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Session 1: Word List

cave

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

synonym : cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**

Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

shadowy

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

synonym : dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

limestone

n. a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite

synonym : calcareous rock, chalk

(1) sheer **limestone** cliffs, (2) **limestone** pavement

The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of **limestone**.

cliff

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

synonym : crag, escarpment, precipice

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

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

subterranean

adj. under the ground

synonym : underground, belowground, subsurface

(1) **subterranean** rooms, (2) **subterranean** motives for murder

Such **subterranean** passages span kilometers in London.

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym : enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

gloom

n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

synonym : darkness, depression, melancholy

(1) a sense of **gloom**, (2) **gloom-filled** room

The **gloom** of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

earthy

adj. relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature

synonym : loamy, soil-like

(1) an **earthy** sense of humor, (2) **earthy** material

This building used **earthy** elements such as stone, brick, and wood.

hush

v. to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential

synonym : clam up, quieten, settle down

(1) **hush** for a while, (2) **hush** up a case

Please **hush** your voice so that the baby can sleep.

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.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym : subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

witness

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

synonym : onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**

The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

mysterious

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

synonym : enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

engraving

n. a design or picture made by cutting lines into a metal plate or stone, especially for printing

synonym : etching, carving, printing

(1) a wood **engraving**, (2) **engraving** tools

The intricate **engraving** on the silver vase was a work of art.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym : board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

triangle

n. a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts

synonym : trilateral, delta, triad

(1) **triangle** shape, (2) love **triangle**

The Pythagorean theorem is used to calculate the length of the sides of a right **triangle**.

zigzag

adj. having short sharp turns or angles

synonym : bent, crinkled, crooked

(1) **zigzag** sewing machine, (2) a **zigzag** line

We had to go through a **zigzag** course.

surreal

adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

synonym : dreamlike, fantastical, unreal

(1) **surreal** number, (2) **surreal** art

The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a **surreal** feel.

otherworldly

adj. supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world

synonym : celestial, ethereal, unearthly

(1) **otherworldly** experience, (2) **otherworldly** creature

The **otherworldly** landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.

muffle

v. to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something

synonym : mute, stifle, embower

(1) **muffle** the sound, (2) **muffle** my cries

He tried to **muffle** his coughs during the movie not to disturb the other viewers.

footfall

n. the sound made by someone's footsteps, often used to describe the number or manner of people walking in a particular area

synonym : footstep, tread, step

(1) heavy **footfall**, (2) increasing **footfall**

The sudden **footfall** outside the house startled the sleeping dog.

flickering

adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

synonym : shining, flashing, twinkling

(1) **flickering** flames, (2) **flickering** hope

The **flickering** candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym : courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning

building.

passageway

n. a narrow pathway or corridor, especially one that allows movement between different areas or regions

synonym: corridor, hallway, passage

(1) **passageway** lighting, (2) an enclosed **passageway**

The narrow **passageway** was the only route to the hidden chamber.

clip

n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

synonym: buckle, hook, pin

(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**

He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

ceiling

n. a room's top interior surface

synonym: canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

unexplored

adj. not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered

synonym: uncharted, undiscovered, untapped

(1) **unexplored** ideas, (2) **unexplored** cave

There are many **unexplored** regions of the ocean that scientists hope to study soon.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

crawl

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

synonym : creep, drag

(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car

Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

photograph

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

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

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

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

achieve

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

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

trail

n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

synonym : footpath, track, course

(1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**

The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.

occasion

n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or

circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

synonym : event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands

She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

develop

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

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

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

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym : elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

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**.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym : fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym : conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

communicate

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

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym : ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

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.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym : trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words
My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

graphic

adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

synonym: illustrative, picturesque, visual

(1) **graphic** design, (2) a **graphic** description of an accident
The **graphic** novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

achievement

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

synonym: accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**
This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym: alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me
The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

giant

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

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

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

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

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym : far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

gesture

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

synonym : motion, expression, gesticulation

(1) **gesture** of goodwill, (2) hand **gesture**

She made a facial **gesture** to express disagreement.

ephemeral

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

synonym : temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

transmission

n. the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

synonym : transportation, communication, broadcast

(1) **transmission** speed, (2) the **transmission** gears of a car

Education is the **transmission** of civilization.

decouple

v. to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously

synonym : disunite, disjoint, break up

(1) **decouple** a power supply, (2) **decouple** a space shuttle

We have to **decouple** our foreign policy from ideology.

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

transmit

v. to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another

synonym: convey, share, dispatch

(1) **transmit** the disease, (2) **transmit** information

Parents often **transmit** their characteristics to their children.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

regularly

adv. at regular intervals or times

synonym: repeatedly, routinely, usually

(1) **regularly** arranged, (2) post **regularly** to a blog

This site **regularly** shares high-quality academic materials.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

synonym: refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

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.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak
The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

towering

adj. very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature

synonym : lofty, tall, excessive

(1) **towering** trees, (2) **towering** mountain

The **towering** skyscraper blocked out the sun on the street below.

sweeping

adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

synonym : broad, extensive, vast

(1) **sweeping** changes, (2) **sweeping** landscapes

The **sweeping** views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

plain

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

synonym : basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

tundra

n. a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen

synonym : arctic plain, permafrost, polar desert

(1) the Siberian **tundra**, (2) **tundra** biome

The Arctic **tundra** is a vast and desolate landscape with few signs of life.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym : landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion
Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

decor

n. the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic

synonym: ornamentation, embellishment, adornment

(1) tropical **decor**, (2) **decor** styles

The **decor** of the restaurant gave it a cozy and inviting feel.

occasional

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

synonym: infrequent, sporadic, irregular

(1) **occasional** visitor, (2) **occasional** assistance

She only visited her grandparents on **occasional** weekends.

engrave

v. to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner

synonym: carve, inscribe, etch

(1) **engrave** initials, (2) **engrave** metal

He wanted to **engrave** his wedding ring with their initials as a lasting symbol of their love.

glimpse

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

synonym: glance, peek, sighting

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

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

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**.

purple

adj. of a color intermediate between red and blue

synonym : violet

(1) deep **purple**, (2) **purple** sweet potatoes

The plant has a stunning **purple** blossom.

bison

n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

synonym : buffalo

(1) endangered **bison**, (2) American **bison's** meat

Large herds of **bison** used to live on the plains of this area.

geometric

adj. relating to or having the characteristics of geometry (= the shape, properties, and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids)

synonym : mathematical, symmetrical, regular

(1) a **geometric** proof, (2) **geometric** pattern

The **geometric** shapes and patterns in the artwork are visually stunning.

outnumber

v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

synonym : surpass, exceed

(1) **outnumber** our opponents, (2) **outnumber** males

The number of tourists in the city now **outnumbers** the locals.

definitive

adj. serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed

synonym : conclusive, final, decisive

(1) **definitive** answer, (2) a **definitive** edition

The study provided **definitive** proof of the effectiveness of the new drug.

compile

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

synonym: assemble, collect, gather

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

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

database

n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**

Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

vague

adj. not clearly expressed or understood

synonym: ambiguous, imprecise, dim

(1) **vague** idea, (2) make a **vague** answer

The **vague** rumor turned out to be false.

faithful

adj. loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance

synonym: loyal, devoted, true

(1) **faithful** friend, (2) totally **faithful**

He remained **faithful** to his wife throughout their marriage.

hike

n. a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost

synonym: walk, trek, excursion

(1) go on a **hike**, (2) a **hike** in prices

The family decided to **hike** in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

wriggle

v. to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner

synonym: squirm, jerk, twist

(1) **wriggle** free, (2) **wriggle** in surprise

The child started to **wriggle** out of their seatbelt during the long car ride.

undocumented

adj. not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission

(1) **undocumented** worker, (2) **undocumented** command
The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on **undocumented** non-citizens.

accuracy

n. the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

synonym: precision, exactness, truthfulness

(1) degree of **accuracy**, (2) the **accuracy** of his compass
To assure **accuracy**, I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.

barring

adv. excepting or excluding something or someone; in the absence of something or someone

synonym: except, apart from

(1) **barring** bad weather, (2) **barring** unexpected circumstances

Barring any unforeseeable technical issues, the project should be completed by next week.

span

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

synonym: interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**
He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**
To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

doodle

v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

synonym : scribble, sketch, draw

(1) **doodle** my way through life, (2) **doodle** in a notebook
When on the phone, he likes to **doodle** little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

decoration

n. the act of adding something that is intended to make something more attractive; an award or honor that is given to someone in recognition of their achievements

synonym : adornment, ornament, embellishment

(1) colorful **decorations**, (2) chocolate **decorations** for cakes

The room was filled with beautiful **decorations** for the wedding reception.

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

synonym : fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

rectangle

n. a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

synonym : oblong, square, quadrangle

(1) orthogonal **rectangle**, (2) **rectangle** box

The living room had a **rectangle-shaped** coffee table in the center of it.

oval

adj. having the shape of an egg, rounded at one end and pointed at the other, or having the general outline of an egg

synonym : elliptical, rounded, circular

(1) an **oval** astronomical orbit, (2) an **oval-shaped** object

The **oval** shape of the table made it easier for everyone to see each other.

restricted

adj. limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.

synonym: limited, determinate, fixed

(1) **restricted** area, (2) lactose **restricted** diet

The country has designated our products as **restricted** import goods.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

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.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

specification

n. a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job

synonym: description, requirement, guideline

(1) functional **specification**, (2) engineering **specification**

The project's **specifications** outlined the goals and requirements for the team to complete.

clan

n. a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland

synonym: family, kin, tribe

(1) **clan** society, (2) tribal **clan**

This **clan** saved people from a world full of violence.

degree

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

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

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

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

fling

v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

synonym: throw, dump, hurl

(1) **fling** a stream of abuse, (2) **fling** a door open forcefully

He was provoked to **fling** the draft on the floor.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

synonym: seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym: remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

sculpture

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

synonym: statuary, carving, modeling

(1) create **sculpture**, (2) abstract **sculpture**

The ancient Greek **sculptures** are known for their realism and attention to detail.

repetition

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

synonym: duplication, iteration, recurrence

(1) **repetition** of the word, (2) habitual **repetition**

Repetition is the mother of all learning.

intentional

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent

synonym: deliberate, intended, preplanned

(1) **intentional** destruction of evidence, (2) an **intentional** walk

The law distinguishes between accidental and **intentional** killing.

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.

- cult**
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
- synonym* : sect, faith, religion
- (1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices
- The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- recognize**
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
- synonym* : acknowledge, identify, admit
- (1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement
- It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.
- represent**
- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
- synonym* : depict, express, describe
- (1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers
- We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.
- requirement**
- n.* something that is needed or wanted
- synonym* : prerequisite, provision, condition
- (1) meet **requirement**, (2) school **requirement**
- What is the entry **requirement** for this course?
- alphabet**
- n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
- synonym* : ABC's
- (1) letters of an **alphabet**, (2) an **alphabet** of manual signs
- He strove to memorize the Hebrew **alphabet**.
- intriguing**
- adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

synonym: fascinating, captivating, arresting

(1) **intriguing** concept, (2) **intriguing** character

The novel's plot was **intriguing** and kept readers in their seats.

inscription

n. a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

synonym: engraving, writing, script

(1) **inscription** on a plaque, (2) funerary **inscriptions**

The ancient coin had an **inscription** in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.

symmetrical

adj. having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

synonym: harmonious, balanced, proportional

(1) **symmetrical** triangle, (2) **symmetrical** pattern

This figure is **symmetrical** about the x-axis.

stylize

v. to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one

synonym: conventionalize

(1) **stylize** the behavior, (2) **stylize** the design

She wore a colorful- **stylized** scarf.

representation

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

synonym: delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

bracket

n. projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ([]) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols

synonym: support, holder, frame

(1) **bracket** placement, (2) tax **bracket**

I need to hang these shelves with the help of some sturdy **brackets**.

cuneiform

adj. of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia

synonym : wedge-shaped, triangular, pyramidal

(1) **cuneiform** writing, (2) external **cuneiform** bone

The **cuneiform** tablets contain some of the oldest known examples of literature.

hieroglyph

n. a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt

synonym : character, cipher, figure

(1) Egyptian **hieroglyph**, (2) the **hieroglyph** of the bird

Each beautiful **hieroglyph** represents either an idea or a sound.

script

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

synonym : writing, penmanship, article

(1) a hand **script**, (2) the **script** of a play

The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian **script** on a stone monument.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

pictograph

n. a symbol or picture that represents a word, phrase, or concept; a form of communication that uses pictures or symbols to convey information

synonym : symbol, glyph, icon

(1) hand-drawn **pictograph**, (2) **pictograph** symbols

The cave paintings are ancient **pictographs** that tell stories

of the past.

recognizable

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

synonym : noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

pronoun

n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

(1) **pronoun** usage, (2) possessive **pronoun**

In English, personal **pronouns** such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

adverb

n. a type of word that modifies, describes, or provides additional information about a verb, adjective, or other adverbs, such as often, quickly, or very

synonym : modifier, qualifier, descriptor

(1) **adverb** placement, (2) **adverb** of degree

During our English class, we spent an entire lesson learning how to use an **adverb** clause in our writing correctly.

adjective

n. a word that describes a noun or pronoun

synonym : modifier, accessory, attribute

(1) **adjective** clause, (2) an attributive **adjective**

The **adjective** "red" describes the color of the apple.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym : doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

row *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
synonym: line, sequence, layer
(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees
He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

weaponry *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
synonym: arms, munition, artillery
(1) **weaponry** development, (2) advanced **weaponry**
The army used various **weaponry** to defend the country from attack.

celestial *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
synonym: heavenly, divine, ethereal
(1) **celestial** bliss, (2) **celestial** navigation
The **celestial** bodies in the night sky were beautiful to behold.

constellation *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
synonym: asterism, array, pattern
(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**
Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

landscape *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
synonym: geography, terrain, topography
(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting
Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape**

in Europe.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

revisit

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

synonym: reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

irony

n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym: sarcasm, cynicism, wit

(1) bitter **irony**, (2) **irony** humor

The **irony** of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

imagery

n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

synonym: metaphors, symbolism, imaging

(1) visual **imagery**, (2) satellite **imagery**

This movie is famous for its romantic **imagery**.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

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.

vacuum

n. a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

synonym: void, emptiness, gap

(1) **vacuum** cleaner, (2) **vacuum** packing

Please use the **vacuum** to clean up the mess on the floor.

stretch

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

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. to a rec_____ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
2. cr__l away from a car *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
3. make a va__e answer *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
4. fli_____ng hope *adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
5. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
6. sub_____ean motives for murder *adj.* under the ground
7. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
8. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
9. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
10. 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
11. fl__g a stream of abuse *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

ANSWERS: 1. recognizable, 2. crawl, 3. vague, 4. flickering, 5. collaborate, 6. subterranean, 7. surround, 8. separate, 9. underground, 10. discovery, 11. fling

12. meet req_____nt *n.* something that is needed or wanted
13. a wood en_____ng *n.* a design or picture made by cutting lines into a metal plate or stone, especially for printing
14. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
15. pe_____al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
16. re_____ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
17. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
18. ad____b placement *n.* a type of word that modifies, describes, or provides additional information about a verb, adjective, or other adverbs, such as often, quickly, or very
19. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
20. sy____l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
21. create sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

ANSWERS: 12. requirement, 13. engraving, 14. ancient, 15. perpetual, 16. regularly, 17. achieve, 18. adverb, 19. landscape, 20. symbol, 21. sculpture

22. sw_____ng landscapes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
23. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
24. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
25. pic_____ph symbols *n.* a symbol or picture that represents a word, phrase, or concept; a form of communication that uses pictures or symbols to convey information
26. gene va_____on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
27. satellite im_____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
28. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
29. ba_____g bad weather *adv.* excepting or excluding something or someone; in the absence of something or someone
30. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 22. sweeping, 23. invention, 24. divide, 25. pictograph, 26. variation, 27. imagery, 28. involve, 29. barring, 30. distribute

31. h__h up a case v. to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
32. fleshly de___e n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
33. te_____ry in charge n. an area under the control of a ruler or state
34. tr_____it the disease v. to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
35. de_____p a strategy v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
36. ab_____ct science adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
37. res_____ed area adj. limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
38. Egyptian hie_____ph n. a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt
39. a momentary gl_____e n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
40. pu___e sweet potatoes adj. of a color intermediate between red and blue

ANSWERS: 31. hush, 32. desire, 33. territory, 34. transmit, 35. develop, 36. abstract, 37. restricted, 38. hieroglyph, 39. glimpse, 40. purple

41. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
42. lactose res_____ed diet *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
43. une_____ed cave *adj.* not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered
44. chocolate dec_____ons for cakes *n.* the act of adding something that is intended to make something more attractive; an award or honor that is given to someone in recognition of their achievements
45. si____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
46. totally fa_____ul *adj.* loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance
47. a remarkable ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
48. go on a h____e *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
49. oth_____dly creature *adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
50. li_____ne pavement *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite

ANSWERS: 41. recognize, 42. restricted, 43. unexplored, 44. decoration, 45. silent, 46. faithful, 47. achievement, 48. hike, 49. otherworldly, 50. limestone

51. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
52. short video c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
53. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
54. passing gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
55. sw_____ng changes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
56. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
57. follow the tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
58. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
59. de__r styles *n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic
60. heavy fo_____ll *n.* the sound made by someone's footsteps, often used to describe the number or manner of people walking in a particular area

ANSWERS: 51. increasingly, 52. clip, 53. collaborate, 54. glimpse, 55. sweeping, 56. involve, 57. trail, 58. random, 59. decor, 60. footfall

61. sub_____ean rooms *adj.* under the ground
62. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
63. a zi___g line *adj.* having short sharp turns or angles
64. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
65. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
66. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
67. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
68. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
69. abstract sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

ANSWERS: 61. subterranean, 62. exchange, 63. zigzag, 64. fascinating, 65. mysterious, 66. random, 67. achieve, 68. degree, 69. sculpture

70. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
71. tr____it information *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
72. to____ng mountain *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
73. a material wi____s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
74. re____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
75. tie c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
76. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
77. st____e the design *v.* to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
78. endangered bi__n *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

ANSWERS: 70. cult, 71. transmit, 72. towering, 73. witness, 74. recognize, 75. clip, 76. specific, 77. stylize, 78. bison

79. 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
80. wr_____e free *v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
81. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
82. do_____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
83. de_____le a power supply *v.* to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously
84. gr_____c design *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
85. it is un_____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
86. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
87. tr_____le shape *n.* a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts
88. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
89. oth_____dly experience *adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world

ANSWERS: 79. discovery, 80. wriggle, 81. torch, 82. dominate, 83. decouple, 84. graphic, 85. unlikely, 86. mysterious, 87. triangle, 88. imaginary, 89. otherworldly

90. re_____t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
91. we_____ry development *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
92. br__e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
93. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
94. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
95. a h__e in prices *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
96. pl__n answer *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
97. letters of an al_____et *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
98. deep pu___e *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
99. engineering spe_____ion *n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job

ANSWERS: 90. revisit, 91. weaponry, 92. brave, 93. continent, 94. ancient, 95. hike, 96. plain, 97. alphabet, 98. purple, 99. specification

100. und_____ted command *adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission
101. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
102. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
103. de____t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
104. pr_____n usage *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
105. ad____b of degree *n.* a type of word that modifies, describes, or provides additional information about a verb, adjective, or other adverbs, such as often, quickly, or very
106. va____m packing *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
107. tra_____ion speed *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
108. a sense of gl__m *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
109. br_____t placement *n.* projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ([]) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols

ANSWERS: 100. undocumented, 101. represent, 102. creative, 103. depict, 104. pronoun, 105. adverb, 106. vacuum, 107. transmission, 108. gloom, 109. bracket

110. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
111. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
112. ir__y humor *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
113. ce____g light *n.* a room's top interior surface
114. pho____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
115. occ____al assistance *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
116. la____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
117. un____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
118. funerary ins____ons *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
119. sym____al pattern *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

ANSWERS: 110. separate, 111. cult, 112. irony, 113. ceiling, 114. photograph, 115. occasional, 116. landscape, 117. unlikely, 118. inscription, 119. symmetrical

120. external cu_____rm bone *adj.* of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia
121. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
122. the Siberian tu___a *n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen
123. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
124. une_____ed ideas *adj.* not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered
125. da_____se administrator *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
126. love tr_____le *n.* a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts
127. hand-drawn pic_____ph *n.* a symbol or picture that represents a word, phrase, or concept; a form of communication that uses pictures or symbols to convey information
128. ge_____e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
129. the hie_____ph of the bird *n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 120. cuneiform, 121. feat, 122. tundra, 123. communicate, 124. unexplored, 125. database, 126. triangle, 127. pictograph, 128. gesture, 129. hieroglyph

130. sigh of re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
131. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
132. pho____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
133. h__h for a while *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
134. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
135. functional spe_____ion *n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job
136. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
137. a ge_____ic proof *adj.* relating to or having the characteristics of geometry (= the shape, properties, and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids)
138. wr_____e in surprise *v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner

ANSWERS: 130. relief, 131. emerge, 132. photograph, 133. hush, 134. evolution, 135. specification, 136. invention, 137. geometric, 138. wriggle

139. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
140. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
141. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
142. a def_____ve edition *adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
143. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
144. ou_____er our opponents *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
145. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
146. sheer li_____ne cliffs *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
147. employee da_____se *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
148. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
149. wi_____s of the car accident *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
150. su_____l art *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

ANSWERS: 139. depict, 140. silent, 141. surround, 142. definitive, 143. degree, 144. outnumber, 145. modern, 146. limestone, 147. database, 148. modern, 149. witness, 150. surreal

151. en_____e metal *v.* to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner
152. student ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
153. ce_____al bliss *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
154. rec_____ble landmark *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
155. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
156. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
157. int_____ng concept *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
158. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
159. the mouth of the c__e *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
160. va__e idea *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
161. re_____t an old friend *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
162. ou_____er males *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

ANSWERS: 151. engrave, 152. achievement, 153. celestial, 154. recognizable, 155. torch, 156. fascinating, 157. intriguing, 158. identify, 159. cave, 160. vague, 161. revisit, 162. outnumber

163. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
164. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
165. an ea___y sense of humor *adj.* relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature
166. an o__l-shaped object *adj.* having the shape of an egg, rounded at one end and pointed at the other, or having the general outline of an egg
167. domiciliary c__es *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
168. c__n society *n.* a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland
169. anti-air raid sh____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
170. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
171. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
172. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
173. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

ANSWERS: 163. symbol, 164. giant, 165. earthy, 166. oval, 167. cave, 168. clan, 169. shelter, 170. increasingly, 171. survive, 172. survive, 173. military

174. do___e in a notebook *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
175. colorful dec_____ons *n.* the act of adding something that is intended to make something more attractive; an award or honor that is given to someone in recognition of their achievements
176. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
177. bitter ir__y *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
178. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
179. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
180. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
181. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
182. a di_____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

ANSWERS: 174. doodle, 175. decoration, 176. military, 177. irony, 178. evolution, 179. panel, 180. preserve, 181. divide, 182. distant

183. sp____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
184. re_____le box *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
185. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
186. visual im_____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
187. a warm tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
188. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
189. the ac_____cy of his compass *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
190. a hand sc____t *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
191. ge_____ic pattern *adj.* relating to or having the characteristics of geometry (= the shape, properties, and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids)
192. mu___e the sound *v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something

ANSWERS: 183. specific, 184. rectangle, 185. dominate, 186. imagery, 187. trail, 188. giant, 189. accuracy, 190. script, 191. geometric, 192. muffle

193. ba____g unexpected circumstances *adv.* excepting or excluding something or someone; in the absence of something or someone
194. delta pl__n *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
195. acquire te____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
196. or____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
197. degree of ac____cy *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
198. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
199. northern con____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
200. va____on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
201. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 193. barring, 194. plain, 195. territory, 196. origin, 197. accuracy, 198. row, 199. constellation, 200. variation, 201. develop

202. an enclosed pas_____ay *n.* a narrow pathway or corridor, especially one that allows movement between different areas or regions
203. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
204. tr__e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
205. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
206. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
207. do___e my way through life *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
208. de_____le a space shuttle *v.* to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously
209. habitual rep_____on *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
210. the tra_____ion gears of a car *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
211. fa_____ul friend *adj.* loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance
212. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

ANSWERS: 202. passageway, 203. underground, 204. trace, 205. impressive, 206. feat, 207. doodle, 208. decouple, 209. repetition, 210. transmission, 211. faithful, 212. impressive

213. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
214. co_____e a biography *v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
215. rep_____on of the word *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
216. orthogonal re_____le *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
217. a glad oc_____on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
218. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
219. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
220. as oc_____on demands *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
221. hand ge_____e *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
222. pas_____ay lighting *n.* a narrow pathway or corridor, especially one that allows movement between different areas or regions

ANSWERS: 213. trace, 214. compile, 215. repetition, 216. rectangle, 217. occasion, 218. continent, 219. imaginary, 220. occasion, 221. gesture, 222. passageway

223. st____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
224. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
225. int_____al destruction of evidence *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
226. fli_____ng flames *adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
227. to_____ng trees *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
228. tax br_____t *n.* projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ([]) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols
229. tribal c__n *n.* a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland
230. increasing fo_____ll *n.* the sound made by someone's footsteps, often used to describe the number or manner of people walking in a particular area
231. en_____e initials *v.* to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner

ANSWERS: 223. stretch, 224. span, 225. intentional, 226. flickering, 227. towering, 228. bracket, 229. clan, 230. footfall, 231. engrave

232. the stars of the Scorpion
con_____ion
233. cl__f diving
234. cr__l across the floor
235. a gr_____c description of an
accident
236. tax re____f
237. the sc____t of a play
238. possessive pr____n
239. ad_____ve clause
240. pr____ve a country's heritage
241. an o__l astronomical orbit
- n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
- n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
- v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
- adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
- n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
- n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
- n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
- n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun
- v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
- adj.* having the shape of an egg, rounded at one end and pointed at the other, or having the general outline of an egg

ANSWERS: 232. constellation, 233. cliff, 234. crawl, 235. graphic, 236. relief, 237. script, 238. pronoun, 239. adjective, 240. preserve, 241. oval

242. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
243. school req_____nt *n.* something that is needed or wanted
244. va___m cleaner *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
245. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
246. rainproof sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
247. an attributive ad_____ve *n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun
248. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
249. zi___g sewing machine *adj.* having short sharp turns or angles
250. sh_____y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
251. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 242. panel, 243. requirement, 244. vacuum, 245. distribute, 246. shelter, 247. adjective, 248. brave, 249. zigzag, 250. shadowy, 251. communicate

252. pe_____al struggle *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
253. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
254. American bi__n's meat *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
255. tropical de__r *n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic
256. co_____e the data *v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
257. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
258. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
259. ins_____on on a plaque *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
260. ep_____al joys *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
261. di_____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

ANSWERS: 252. perpetual, 253. doubt, 254. bison, 255. decor, 256. compile, 257. represent, 258. desire, 259. inscription, 260. ephemeral, 261. distant

262. an al_____et of manual signs *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
263. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
264. sales rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
265. post re_____ly to a blog *adv.* at regular intervals or times
266. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
267. fl__g a door open forcefully *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
268. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
269. sh_____y doorway *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
270. ce_____g board *n.* a room's top interior surface
271. occ_____al visitor *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
272. gl__m-filled room *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
273. ep_____al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time

ANSWERS: 262. alphabet, 263. creative, 264. representation, 265. regularly, 266. relation, 267. fling, 268. relation, 269. shadowy, 270. ceiling, 271. occasional, 272. gloom, 273. ephemeral

274. def_____ve answer *adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
275. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
276. mu___e my cries *v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something
277. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
278. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
279. advanced we_____ry *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
280. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
281. tu___a biome *n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen

ANSWERS: 274. definitive, 275. sect, 276. muffle, 277. emerge, 278. stretch, 279. weaponry, 280. sect, 281. tundra

282. ea___y material *adj.* relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature
283. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
284. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
285. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
286. su_____l number *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
287. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
288. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
289. en_____ng tools *n.* a design or picture made by cutting lines into a metal plate or stone, especially for printing
290. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

ANSWERS: 282. earthy, 283. identify, 284. abstract, 285. representation, 286. surreal, 287. row, 288. exchange, 289. engraving, 290. span

291. cu_____rm writing *adj.* of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia
292. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
293. ce_____al navigation *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
294. an int_____al walk *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
295. a bold cl__f *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
296. st_____e the behavior *v.* to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
297. sym_____al triangle *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
298. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
299. int_____ng character *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
300. und_____ted worker *adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission

ANSWERS: 291. cuneiform, 292. origin, 293. celestial, 294. intentional, 295. cliff, 296. stylize, 297. symmetrical, 298. doubt, 299. intriguing, 300. undocumented

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
n. the first existence or beginning of something
2. The living room had a _____ coffee table in the center of it.
n. a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
3. We had to go through a _____ course.
adj. having short sharp turns or angles
4. The _____ tablets contain some of the oldest known examples of literature.
adj. of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia
5. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.
n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
6. Please use the _____ to clean up the mess on the floor.
n. a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
7. Such _____ passages span kilometers in London.
adj. under the ground
8. The _____ bodies in the night sky were beautiful to behold.
adj. relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens

ANSWERS: 1. origin, 2. rectangle-shaped, 3. zigzag, 4. cuneiform, 5. continent, 6. vacuum, 7. subterranean, 8. celestial

9. His car was easily _____ in the parking lot.

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

10. The Arctic _____ is a vast and desolate landscape with few signs of life.

n. a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen

11. The _____ of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

12. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

13. The _____ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

14. We need to _____ this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

15. His success as a famous actor was _____.

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

16. There is a lot of _____ in the colors of flowers in the garden.

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

ANSWERS: 9. recognizable, 10. tundra, 11. irony, 12. representation, 13. shadowy, 14. revisit, 15. ephemeral, 16. variation

17. 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

18. The law distinguishes between accidental and _____ killing.

- adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent

19. Bats reside in sheltered _____.

- n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

20. The child started to _____ out of their seatbelt during the long car ride.

- v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner

21. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

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

22. _____ any unforeseeable technical issues, the project should be completed by next week.

- adv.* excepting or excluding something or someone; in the absence of something or someone

23. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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

24. There was a crack in the _____ that I found.

- n.* a room's top interior surface

ANSWERS: 17. discovery, 18. intentional, 19. caves, 20. wriggle, 21. achieve, 22. Barring, 23. develop, 24. ceiling

25. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
26. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
27. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
28. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.
adj. extremely interesting
29. He fastens some sheets of paper with a _____.
n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
30. To assure _____ I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.
n. the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
31. Large herds of _____ used to live on the plains of this area.
n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
32. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

ANSWERS: 25. identify, 26. separate, 27. giant, 28. fascinating, 29. clip, 30. accuracy, 31. bison, 32. impressive

33. The _____ views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

34. 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

35. The ____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

36. The number of tourists in the city now _____ the locals.

v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

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

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

38. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.

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

39. The country has designated our products as _____ import goods.

adj. limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.

ANSWERS: 33. sweeping, 34. creative, 35. cult, 36. outnumber, 37. row, 38. stretch, 39. restricted

40. She only visited her grandparents on _____ weekends.

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

41. The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a _____ feel.

adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

42. This _____ saved people from a world full of violence.

n. a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland

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

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

44. The Pythagorean theorem is used to calculate the length of the sides of a right _____.

n. a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts

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

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

46. The narrow _____ was the only route to the hidden chamber.

n. a narrow pathway or corridor, especially one that allows movement between different areas or regions

47. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

ANSWERS: 40. occasional, 41. surreal, 42. clan, 43. landscape, 44. triangle, 45. collaborate, 46. passageway, 47. distant

48. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

49. He wanted to _____ his wedding ring with their initials as a lasting symbol of their love.

v. to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner

50. The company employs a _____ inventory system.

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

51. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

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

52. This building used _____ elements such as stone, brick, and wood.

adj. relating to or like earth or soil; not far removed from or suggestive of nature

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

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

54. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

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

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

ANSWERS: 48. imaginary, 49. engrave, 50. perpetual, 51. survive, 52. earthy, 53. compile, 54. relief, 55. cliff

56. The storm left a _____ of destruction behind it.

- n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

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

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

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

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

59. The intricate _____ on the silver vase was a work of art.

- n.* a design or picture made by cutting lines into a metal plate or stone, especially for printing

60. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

- v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

61. Necessity is the mother of _____.

- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

62. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

63. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.

- v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

ANSWERS: 56. trail, 57. photograph, 58. represent, 59. engraving, 60. preserve, 61. invention, 62. modern, 63. dominates

64. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
65. The _____ "red" describes the color of the apple.
- n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun
66. Please _____ your voice so that the baby can sleep.
- v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
67. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
68. Each country's officials can access the central _____.
- n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
69. The family decided to _____ in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.
- n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
70. He tried to _____ his coughs during the movie not to disturb the other viewers.
- v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something
71. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.
- adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 64. involves, 65. adjective, 66. hush, 67. sect, 68. database, 69. hike, 70. muffle, 71. random

72. The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of _____.

- n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite

73. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

- adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

74. They need food and _____.

- n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

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

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

76. During our English class, we spent an entire lesson learning how to use an _____ clause in our writing correctly.

- n.* a type of word that modifies, describes, or provides additional information about a verb, adjective, or other adverbs, such as often, quickly, or very

77. The cave paintings are ancient _____ that tell stories of the past.

- n.* a symbol or picture that represents a word, phrase, or concept; a form of communication that uses pictures or symbols to convey information

78. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 72. limestone, 73. mysterious, 74. shelter, 75. glimpse, 76. adverb, 77. pictographs, 78. feat

79. The _____ of the restaurant gave it a cozy and inviting feel.

n. the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic

80. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.

adv. at regular intervals or times

81. The _____ skyscraper blocked out the sun on the street below.

adj. very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature

82. Education is the _____ of civilization.

n. the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

83. The _____ landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.

adj. supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world

84. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat _____.

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

85. The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian _____ on a stone monument.

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

86. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

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

ANSWERS: 79. decor, 80. regularly, 81. towering, 82. transmission, 83. otherworldly, 84. plain, 85. script, 86. communicate

87. The _____ novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

88. The room was filled with beautiful _____ for the wedding reception.

n. the act of adding something that is intended to make something more attractive; an award or honor that is given to someone in recognition of their achievements

89. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

90. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

91. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

adv. more and more

92. He strove to memorize the Hebrew _____.

n. a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

93. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

94. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

ANSWERS: 87. graphic, 88. decorations, 89. panel, 90. ancient, 91. increasingly, 92. alphabet, 93. divide, 94. symbol

95. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
96. Each beautiful _____ represents either an idea or a sound.
n. a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt
97. Navigators still use the Little Bear _____ at sea.
n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
98. They study the _____ of the universe.
n. a gradual process of transformation of living things
99. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.
v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
100. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
101. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses _____.
v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
102. She used an electric _____ to light her way through the dark cave.
n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

ANSWERS: 95. relations, 96. hieroglyph, 97. constellation, 98. evolution, 99. exchange, 100. Doubt, 101. crawl, 102. torch

103. The _____ shape of the table made it easier for everyone to see each other.

adj. having the shape of an egg, rounded at one end and pointed at the other, or having the general outline of an egg

104. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

105. The _____ of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

106. He remained _____ to his wife throughout their marriage.

adj. loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance

107. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

108. Parents often _____ their characteristics to their children.

v. to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another

109. The _____ rumor turned out to be false.

adj. not clearly expressed or understood

110. The _____ shapes and patterns in the artwork are visually stunning.

adj. relating to or having the characteristics of geometry (= the shape, properties, and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids)

ANSWERS: 103. oval, 104. military, 105. gloom, 106. faithful, 107. desire, 108. transmit, 109. vague, 110. geometric

111. What is the entry _____ for this course?

- n.* something that is needed or wanted

112. She wore her best dress for the special _____.

- n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

113. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.

- v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost

114. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

115. He was provoked to _____ the draft on the floor.

- v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

116. There are many _____ regions of the ocean that scientists hope to study soon.

- adj.* not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered

117. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.

- v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

118. His estate was _____ to his sons.

- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 111. requirement, 112. occasion, 113. trace, 114. recognize, 115. fling, 116. unexplored, 117. depicted, 118. distributed

119. This _____ has never been formally accepted.

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

120. When on the phone, he likes to _____ little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

121. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

122. 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

123. The plant has a stunning _____ blossom.

adj. of a color intermediate between red and blue

124. In English, personal _____ such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

125. The ancient coin had an _____ in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.

n. a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

126. The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on _____ non-citizens.

adj. not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission

ANSWERS: 119. achievement, 120. doodle, 121. underground, 122. specific, 123. purple, 124. pronouns, 125. inscription, 126. undocumented

127. The manufacturing industry is _____ fierce competition.

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

128. She wore a colorful-_____ scarf.

v. to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one

129. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

130. The sudden _____ outside the house startled the sleeping dog.

n. the sound made by someone's footsteps, often used to describe the number or manner of people walking in a particular area

131. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.

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

132. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

133. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

134. The project's _____ outlined the goals and requirements for the team to complete.

n. a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job

ANSWERS: 127. witnessing, 128. stylized, 129. silent, 130. footfall, 131. territory, 132. abstract, 133. surround, 134. specifications

135. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

136. The army used various _____ to defend the country from attack.

n. a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

137. This figure is _____ about the x-axis.

adj. having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

138. The ancient Greek _____ are known for their realism and attention to detail.

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

139. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

140. _____ is the mother of all learning.

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

141. We have to _____ our foreign policy from ideology.

v. to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously

142. This movie is famous for its romantic _____.

n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

ANSWERS: 135. brave, 136. weaponry, 137. symmetrical, 138. sculptures, 139. emerged, 140. Repetition, 141. decouple, 142. imagery

143. The _____ candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.

adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

144. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.

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

145. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

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

146. The study provided _____ proof of the effectiveness of the new drug.

adj. serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed

147. I need to hang these shelves with the help of some sturdy _____.

n. projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ([]) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols

148. She made a facial _____ to express disagreement.

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

149. The passage of the bill is _____.

adj. not probable or likely to happen

150. The novel's plot was _____ and kept readers in their seats.

adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

ANSWERS: 143. flickering, 144. span, 145. degree, 146. definitive, 147. brackets, 148. gesture, 149. unlikely, 150. intriguing

ANSWERS: