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Session 1: Word List

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym : neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym: area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

undo

v. to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific

synonym: reverse, retract, revoke

(1) **undo** changes, (2) **undo** a belt

I accidentally deleted the file, so can you **undo** that action?

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym: terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

anxiety

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

synonym: concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge

She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym : deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

toddler

n. a young child who has recently learned to walk

synonym : child, infant, youngster

(1) an active **toddler**, (2) **toddler** in nappy

A **toddler** needs constant supervision and firm control.

harp

n. a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers

synonym : lyre, psaltery, clavichord

(1) **harp** strings, (2) Japanese **harp**

She began to play a beautiful melody on her **harp**.

inexplicable

adj. unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling

synonym : incomprehensible, mysterious, unaccountable

(1) **inexplicable** event, (2) **inexplicable** decision

The reason for his sudden disappearance from work was **inexplicable**.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

waitress

n. a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe

synonym : server, attendant, waitperson

(1) **waitress** at a restaurant, (2) tip the **waitress**

The friendly **waitress** brought the food to the table and asked

if they needed anything else.

sip v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

synonym: taste, sample, drink

(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer

He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

vow v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

synonym: promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

magical *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

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

stunning *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

synonym: beautiful, breathtaking, magnificent

(1) **stunning** beauty, (2) **stunning** disclosure

The **stunning** sunset took everyone's breath away.

executive *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

synonym: administrator, manager, director

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

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

goals.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym: event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo

I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

scandal

n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

synonym: controversy, outrage, uproar

(1) **scandal** magazine, (2) a corruption **scandal**

The political **scandal** rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym: domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

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**.

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**.

fan

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

synonym : lover, devotee, blade

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

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

campfire

n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

synonym : bonfire, blaze, fire pit

(1) **campfire** story, (2) roast marshmallows around the **campfire**

We sat around the **campfire** and told stories late into the night.

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.

peck

v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

synonym : beak, nibble, pick

(1) **peck** on the cheek, (2) **peck** at feed

The wood **pecker** would peck at the tree high up in the branches.

sweat

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

synonym: perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym: group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

canvas

n. the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

(1) blank **canvas**, (2) oil on **canvas**

Life is a vast **canvas**; you should put as much paint on it as possible.

marathon

n. a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers

synonym: endurance, race, event

(1) run a **marathon**, (2) watch a **marathon**

She successfully completed her first **marathon** with a personal best time.

mechanical

adj. operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

synonym: machinelike, automated, automatic

(1) a **mechanical** style of writing, (2) the influence of **mechanical** action

A **mechanical** engineer is still in demand in many companies.

exhaust

n. the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired

synonym: emission, fumes, (verb) deplete

(1) **exhaust** pipe, (2) **exhaust** a topic

The factory's **exhaust** fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.

exhilarating

adj. making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

synonym: thrilling, exciting, stimulating

(1) an **exhilarating** drink, (2) **exhilarating** view

Bungee jumping was an **exhilarating** experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.

hilarious

adj. extremely funny

synonym: funny, comical, amusing

(1) **hilarious** mistake, (2) a **hilarious** anecdote

The comedian's stand-up routine was **hilarious**.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

clinical

adj. of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies

synonym: dispassionate, analytic, scientific

(1) **clinical** surgery, (2) participate in **clinical** trials
She received special **clinical** training at the hospital.

maternal

adj. relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child

synonym: motherly, maternalistic, maternal-like

(1) on the **maternal** side, (2) **maternal** care

She had a very **maternal** instinct towards her newborn baby.

cruel

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

synonym: heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

judicious

adj. having or exhibiting sound judgment; wise or prudent in decision-making; characterized by careful consideration or thought

synonym: wise, prudent, sensible

(1) **judicious** use of resources, (2) exhibit **judicious** behavior

It's important to make **judicious** decisions when it comes to your finances.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

shift

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

synonym: transition, change, modification

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

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

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

buzz

v. to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

synonym: hum, murmur, whisper

(1) the **buzz** of a cicada, (2) **buzz** marketing

I heard the **buzz** of conversation from the next room.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

strive

v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
synonym : preserve, endure, persist

(1) **strive** hard to get, (2) **strive** for excellence

They **strived** to make their dream come true.

workaholic

n. a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively

synonym : workhorse, drudge

(1) **workaholic** habits, (2) self-proclaimed **workaholic**

The company's founder was a notorious **workaholic** who spent every waking hour building the business.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

ego

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

synonym : self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

overused

adj. used too often or too much, to the point of becoming clichéd; lacking originality

synonym : overworked, overutilized, exhausted

(1) **overused** common, (2) **overused** cliché

The concept of time travel has become **overused** in science fiction and fantasy, with many movies and books exploring the idea.

overdo

v. to exaggerate or exceed limits of something; to do or use something to such an excessive or exaggerated extent that it causes harm or becomes unpleasant; to overexert

synonym : overwork, exaggerate, hyperbolize

(1) **overdo** exercise, (2) **overdo** caffeine

If you **overdo** the laundry detergent, it can damage your clothes.

nanny

n. a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis

synonym : childcare provider, babysitter, nurse

(1) part-time **nanny**, (2) professional **nanny**

She works as a **nanny** for a family with two young children.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym : motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

restart

v. to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption

synonym : continue, resume, begin anew

(1) **restart** a game, (2) **restart** a nuclear reactor

She tried to **restart** the conversation after the awkward silence.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

regret

v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

synonym : apologize, deplore, lament

(1) **regret** a decision, (2) **regret** being so careless

I **regret** to say that you did not gain admission to the university.

surrender

v. to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority

synonym : yield, submit, relinquish

(1) **surrender** at discretion, (2) **surrender** an insurance policy

The enemy was forced to **surrender** after a long battle.

quitter

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

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

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

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

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

cease

v. to stop an action or event

synonym : stop, end, terminate

(1) **cease** to exist, (2) **cease** drinking

The company decided to **cease** production of the product.

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.

wan

adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
synonym : pale, pallid, ashen

(1) **wan** light, (2) a **wan** smile
His **wan** complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

mourning

n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
synonym : grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual
She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

dramatic

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
synonym : striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea
The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue
The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

extraordinary

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

exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

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

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

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym: confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

homeless

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

synonym: destitute, displaced, transient

(1) **homeless** shelter, (2) a **homeless** cat

He became **homeless** after losing his job.

sticky

adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

synonym: adhesive, gluey, clingy

(1) **sticky** weather, (2) **sticky** situation

A peculiar **sticky** material coated the foliage.

goo

n. a sticky or slimy substance, often of indeterminate or unknown composition; a slang term used to describe something messy, chaotic, or confusing

synonym: slime, muck, gunk

(1) oozing **goo**, (2) slime **goo**

The science experiment involved mixing various liquids to create a bubbling **goo**.

crayon

n. a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

synonym: chalk, pastel, (verb) draw

(1) **crayon** drawing, (2) **crayon** her coloring books

The teacher handed out several different colored **crayons** to each student.

simplicity

n. the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

synonym: easiness, plainness, modesty

(1) a life of **simplicity**, (2) refined **simplicity**

He liked the car because of the **simplicity** of the design.

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.

loosen

v. to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax

synonym: relax, slacken, untie

(1) **loosen** grip, (2) **loosen** knot

Please **loosen** the screws on the back panel so we can access the inside of the machine.

instantaneous

adj. occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

synonym: immediate, prompt, rapid

(1) **instantaneous** reaction, (2) **instantaneous** message

The new software provides **instantaneous** results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

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

Ageing **creeps** up slowly with time.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

replacement

n. the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another

synonym: alternate, substitute, backup

(1) regular **replacement** of tires, (2) **replacement** cost

We demand his **replacement**.

specific

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

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

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

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

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

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**.

singular

n. being only one of its kind; unique

synonym: unique, sole, individual

(1) **singular** purpose, (2) **singular** goal

The **singular** beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym: stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

permission

n. consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

synonym: approval, consent, authorization

(1) grant **permission**, (2) **permission** for permanent residence

I asked my boss for **permission** to leave early for a doctor's appointment.

guilt

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

synonym : regret, remorse, blame

(1) criminal **guilt**, (2) feeling of **guilt**

Shame and **guilt** have significant social influences.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym : modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym : shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym : control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

relax

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

synonym : soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym : blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

stiff

adj. not easily bent, flexible, or pliable; difficult to move or be maneuvered; difficult to relax; having a heavy or formal manner

synonym : rigid, inflexible, unbending

(1) **stiff** muscles, (2) **stiff** penalty

Her body felt **stiff** after sitting at her desk for hours without moving.

delirious

adj. experiencing a state of mental confusion or excitement characterized by a lack of coherence, often due to a high fever, drugs, or alcohol; wildly irrational or disoriented

synonym : confused, incoherent, irrational

(1) **delirious** with joy, (2) **delirious** fan

The patient became **delirious** due to the high fever and began hallucinating.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

itch

v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
synonym : scratch, tingle, irritate

(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak
I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**
The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

idiot

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
synonym : dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**
He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

diamond

n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
synonym : gemstone, jewel, precious stone

(1) **diamond** ring, (2) **diamond** necklace
The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling **diamond**.

ladybug

n. a small, round, usually red or orange beetle with black spots, which feeds on aphids and other small insects
synonym : ladybird, lady beetle

(1) **ladybug** on a leaf, (2) **ladybug** larvae
Some species of **ladybugs** have a strong, unpleasant smell

and are also called stink bugs.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym: equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym: disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

laundry

n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

synonym: wash, clothes, linen

(1) send out the **laundry**, (2) **laundry** room

I need to do the **laundry** before I run out of clean clothes.

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym: energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

arena

n. a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events

synonym: stadium, theatre, auditorium

(1) indoor **arena**, (2) political **arena**

The company is planning to build a 20,000-seat **arena** with a retractable roof.

shorthand

n. a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

synonym: stenography, speedwriting, tachygraphy

(1) learn **shorthand**, (2) write in **shorthand**

The secretary's **shorthand** was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

indulge

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

synonym: pamper, gratify, entertain

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

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

titanic

adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

synonym: colossal, massive, immense

(1) **titanic** battle, (2) **titanic** compound

The **titanic** ship sank on its maiden voyage.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

refuel

v. to put additional fuel into a plane, ship, car, etc.

(1) **refuel** air-to-air, (2) **refuel** bombers in flight

Our plane stopped in the country to **refuel**.

floodgate

n. a gate used to control the flow of water in a dam or waterway; a situation or event that allows a sudden and large release of something, such as information or emotion

synonym : dam, barrier, gate

(1) closing of the **floodgate**, (2) loose **floodgates** of grief
The company's innovative product release opened the **floodgates** for competitors to follow suit.

unfamiliar

adj. not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

synonym : unknown, strange, foreign

(1) the **unfamiliar** surroundings, (2) around **unfamiliar** people

She was **unfamiliar** with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

melody

n. a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music

synonym : tune, song, piece

(1) a simple **melody**, (2) the **melody** of a tune

This harmonious **melody** immortalized its composer.

groove

n. a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm

synonym : rut, channel, furrow

(1) **groove** on the dance floor, (2) get into the **groove**

The band played a smooth **groove** that got everyone dancing.

spinning

n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

synonym : whirling, rotating, spinning wheel

(1) **spinning** machine, (2) **spinning** wheel

She took a **spinning** class at the gym to improve her

cardiovascular fitness.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
synonym : thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression
She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

rover

n. a vehicle designed to travel over rough terrain,
especially on the surface of a planet or moon
synonym : vehicle, robot, explorer

(1) **rover** mission, (2) lunar **rover**
The **rover** on Mars is gathering data on the planet's surface
and sending it back to Earth.

quiver

v. to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
synonym : shake, tremble, shiver

(1) **quiver** in the breeze, (2) **quiver** with excitement
The archer's hands **quivered** as he aimed the arrow at the
target.

cocoon

n. a protective covering spun by some insects and other
invertebrates
synonym : chrysalis, pupa, case

(1) **cocoon** silk, (2) a dried **cocoon**
The caterpillar spins a **cocoon** around itself before turning
into a butterfly.

awkward

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing
inconvenience or difficulty
synonym : embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date
The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation
difficult.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular
company and sold under a specific name; identification

mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by
burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car
There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

Session 2: Spelling

1. w_n light *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
2. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
3. st___y situation *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
4. u__o a belt *v.* to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific
5. a ho_____ss cat *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
6. an aw_____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
7. s_p a drink *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
8. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
9. national e_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
10. mo_____ng period *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
11. a dr_____ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

ANSWERS: 1. wan, 2. par, 3. sticky, 4. undo, 5. homeless, 6. awkward, 7. sip, 8. specific, 9. ego, 10. mourning, 11. dramatic

12. st_____ng beauty *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
13. per_____on for permanent residence *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
14. cr____n drawing *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
15. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
16. closing of the fl_____te *n.* a gate used to control the flow of water in a dam or waterway; a situation or event that allows a sudden and large release of something, such as information or emotion
17. what an id__t *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
18. an_____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
19. cl_____al surgery *adj.* of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies

ANSWERS: 12. stunning, 13. permission, 14. crayon, 15. grateful, 16. floodgate, 17. idiot, 18. anxiety, 19. clinical

20. professional na__y *n.* a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis
21. de_____us fan *adj.* experiencing a state of mental confusion or excitement characterized by a lack of coherence, often due to a high fever, drugs, or alcohol; wildly irrational or disoriented
22. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
23. political ar__a *n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
24. wa_____ss at a restaurant *n.* a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe
25. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
26. gr___e on the dance floor *n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
27. ca_____re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
28. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 20. nanny, 21. delirious, 22. impressive, 23. arena, 24. waitress, 25. electrify, 26. groove, 27. campfire, 28. barrier

29. tip the wa_____ss *n.* a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe
30. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
31. take a s_p of beer *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
32. a hi_____us anecdote *adj.* extremely funny
33. a life of sim_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
34. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
35. hu_____te the heckler in the audience *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
36. p__k on the cheek *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
37. ov_____ed common *adj.* used too often or too much, to the point of becoming cliched; lacking originality
38. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
39. learn sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

ANSWERS: 29. waitress, 30. discovery, 31. sip, 32. hilarious, 33. simplicity, 34. discovery, 35. humiliate, 36. peck, 37. overused, 38. brain, 39. shorthand

40. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
41. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
42. sw__t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
43. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
44. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
45. watch a ma_____on *n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers
46. su_____er at discretion *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
47. in_____e children *v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
48. st___y weather *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
49. de_____us with joy *adj.* experiencing a state of mental confusion or excitement characterized by a lack of coherence, often due to a high fever, drugs, or alcohol; wildly irrational or disoriented
50. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

ANSWERS: 40. collaborate, 41. universe, 42. sweat, 43. crazy, 44. confuse, 45. marathon, 46. surrender, 47. indulge, 48. sticky, 49. delirious, 50. handle

51. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
52. co___n silk *n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
53. the pr____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
54. st____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
55. ep____e of vertigo *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
56. inc____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
57. participate in cl____al trials *adj.* of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies
58. around unf____ar people *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
59. sp____ng machine *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
60. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 51. scary, 52. cocoon, 53. profound, 54. straight, 55. episode, 56. incredibly, 57. clinical, 58. unfamiliar, 59. spinning, 60. specific

61. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
62. all in a sw__t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
63. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
64. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
65. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
66. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
67. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
68. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
69. exh_____ing view *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
70. get into the gr___e *n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
71. economic bu___e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 61. handle, 62. sweat, 63. shift, 64. experiment, 65. invisible, 66. ordinary, 67. magical, 68. responsible, 69. exhilarating, 70. groove, 71. bubble

72. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
73. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
74. ex____t a topic *n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
75. ho____ss shelter *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
76. a person of ge____s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
77. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
78. self-proclaimed wor____ic *n.* a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively
79. rep____nt cost *n.* the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another
80. lo____n knot *v.* to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax
81. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
82. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 72. creative, 73. vow, 74. exhaust, 75. homeless, 76. genius, 77. magic, 78. workaholic, 79. replacement, 80. loosen, 81. crazy, 82. firm

83. ex_____ve editor at the publishing house
n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
84. meet with opp_____on
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
85. hu___e opinion
adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
86. part-time na__y
n. a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis
87. major paradigm sh__t
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
88. hu_____g bird
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
89. wor_____ic habits
n. a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively
90. cr__p toward the mouse
v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
91. ex_____ve vice president
n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

ANSWERS: 83. executive, 84. opposition, 85. humble, 86. nanny, 87. shift, 88. humming, 89. workaholic, 90. creep, 91. executive

92. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
93. a simple me___y *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
94. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
95. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
96. abruptly in_____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
97. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
98. re___l bombers in flight *v.* to put additional fuel into a plane, ship, car, etc.
99. lo___n grip *v.* to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax
100. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
101. di_____d necklace *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

ANSWERS: 92. brain, 93. melody, 94. silent, 95. brand, 96. interrupt, 97. confuse, 98. refuel, 99. loosen, 100. creep, 101. diamond

102. information ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
103. re____t a nuclear reactor *v.* to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption
104. el____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
105. ine____ble decision *adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
106. ju____us use of resources *adj.* having or exhibiting sound judgment; wise or prudent in decision-making; characterized by careful consideration or thought
107. ins____ous reaction *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
108. la____g on a leaf *n.* a small, round, usually red or orange beetle with black spots, which feeds on aphids and other small insects
109. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
110. a dried co____n *n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
111. co____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

ANSWERS: 102. barrier, 103. restart, 104. electrify, 105. inexplicable, 106. judicious, 107. instantaneous, 108. ladybug, 109. refer, 110. cocoon, 111. compete

112. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
113. ti____c compound *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
114. ex____t pipe *n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
115. di____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
116. st__f penalty *adj.* not easily bent, flexible, or pliable; difficult to move or be maneuvered; difficult to relax; having a heavy or formal manner
117. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
118. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
119. refined sim____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
120. answer in a wh____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
121. a hu____e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
122. a cr__l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

ANSWERS: 112. amazing, 113. titanic, 114. exhaust, 115. disturb, 116. stiff, 117. fuel, 118. refer, 119. simplicity, 120. whisper, 121. humble, 122. cruel

123. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
124. diagnosis of an_____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
125. sc___d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
126. a pr_____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
127. get ne_____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
128. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
129. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
130. qu___r with excitement *v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
131. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
132. ov___o caffeine *v.* to exaggerate or exceed limits of something; to do or use something to such an excessive or exaggerated extent that it causes harm or becomes unpleasant; to overexert
133. the influence of mec_____al action *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

ANSWERS: 123. responsible, 124. anxiety, 125. scared, 126. profound, 127. nervous, 128. excite, 129. fan, 130. quiver, 131. nervous, 132. overdo, 133. mechanical

134. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
135. sc___d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
136. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
137. e_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
138. feeling of gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
139. on the ma____al side *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child
140. h__p strings *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
141. la____y room *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
142. end of the first ep____e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

ANSWERS: 134. quitter, 135. scared, 136. quitter, 137. ego, 138. guilt, 139. maternal, 140. harp, 141. laundry, 142. episode

143. su_____er an insurance policy *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
144. to_____r in nappy *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
145. make dr_____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
146. the b__z of a cicada *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
147. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
148. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
149. i__h to speak *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
150. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
151. write in sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
152. ine_____ble event *adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
153. st_____ng disclosure *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

ANSWERS: 143. surrender, 144. toddler, 145. dramatic, 146. buzz, 147. silent, 148. nation, 149. itch, 150. troop, 151. shorthand, 152. inexplicable, 153. stunning

154. sc__y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
155. re___l air-to-air *v.* to put additional fuel into a plane, ship, car, etc.
156. run a ma_____on *n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers
157. oil on ca___s *n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
158. grant per_____on *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
159. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
160. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
161. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
162. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
163. re_____t a game *v.* to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption
164. ins_____ous message *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
165. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

ANSWERS: 154. scary, 155. refuel, 156. marathon, 157. canvas, 158. permission, 159. compete, 160. amazing, 161. comfort, 162. confidence, 163. restart, 164. instantaneous, 165. extraordinary

166. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
167. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
168. an active to____r *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
169. a steam en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
170. exhibit ju_____us behavior *adj.* having or exhibiting sound judgment; wise or prudent in decision-making; characterized by careful consideration or thought
171. id__t driver *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
172. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
173. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
174. the wh_____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
175. ce__e drinking *v.* to stop an action or event
176. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
177. la_____g larvae *n.* a small, round, usually red or orange beetle with black spots, which feeds on aphids and other small insects

ANSWERS: 166. ignore, 167. impressive, 168. toddler, 169. engine, 170. judicious, 171. idiot, 172. survive, 173. zone, 174. whisper, 175. cease, 176. invisible, 177. ladybug

178. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
179. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
180. a mec_____al style of writing *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
181. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
182. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
183. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
184. ov_____ed cliché *adj.* used too often or too much, to the point of becoming cliched; lacking originality
185. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
186. a corruption sc_____l *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
187. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
188. send out the la_____y *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

ANSWERS: 178. collaborate, 179. excite, 180. mechanical, 181. par, 182. assume, 183. universe, 184. overused, 185. cruel, 186. scandal, 187. fan, 188. laundry

189. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
190. i__h constantly *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
191. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
192. loose fl_____tes of grief *n.* a gate used to control the flow of water in a dam or waterway; a situation or event that allows a sudden and large release of something, such as information or emotion
193. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
194. st__f muscles *adj.* not easily bent, flexible, or pliable; difficult to move or be maneuvered; difficult to relax; having a heavy or formal manner
195. criminal gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
196. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
197. a w_n smile *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
198. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

ANSWERS: 189. murder, 190. itch, 191. extraordinary, 192. floodgate, 193. assume, 194. stiff, 195. guilt, 196. territory, 197. wan, 198. disturb

199. ti____c battle *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
200. hu_____te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
201. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
202. blank ca____s *n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
203. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
204. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
205. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
206. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
207. u__o changes *v.* to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific
208. in_____e in debauchery *v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat

ANSWERS: 199. titanic, 200. humiliate, 201. panic, 202. canvas, 203. suppose, 204. zone, 205. comfort, 206. volume, 207. undo, 208. indulge

209. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
210. re__x at home *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
211. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
212. an exh_____ing drink *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
213. st___e for excellence *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
214. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
215. hi_____us mistake *adj.* extremely funny
216. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
217. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
218. qu___r in the breeze *v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
219. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
220. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 209. bubble, 210. relax, 211. territory, 212. exhilarating, 213. strive, 214. incredibly, 215. hilarious, 216. ignore, 217. nation, 218. quiver, 219. confidence, 220. magic

221. si____ar goal *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
222. ma____al care *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child
223. the unf_____ar surroundings *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
224. regular rep_____nt of tires *n.* the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another
225. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
226. cr____n her coloring books *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
227. ov____o exercise *v.* to exaggerate or exceed limits of something; to do or use something to such an excessive or exaggerated extent that it causes harm or becomes unpleasant; to overexert
228. a gr_____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
229. high vo____e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
230. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 221. singular, 222. maternal, 223. unfamiliar, 224. replacement, 225. experiment, 226. crayon, 227. overdo, 228. grateful, 229. volume, 230. suppose

231. mo____ng ritual *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
232. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
233. ro__r mission *n.* a vehicle designed to travel over rough terrain, especially on the surface of a planet or moon
234. st___e hard to get *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
235. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
236. re___t a decision *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
237. roast marshmallows around the
ca_____re *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
238. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
239. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
240. p__k at feed *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

ANSWERS: 231. mourning, 232. troop, 233. rover, 234. strive, 235. opposition, 236. regret, 237. campfire, 238. survive, 239. firm, 240. peck

241. an or____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
242. lunar ro__r *n.* a vehicle designed to travel over rough terrain, especially on the surface of a planet or moon
243. ce__e to exist *v.* to stop an action or event
244. attempted mu____r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
245. si____ar purpose *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
246. b__z marketing *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
247. indoor ar__a *n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
248. in_____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
249. a ge____s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
250. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
251. ma____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
252. oozing g_o *n.* a sticky or slimy substance, often of indeterminate or unknown composition; a slang term used to describe something messy, chaotic, or confusing

ANSWERS: 241. ordinary, 242. rover, 243. cease, 244. murder, 245. singular, 246. buzz, 247. arena, 248. interrupt, 249. genius, 250. humming, 251. magical, 252. goo

253. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
254. an air-cooled en____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
255. slime g_o *n.* a sticky or slimy substance, often of indeterminate or unknown composition; a slang term used to describe something messy, chaotic, or confusing
256. re__x a series of muscles *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
257. re____t being so careless *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
258. sp____ng wheel *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
259. the me____y of a tune *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
260. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
261. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

ANSWERS: 253. creative, 254. engine, 255. goo, 256. relax, 257. regret, 258. spinning, 259. melody, 260. brand, 261. vow

262. Japanese h__p *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
263. sc_____l magazine *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
264. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
265. di_____d ring *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
266. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
267. an aw_____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
268. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

ANSWERS: 262. harp, 263. scandal, 264. fuel, 265. diamond, 266. panic, 267. awkward, 268. straight

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

2. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

3. A _____ needs constant supervision and firm control.
n. a young child who has recently learned to walk

4. He liked the car because of the _____ of the design.
n. the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

5. The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling _____.
n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

6. The comedian's stand-up routine was _____.
adj. extremely funny

7. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

8. The _____ design of the interface made the operation difficult.
adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

ANSWERS: 1. quitter, 2. vowed, 3. toddler, 4. simplicity, 5. diamond, 6. hilarious, 7. confused, 8. awkward

9. A peculiar _____ material coated the foliage.

adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

10. The wood_____ would peck at the tree high up in the branches.

v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

11. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

12. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

13. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

14. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

15. She _____ in a warm bath after a long day at work.

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

16. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

17. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

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

ANSWERS: 9. sticky, 10. pecker, 11. compete, 12. amazing, 13. brand, 14. dramatic, 15. indulged, 16. excited, 17. specific

18. The teacher handed out several different colored _____ to each student.
- n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
19. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
- n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
20. I'm _____ of insects.
- adj.* afraid or frightened
21. We demand his _____.
- n.* the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another
22. Our plane stopped in the country to _____.
- v.* to put additional fuel into a plane, ship, car, etc.
23. I _____ to say that you did not gain admission to the university.
- v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
24. He _____ his tea slowly, savoring the taste.
- v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
25. The secretary's _____ was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.
- n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

ANSWERS: 18. crayons, 19. magic, 20. scared, 21. replacement, 22. refuel, 23. regret, 24. sipped, 25. shorthand

26. The ____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

27. She was constantly trying to boost her ____ by talking about her accomplishments.

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

28. The _____ sunset took everyone's breath away.

adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

29. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

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

30. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

31. We sat around the _____ and told stories late into the night.

n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

32. Some species of _____ have a strong, unpleasant smell and are also called stink bugs.

n. a small, round, usually red or orange beetle with black spots, which feeds on aphids and other small insects

ANSWERS: 26. firm, 27. ego, 28. stunning, 29. shift, 30. troop, 31. campfire, 32. ladybugs

33. We all should learn how to _____ stress.

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

34. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

35. Her body felt _____ after sitting at her desk for hours without moving.

adj. not easily bent, flexible, or pliable; difficult to move or be maneuvered; difficult to relax; having a heavy or formal manner

36. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

37. She had a very _____ instinct towards her newborn baby.

adj. relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child

38. She waited for her daughter with _____.

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

39. She received special _____ training at the hospital.

adj. of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies

40. The band played a smooth _____ that got everyone dancing.

n. a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm

ANSWERS: 33. handle, 34. comfort, 35. stiff, 36. collaborate, 37. maternal, 38. anxiety, 39. clinical, 40. groove

41. I'm a big ____ of French food.
- n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
42. She successfully completed her first _____ with a personal best time.
- n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers
43. The political _____ rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.
- n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
44. I want to put that _____ of my life behind me.
- n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
45. He acted like an _____ and spilled his drink all over the floor.
- n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
46. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.
- n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
47. The archer's hands _____ as he aimed the arrow at the target.
- v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
48. The company is planning to build a 20,000-seat _____ with a retractable roof.
- n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events

ANSWERS: 41. fan, 42. marathon, 43. scandal, 44. episode, 45. idiot, 46. territory, 47. quivered, 48. arena

49. The nobler, the more _____.

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

50. The rules were _____ after the new executive arrived.

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

51. Mozart was a musical _____.

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

52. His ___ complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

53. If you _____ the laundry detergent, it can damage your clothes.

v. to exaggerate or exceed limits of something; to do or use something to such an excessive or exaggerated extent that it causes harm or becomes unpleasant; to overexert

54. She was _____ with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

adj. not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

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

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

56. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

57. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 49. humble, 50. relaxed, 51. genius, 52. wan, 53. overdo, 54. unfamiliar, 55. suppose, 56. volume, 57. crazy

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

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

59. I heard the _____ of conversation from the next room.

v. to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

60. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

61. The boss _____ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

62. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

63. Shares in the company finally fell below their _____ value.

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

64. Please _____ the screws on the back panel so we can access the inside of the machine.

v. to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax

65. The company's innovative product release opened the _____ for competitors to follow suit.

n. a gate used to control the flow of water in a dam or waterway; a situation or event that allows a sudden and large release of something, such as information or emotion

ANSWERS: 58. impressive, 59. buzz, 60. disturb, 61. humiliated, 62. cruel, 63. par, 64. loosen, 65. floodgates

66. The science experiment involved mixing various liquids to create a bubbling ____.
- n.* a sticky or slimy substance, often of indeterminate or unknown composition; a slang term used to describe something messy, chaotic, or confusing
67. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
68. The caterpillar spins a _____ around itself before turning into a butterfly.
- n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
69. They _____ to make their dream come true.
- v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
70. The enemy was forced to _____ after a long battle.
- v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
71. The _____ beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.
- n.* being only one of its kind; unique
72. A _____ engineer is still in demand in many companies.
- adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
73. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
- adj.* without any or little sound
74. The _____ on Mars is gathering data on the planet's surface and sending it back to Earth.
- n.* a vehicle designed to travel over rough terrain, especially on the surface of a planet or moon

ANSWERS: 66. goo, 67. incredibly, 68. cocoon, 69. strived, 70. surrender, 71. singular, 72. mechanical, 73. silent, 74. rover

75. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.
- n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
76. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
- n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
77. This harmonious _____ immortalized its composer.
- n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
78. Bungee jumping was an _____ experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.
- adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
79. 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
80. The company's founder was a notorious _____ who spent every waking hour building the business.
- n.* a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively
81. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.
- n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
82. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.
- adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

ANSWERS: 75. panic, 76. fuel, 77. melody, 78. exhilarating, 79. brain, 80. workaholic, 81. engine, 82. scary

83. The patient became _____ due to the high fever and began hallucinating.
adj. experiencing a state of mental confusion or excitement characterized by a lack of coherence, often due to a high fever, drugs, or alcohol; wildly irrational or disoriented
84. 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
85. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
86. The concept of time travel has become _____ in science fiction and fantasy, with many movies and books exploring the idea.
adj. used too often or too much, to the point of becoming cliched; lacking originality
87. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.
v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
88. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally
89. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
90. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

ANSWERS: 83. delirious, 84. creative, 85. survive, 86. overused, 87. whispered, 88. murder, 89. experiments, 90. zone

91. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.
- n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
92. He became _____ after losing his job.
- adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
93. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
94. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.
- v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
95. She wiped the _____ off her forehead with a towel.
- n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
96. I asked my boss for _____ to leave early for a doctor's appointment.
- n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
97. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
- adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
98. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 91. bubble, 92. homeless, 93. electrify, 94. interrupted, 95. sweat, 96. permission, 97. invisible, 98. discovery

99. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
100. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
101. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
- adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
102. It's important to make _____ decisions when it comes to your finances.
- adj.* having or exhibiting sound judgment; wise or prudent in decision-making; characterized by careful consideration or thought
103. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.
- adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
104. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.
- n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
105. I can't stop _____ my arm because of the mosquito bite.
- v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
106. She was _____ for the help he provided.
- adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

ANSWERS: 99. refer, 100. nation, 101. humming, 102. judicious, 103. extraordinary, 104. executive, 105. itching, 106. grateful

107. The new software provides _____ results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

adj. occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

108. She wore black clothing as a symbol of _____ for her grandmother.

n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

109. The company decided to _____ production of the product.

v. to stop an action or event

110. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

111. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

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

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

113. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

114. Life is a vast _____ you should put as much paint on it as possible.

n. the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

ANSWERS: 107. instantaneous, 108. mourning, 109. cease, 110. universe, 111. profound, 112. ignored, 113. straight, 114. canvas;

115. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

116. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

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

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

118. The friendly _____ brought the food to the table and asked if they needed anything else.

n. a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe

119. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

120. I need to do the _____ before I run out of clean clothes.

n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

121. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

122. She tried to _____ the conversation after the awkward silence.

v. to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption

ANSWERS: 115. barrier, 116. nervous, 117. magical, 118. waitress, 119. assumes, 120. laundry, 121. ordinary, 122. restart

123. She works as a _____ for a family with two young children.

- n.* a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis

124. I accidentally deleted the file, so can you _____ that action?

- v.* to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific

125. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.

- n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

126. Shame and _____ have significant social influences.

- n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

127. She began to play a beautiful melody on her _____.

- n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers

128. The _____ ship sank on its maiden voyage.

- adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

129. The factory's _____ fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.

- n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired

130. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 123. nanny, 124. undo, 125. confidence, 126. guilt, 127. harp, 128. titanic, 129. exhaust, 130. responsible

131. Aging _____ up slowly with time.

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

132. The reason for his sudden disappearance from work was _____.

adj. unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling

133. She took a _____ class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.

n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

134. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

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

ANSWERS: 131. creeps, 132. inexplicable, 133. spinning, 134. opposition