproportionate

adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

synonym: undeserved, unequal, superfluous

(1) cause **disproportionate** damage, (2) **disproportionate** amount

This big gate is **disproportionate** to the small hut.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym: victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a multivitamin ta___t | <i>n.</i> a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine |
| 2. se_____ry general | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization |
| 3. the a__h of a person's foot | <i>n.</i> a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building |
| 4. high r__k | <i>n.</i> a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others |
| 5. mo_____nt honoring | <i>n.</i> a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event |
| 6. as___t a patient | <i>v.</i> to help someone in doing anything |
| 7. a silent pr_____t | <i>n.</i> a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition |
| 8. ci_____te a rumor | <i>v.</i> to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system |
| 9. as___t his goal | <i>v.</i> to help someone in doing anything |
| 10. as___n top priority | <i>v.</i> to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone |

ANSWERS: 1. tablet, 2. secretary, 3. arch, 4. rank, 5. monument, 6. assist, 7. protest, 8. circulate, 9. assist, 10. assign

11. ma__e coating *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
12. dis_____ate amount *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
13. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
14. acc_____te cash value *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
15. still on_____g *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
16. historical ar_____es *n.* a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people
17. mi__o force sensor *n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
18. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
19. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
20. home in_____on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
21. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
22. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 11. matte, 12. disproportionate, 13. rank, 14. accumulate, 15. ongoing, 16. archives, 17. micro, 18. estimate, 19. classic, 20. invasion, 21. creep, 22. empathy

23. sm_____e drugs *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
24. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
25. finish the ass_____nt *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
26. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
27. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
28. s__b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
29. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
30. me_____al address *n.* a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event
31. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
32. photo with a ma__e finish *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
33. m__o content *n.* a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company
34. mi__o bubble *n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
35. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 23. smuggle, 24. terrify, 25. assignment, 26. contrast, 27. discuss, 28. stab, 29. enormous, 30. memorial, 31. individual, 32. matte, 33. memo, 34. micro, 35. government

36. re____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
37. en____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
38. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
39. a to____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
40. office sta____ry *n.* writing materials, such as paper, pens, pencils, envelopes, or other office supplies used for writing, typing, or mailing
41. digital no____d *n.* (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes
42. di____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
43. an instrument of to____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
44. tracking de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
45. a three-party co____on *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

ANSWERS: 36. release, 37. envelop, 38. defend, 39. torture, 40. stationery, 41. notepad, 42. disguise, 43. torture, 44. device, 45. coalition

46. digital ar____es *n.* a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people
47. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
48. st__k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
49. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
50. ta___t keyboard *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
51. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
52. military ca____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
53. humanity's mo____nt *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
54. 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
55. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 46. archives, 47. locate, 48. stark, 49. locate, 50. tablet, 51. historic, 52. casualty, 53. monument, 54. magnify, 55. rev

56. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
57. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
58. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
59. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
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61. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
62. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
63. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
64. a confidential se_____ry *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
65. en_____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
66. p__k rock *n.* a type of a loud, fast-moving, and aggressive form of rock music originating in the 1970s; an aggressive and violent young man or boy

ANSWERS: 56. individual, 57. associate, 58. stark, 59. classic, 60. commemorate, 61. permanent, 62. historic, 63. enormous, 64. secretary, 65. envelop, 66. punk

67. pretty sp_____le *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
68. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
69. ci_____te an agenda before the meeting *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
70. small no_____d *n.* (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes
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72. ci__c center *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
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74. 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
75. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
76. com_____te her long life *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

ANSWERS: 67. spectacle, 68. protest, 69. circulate, 70. notepad, 71. device, 72. civic, 73. rev, 74. magnify, 75. creep, 76. commemorate

77. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
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79. di_____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
80. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
81. for ov_____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
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ANSWERS: 77. associate, 78. discuss, 79. disguise, 80. stab, 81. oversea, 82. terrify, 83. spectacle, 84. estimate, 85. stationery, 86. coalition

87. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
88. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
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96. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
97. ci__c activity *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
98. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible

ANSWERS: 87. statistics, 88. eventually, 89. casualty, 90. smuggle, 91. release, 92. improvisation, 93. disproportionate, 94. improvisation, 95. assign, 96. contrast, 97. civic, 98. disappear

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103. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
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ANSWERS: 99. memorial, 100. invasion, 101. arch, 102. defend, 103. permanent, 104. modern, 105. statistics, 106. modern, 107. ongoing, 108. assignment, 109. disappear, 110. government, 111. memo

112. acc_____te evidence *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
113. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
114. ov_____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
115. clothes of the p__k style *n.* a type of a loud, fast-moving, and aggressive form of rock music originating in the 1970s; an aggressive and violent young man or boy
116. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
117. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
118. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 112. accumulate, 113. empathy, 114. oversea, 115. punk, 116. terrifying, 117. terrifying, 118. eventually

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much
2. She is searching for a _____ residence.
adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
3. An _____ would most probably result in a political catastrophe.
n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
4. We are never intimidated when dealing with young _____.
n. a type of a loud, fast-moving, and aggressive form of rock music originating in the 1970s; an aggressive and violent young man or boy
5. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.
n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
6. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
7. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
8. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.
adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

ANSWERS: 1. terrify, 2. permanent, 3. invasion, 4. punks, 5. assignment, 6. protest, 7. rev, 8. stark

9. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

10. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

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

11. The stone _____ was built to commemorate the war heroes.

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

12. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

13. The body of his car has a _____ finish.

adj. having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

14. Please _____ her with the furniture relocation.

v. to help someone in doing anything

15. This big gate is _____ to the small hut.

adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

16. The war _____ stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our ancestors.

n. a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event

17. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

adj. very frightening or intimidating

ANSWERS: 9. enormous, 10. locate, 11. monument, 12. assign, 13. matte, 14. assist, 15. disproportionate, 16. memorial, 17. terrifying

18. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

19. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

20. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

21. The city promotes _____ collaboration in community development

adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

22. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

23. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

24. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

25. The new _____ device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.

n. a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

ANSWERS: 18. individual, 19. discuss, 20. classic, 21. civic, 22. enveloped, 23. release, 24. oversea, 25. tablet

26. He was _____ many times with scissors.

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

27. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

28. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

29. _____ is also necessary to understand history.

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

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

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

31. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

32. The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a _____ in the next elections.

n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

33. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 26. stabbed, 27. improvisation, 28. contrast, 29. Empathy, 30. statistics, 31. disguised, 32. coalition, 33. historic

34. Aging _____ up slowly with time.

- v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

35. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

36. The fan _____ the air in the room quickly.

- v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

37. The office manager ordered new _____ supplies for the company.

- n.* writing materials, such as paper, pens, pencils, envelopes, or other office supplies used for writing, typing, or mailing

38. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

39. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

40. This approach employs both _____ and macro analysis methods.

- n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth

41. I received a _____ from the CEO outlining the new company policies.

- n.* a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company

42. The _____ at the library contain a wealth of information about the city's history.

- n.* a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people

ANSWERS: 34. creeps, 35. defend, 36. circulates, 37. stationery, 38. government, 39. eventually, 40. micro, 41. memo, 42. archives

43. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
44. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
45. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
46. The chief _____ was responsible for organizing the meeting.
n. a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
47. The _____ bears the weight of the overhead bridge.
n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
48. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
49. He has _____ his wealth through real estate investments.
v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
50. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
51. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.
n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 43. modern, 44. disappear, 45. device, 46. secretary, 47. arch, 48. estimated, 49. accumulated, 50. associate, 51. torture

52. She could not help watching the sad _____.
- n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
53. 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
54. The country _____ the war heroes on Memorial Day.
- v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
55. Unfortunately, the driver was the only _____ in the car accident.
- n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
56. The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the _____ economic crisis.
- adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
57. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.
- n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
58. He was able to _____ a gun inside the prison.
- v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
59. I always keep a _____ and pen in my bag to jot down ideas throughout the day.
- n.* (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes

ANSWERS: 52. spectacle, 53. magnify, 54. commemorated, 55. casualty, 56. ongoing, 57. rank, 58. smuggle, 59. notepad

ANSWERS: