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Session 1: Word List

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.

straight

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

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

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

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

hindsight

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

synonym: retrospect, afterthought

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

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

doomsday

n. the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event

synonym : Day of Judgment, Last Judgement

(1) **doomsday** scenario, (2) economic **doomsday**

This task is going to take me till **doomsday**.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym : devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

single-minded

adj. having a strong and unwavering focus on a particular goal or objective; characterized by a determined concentration on one thing

synonym : determined, resolute, focused

(1) **single-minded** determination, (2) **single-minded** ambition

He was **single-minded** in his pursuit of success, working tirelessly towards his goals.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

pointillism

n. a technique in art primarily associated with the Neo-Impressionist movement, where small, distinct dots or points of pure color are applied in patterns or groups to create an overall image or optical blending effect when seen from a distance

synonym : dotting, stippling, speckling

(1) **pointillism** technique, (2) **pointillism** style

The artist's use of **pointillism** created a unique and striking

composition.

- dot** *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
synonym : drop, dab, fleck
(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method
The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.
- eventually** *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
synonym : finally, someday, ultimately
(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed
The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.
- tadpole** *n.* the aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, characterized by a long tail and gills for breathing underwater
synonym : polliwog, froglet, girssle
(1) **tadpole** stage, (2) **tadpole** development
I saw a **tadpole** swimming in the pond during my morning walk.
- compensate** *v.* to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
synonym : reimburse, pay, recompense
(1) **compensate** a loss, (2) **compensate** for a car accident
The company offered to **compensate** the employees for the overtime they worked.
- tight** *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
synonym : closed, secured, cramped
(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget
The national election was held amid **tight** security.
- progressive** *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
synonym : advanced, forward-thinking, modern

(1) **progressive** taxation, (2) **progressive** development
The **progressive** approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

vicious

adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice

synonym: malicious, spiteful, malevolent

(1) **vicious** attack, (2) **vicious** deflationary spiral

The **vicious** dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.

joint

adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people;
(noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

synonym: collaborative, cooperative, combined

(1) a **joint** venture, (2) the bone of a **joint**

After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a **joint** statement.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

neurology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system

synonym: brain science, nervous system, neuropathology

(1) cognitive **neurology**, (2) **neurology** department

She is studying clinical **neurology** to become a brain surgeon.

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**.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym: lasting, ceaseless, endless

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

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

nervous

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

synonym: neural, anxious, uneasy

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

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

squiggle

n. a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops

synonym: squiggle, doodle, scribble

(1) **squiggle** line, (2) wavy **squiggle**

My signature always has a little **squiggle** at the end.

embrace

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

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

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

The woods **embrace** the house.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

scribble

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

synonym : scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes

The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

fragment

n. a small piece or part broken off or detached

synonym : piece, shard, segment

(1) **fragment** of a text, (2) a broken **fragment**

The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny **fragments** of pottery found at the dig site.

experiment

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

synonym : experimentation, investigation

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

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

dip

v. to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again

synonym : dunk, dive, plunge

(1) **dip** a pen in ink, (2) **dip** a chip in the sauce
Please **dip** up a bucketful of water from the well.

canvas

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

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

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

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

consist

v. to be composed or made up of

synonym: lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

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.

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**.

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

synonym : beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity
Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

horizon

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

synonym : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**
As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym : meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

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

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

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

suppose

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

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

shear

v. to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal

synonym: clip, cut, crop

(1) **shear** a hedge, (2) **shear** force

I need to **shear** the wool off of the sheep before winter.

paycheck

n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

synonym: salary, earnings, income

(1) electronic **paycheck**, (2) monthly **paycheck**

I received a bonus on top of my regular **paycheck** this month.

slump

v. to fall or sink suddenly, often due to loss of support or stability; to decline or decrease abruptly, as in business or economic conditions; to become despondent or dispirited; (noun) a sudden or prolonged decline or drop in value, price, or quality

synonym: drop, sink, sag

(1) **slump** against pillows, (2) economic **slump**

Sales of the product **slumped** after the negative reviews were published.

blank

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

synonym : empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym : immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

jitter

n. a slight and rapid irregular movement or trembling; a sensation of nervousness or unease; a technical term relating to variations in the timing of signals in electronic systems

synonym : nervousness, trembling, shakiness

(1) **jitter** noise, (2) **jittery** feeling

The caffeine in my coffee causes me to experience nervous **jitter**.

quitter

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

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

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

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

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym : exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

clarification

n. the act or process of making a statement or situation less confusing and more understandable; the act of removing solid particles from a liquid

synonym : explanation, description, resolution

(1) **clarification** of the issue, (2) sewage **clarification**
For **clarification** of the discussion, he prepared supporting materials.

limitless

adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

synonym: boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

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.

influence

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

synonym: power, leverage, effect

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

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

karate

n. a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training

synonym: martial art, self-defense discipline

(1) **karate** moves, (2) black belt in **karate**

She has been practicing **karate** for years and has won many tournaments.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife
The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

bruise

n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

synonym : contusion, injury, wound

(1) livid **bruise**, (2) earlier emotional **bruise**

She had a **bruise** on her arm from where she fell on the playground.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (*noun*) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

cam

n. a device or mechanism that converts rotary motion to linear motion or vice versa; a revolving cylinder with an irregular shape used in machinery to convert rotary motion into intermittent or reciprocating motion; an abbreviation for camera

synonym : camera, device, gadget

(1) security **cam**, (2) **cam** lever

The mechanic adjusted the **cam** mechanism to improve the engine's performance.

revolve

v. to rotate around a central point

synonym: rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis
The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym: show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork
We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence
The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym: by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest
He was **naturally** gifted.

temporary

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

synonym: provisional, short-term, interim

(1) a **temporary** permit, (2) **temporary** housing
He managed to get **temporary** jobs during the recession.

spit

v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

synonym: expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva
She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym : white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

assemble

v. to collect in one place as a single group

synonym : gather, congregate, collect

(1) **assemble** your colleagues, (2) **assemble** a jigsaw puzzle

The president began to **assemble** an army.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym : clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

physically

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

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

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

neutral

adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

synonym : impartial, uninvolved, halfhearted

(1) permanently **neutral** country, (2) **neutral** colors

A legislative speaker should always be **neutral**.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym : all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

committed

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

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

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

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

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym : result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym : amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

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.

encumber

v. to burden or obstruct someone or something, making movement or progress difficult or impossible; to saddle with debt or other financial obligations

synonym: burden, hinder, obstruct

(1) **encumber** the property with a mortgage,

(2) **encumbered** the company's ability

The new regulations **encumber** the process of starting a new business.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

synonym: restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

barrier

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

synonym: border, barricade, fence

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

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

stump

v. to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

synonym : mix up

(1) the riddle **stumped** everybody, (2) we are **stumped** with the problem

He is **stumped** with the question.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

worm

n. a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes

(1) wiggly **worms**, (2) can of **worms**

Worms help dispose of the food waste produced by humans.

tattoo

n. a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design

synonym : emblem, symbol

(1) a **tattoo** artist, (2) a person who has a **tattoo**

Any activity on the Internet will be stored as a digital **tattoo** for life.

grease

n. a thick, oily substance used to lubricate machines, surfaces, or moving parts; fat or oil used in cooking

synonym: oil, lubricant, fat

(1) cooking **grease**, (2) mechanical **grease**

The engine wouldn't turn over until we applied **grease** to the starter.

endeavor

v. to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective

synonym: attempt, strive, undertake

(1) **endeavor** to succeed, (2) **endeavor** as much as possible

We will **endeavor** to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

limitation

n. a rule or act that restricts the scope of something

synonym: restriction, constraint, burden

(1) impose **limitation**, (2) **limitation** of exercise

Disability is a physical **limitation** to living everyday life.

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**.

harness

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

synonym: rein in, control, (noun) belt

(1) **harness** a horse to a carriage, (2) put a **harness** on my pet

People have been exploring ways to **harness** natural forces and resources since ancient times.

rut

n. a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action

synonym: groove, track, estrus

(1) falling into a **rut**, (2) boring routine **rut**

The company seems stuck in a **rut** and needs to try something new.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

Session 2: Spelling

1. st____ht for two months
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
2. student on a ti__t budget
adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
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n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
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adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
7. earlier emotional br___e
n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

ANSWERS: 1. straight, 2. tight, 3. structure, 4. damage, 5. damage, 6. artistic, 7. bruise

8. re_____e around a central axis *v.* to rotate around a central point
9. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
10. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
11. sh__r force *v.* to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal
12. a broken fr_____nt *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
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14. poi_____sm style *n.* a technique in art primarily associated with the Neo-Impressionist movement, where small, distinct dots or points of pure color are applied in patterns or groups to create an overall image or optical blending effect when seen from a distance
15. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
16. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 8. revolve, 9. translate, 10. committed, 11. shear, 12. fragment, 13. endeavor, 14. pointillism, 15. permanent, 16. suppose

17. improved student ou____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
18. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
19. se___e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
20. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
21. r___y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
22. ha_____s a horse to a carriage *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
23. vi_____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
24. ne_____l colors *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
25. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 17. outcome, 18. decide, 19. seize, 20. embarrass, 21. rely, 22. harness, 23. visible, 24. neutral, 25. barrier

26. en____ered the company's ability *v.* to burden or obstruct someone or something, making movement or progress difficult or impossible; to saddle with debt or other financial obligations
27. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
28. s__t a mouthful of saliva *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
29. a jo__t venture *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
30. ji____r noise *n.* a slight and rapid irregular movement or trembling; a sensation of nervousness or unease; a technical term relating to variations in the timing of signals in electronic systems
31. ho____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
32. sh__r a hedge *v.* to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal
33. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 26. encumber, 27. grab, 28. spit, 29. joint, 30. jitter, 31. horrible, 32. shear, 33. grab

34. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
35. monthly pa____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
36. co____e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
37. un____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
38. co____t mainly of cells *v.* to be composed or made up of
39. as____le your colleagues *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
40. the riddle st__ped everybody *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
41. hi____ht bias *n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
42. a te____ry permit *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
43. d_p a pen in ink *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
44. en____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
45. poi____sm technique *n.* a technique in art primarily associated with the Neo-Impressionist movement, where small, distinct dots or points of pure color are applied in patterns or groups to create an overall image or optical blending effect when seen from a distance

ANSWERS: 34. ultimate, 35. paycheck, 36. confine, 37. unlikely, 38. consist, 39. assemble, 40. stump, 41. hindsight, 42. temporary, 43. dip, 44. encounter, 45. pointillism

46. impose lim_____on *n.* a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
47. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
48. mechanical gr___e *n.* a thick, oily substance used to lubricate machines, surfaces, or moving parts; fat or oil used in cooking
49. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
50. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
51. economic do_____ay *n.* the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event
52. the bone of a jo__t *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
53. cognitive ne_____gy *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
54. 20/20 hi_____ht *n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

ANSWERS: 46. limitation, 47. stick, 48. grease, 49. blank, 50. paralyze, 51. doomsday, 52. joint, 53. neurology, 54. hindsight

55. tr_____rm heat into power v. to change in outward structure or looks;
56. economic sl__p v. to fall or sink suddenly, often due to loss of support or stability; to decline or decrease abruptly, as in business or economic conditions; to become despondent or dispirited; (noun) a sudden or prolonged decline or drop in value, price, or quality
57. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
58. can of w__ms *n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
59. de_____y the ecosystem v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
60. de_____yed evidence v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
61. for a li_____ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
62. s__t a bullet v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
63. 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

ANSWERS: 55. transform, 56. slump, 57. overnight, 58. worm, 59. destroy, 60. destroy, 61. limitless, 62. spit, 63. develop

64. it is un____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
65. ji____ry feeling *n.* a slight and rapid irregular movement or trembling; a sensation of nervousness or unease; a technical term relating to variations in the timing of signals in electronic systems
66. imp____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
67. tr____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
68. business ho____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
69. ex____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
70. pu____e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
71. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
72. phy____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
73. cost ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 64. unlikely, 65. jitter, 66. imperfectly, 67. translate, 68. horizon, 69. excite, 70. pursue, 71. rely, 72. physically, 73. barrier

74. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
75. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
76. have sur_____gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
77. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
78. 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
79. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
80. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
81. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
82. cooking gr_____e *n.* a thick, oily substance used to lubricate machines, surfaces, or moving parts; fat or oil used in cooking
83. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
84. 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

ANSWERS: 74. norm, 75. eventually, 76. surprisingly, 77. embrace, 78. discovery, 79. creative, 80. decide, 81. ultimate, 82. grease, 83. creative, 84. discovery

85. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
86. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
87. sl__p against pillows *v.* to fall or sink suddenly, often due to loss of support or stability; to decline or decrease abruptly, as in business or economic conditions; to become despondent or dispirited; (noun) a sudden or prolonged decline or drop in value, price, or quality
88. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
89. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
90. do_____ay scenario *n.* the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event
91. a ta____o artist *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
92. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
93. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

ANSWERS: 85. nervous, 86. straight, 87. slump, 88. structure, 89. embarrass, 90. doomsday, 91. tattoo, 92. possibility, 93. experiment

94. pa_____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
95. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
96. ta_____e development *n.* the aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, characterized by a long tail and gills for breathing underwater
97. co_____t only in knowing facts *v.* to be composed or made up of
98. d_p a chip in the sauce *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
99. sc_____le on paper *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
100. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
101. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
102. vi_____s attack *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
103. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
104. pro_____ve taxation *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
105. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
106. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

ANSWERS: 94. paralyze, 95. tight, 96. tadpole, 97. consist, 98. dip, 99. scribble, 100. display, 101. constant, 102. vicious, 103. experiment, 104. progressive, 105. destruction, 106. horrible

107. en_____or as much as possible *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
108. pe_____al struggle *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
109. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
110. en_____er the property with a mortgage *v.* to burden or obstruct someone or something, making movement or progress difficult or impossible; to saddle with debt or other financial obligations
111. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
112. cla_____ion of the issue *n.* the act or process of making a statement or situation less confusing and more understandable; the act of removing solid particles from a liquid
113. wiggly w__ms *n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
114. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
115. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
116. sc_____le notes *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
117. c_m lever *n.* a device or mechanism that converts rotary motion to linear motion or vice versa; a revolving cylinder with an irregular shape used in machinery to convert rotary motion into intermittent or reciprocating motion; an abbreviation for camera

ANSWERS: 107. endeavor, 108. perpetual, 109. suppose, 110. encumber, 111. naturally, 112. clarification, 113. worm, 114. transform, 115. dot, 116. scribble, 117.

cam

118. sin_____ded ambition *adj.* having a strong and unwavering focus on a particular goal or objective; characterized by a determined concentration on one thing
119. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
120. lim_____on of exercise *n.* a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
121. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
122. electronic pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
123. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
124. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
125. we are st__ped with the problem *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
126. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 118. single-minded, 119. struggle, 120. limitation, 121. norm, 122. paycheck, 123. struggle, 124. represent, 125. stump, 126. represent

127. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
128. security c_m *n.* a device or mechanism that converts rotary motion to linear motion or vice versa; a revolving cylinder with an irregular shape used in machinery to convert rotary motion into intermittent or reciprocating motion; an abbreviation for camera
129. 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
130. boring routine r_t *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
131. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
132. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
133. cultural and ar_____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
134. sq_____le line *n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops

ANSWERS: 127. influence, 128. cam, 129. torch, 130. rut, 131. eventually, 132. display, 133. artistic, 134. squiggle

135. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
136. as____le a jigsaw puzzle *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
137. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
138. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
139. com____te for a car accident *v.* to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
140. ne____gy department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
141. blank ca____s *n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
142. pos____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
143. a desirable ou____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
144. sur____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
145. fr____nt of a text *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached

ANSWERS: 135. dot, 136. assemble, 137. afford, 138. process, 139. compensate, 140. neurology, 141. canvas, 142. possibility, 143. outcome, 144. surprisingly, 145. fragment

146. bl__k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
147. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
148. pro____ve development *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
149. ta____e stage *n.* the aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, characterized by a long tail and gills for breathing underwater
150. li____ss potential *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
151. falling into a r_t *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
152. pe____al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
153. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
154. get ne____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
155. na____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners

ANSWERS: 146. blank, 147. rethink, 148. progressive, 149. tadpole, 150. limitless, 151. rut, 152. perpetual, 153. seize, 154. nervous, 155. naturally

156. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
157. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
158. co_____e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
159. pu____e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
160. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
161. te_____ry housing *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
162. 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
163. a piece of ch__k *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
164. livid br____e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

ANSWERS: 156. horizon, 157. quitter, 158. confine, 159. pursue, 160. encounter, 161. temporary, 162. develop, 163. chalk, 164. bruise

165. vi____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
166. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
167. oil on ca____s *n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
168. sewage cla_____ion *n.* the act or process of making a statement or situation less confusing and more understandable; the act of removing solid particles from a liquid
169. em____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
170. sin_____ded determination *adj.* having a strong and unwavering focus on a particular goal or objective; characterized by a determined concentration on one thing
171. wavy sq____le *n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
172. put a ha____s on my pet *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

ANSWERS: 165. visible, 166. influence, 167. canvas, 168. clarification, 169. embrace, 170. single-minded, 171. squiggle, 172. harness

173. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
174. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
175. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
176. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
177. a person who has a ta____o *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
178. com_____te a loss *v.* to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
179. c__p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
180. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
181. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
182. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
183. vi_____s deflationary spiral *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice

ANSWERS: 173. destruction, 174. overnight, 175. rethink, 176. committed, 177. tattoo, 178. compensate, 179. chop, 180. physically, 181. constant, 182. stick, 183. vicious

184. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
185. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
186. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
187. imp_____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
188. black belt in ka___e *n.* a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training
189. c__p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
190. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
191. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
192. permanently ne_____l country *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

ANSWERS: 184. afford, 185. quitter, 186. permanent, 187. imperfectly, 188. karate, 189. chop, 190. process, 191. torch, 192. neutral

193. re____e at high speed *v.* to rotate around a central point
194. ka___e moves *n.* a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training
195. ch__k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
196. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 193. revolve, 194. karate, 195. chalk, 196. excite

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

2. After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a _____ statement.
adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

3. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

4. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.
adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

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

6. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

7. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

8. She has been practicing _____ for years and has won many tournaments.
n. a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training

ANSWERS: 1. display, 2. joint, 3. embarrass, 4. overnight, 5. quitter, 6. decide, 7. physically, 8. karate

9. She is searching for a _____ residence.

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

10. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

11. My signature always has a little _____ at the end.

n. a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow;
(verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops

12. She had a _____ on her arm from where she fell on the playground.

n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

13. The company employs a _____ inventory system.

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

14. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

15. The caffeine in my coffee causes me to experience nervous _____.

n. a slight and rapid irregular movement or trembling; a sensation of nervousness or unease; a technical term relating to variations in the timing of signals in electronic systems

16. He is _____ with the question.

v. to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

ANSWERS: 9. permanent, 10. transformed, 11. squiggle, 12. bruise, 13. perpetual, 14. encounter, 15. jitter, 16. stumped

17. Please ___ up a bucketful of water from the well.

v. to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again

18. People have been exploring ways to _____ natural forces and resources since ancient times.

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

19. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

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

20. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

21. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

22. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

23. A legislative speaker should always be _____.

adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

24. He created an _____ shaped torso.

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

25. She intends to _____ a political career.

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 17. dip, 18. harness, 19. nervous, 20. outcome, 21. paralyzed, 22. excited, 23. neutral, 24. imperfectly, 25. pursue

26. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

27. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

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

28. 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

29. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

30. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

31. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

32. She is studying clinical _____ to become a brain surgeon.

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system

33. The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny _____ of pottery found at the dig site.

n. a small piece or part broken off or detached

ANSWERS: 26. horrible, 27. influence, 28. creative, 29. structure, 30. ultimate, 31. eventually, 32. neurology, 33. fragments

34. 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

35. I need to _____ the wool off of the sheep before winter.

- v. to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal

36. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.

- adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

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

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

38. The woods _____ the house.

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

39. He managed to get _____ jobs during the recession.

- adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

40. Her research team made an important _____.

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

ANSWERS: 34. develop, 35. shear, 36. surprisingly, 37. barrier, 38. embrace, 39. temporary, 40. discovery

41. He was _____ in his pursuit of success, working tirelessly towards his goals.

adj. having a strong and unwavering focus on a particular goal or objective; characterized by a determined concentration on one thing

42. The new regulations _____ the process of starting a new business.

v. to burden or obstruct someone or something, making movement or progress difficult or impossible; to saddle with debt or other financial obligations

43. He was _____ gifted.

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

44. The company offered to _____ the employees for the overtime they worked.

v. to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value

45. I saw a _____ swimming in the pond during my morning walk.

n. the aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, characterized by a long tail and gills for breathing underwater

46. The artist's use of _____ created a unique and striking composition.

n. a technique in art primarily associated with the Neo-Impressionist movement, where small, distinct dots or points of pure color are applied in patterns or groups to create an overall image or optical blending effect when seen from a distance

47. The engine wouldn't turn over until we applied _____ to the starter.

n. a thick, oily substance used to lubricate machines, surfaces, or moving parts; fat or oil used in cooking

ANSWERS: 41. single-minded, 42. encumber, 43. naturally, 44. compensate, 45. tadpole, 46. pointillism, 47. grease

48. This task is going to take me till _____.

- n.* the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event

49. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

- adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

50. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

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

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

52. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

53. Disability is a physical _____ to living everyday life.

- n.* a rule or act that restricts the scope of something

54. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen

- adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

55. The _____ dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.

- adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice

ANSWERS: 48. doomsday, 49. Constant, 50. norms, 51. horizon, 52. grab, 53. limitation, 54. blank, 55. vicious

56. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language
57. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
58. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
59. The cook _____ the vegetables for the soup.
v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
60. This examination _____ of five problems to solve.
v. to be composed or made up of
61. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
62. The words were _____ in pencil.
v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
63. The mechanic adjusted the ____ mechanism to improve the engine's performance.
n. a device or mechanism that converts rotary motion to linear motion or vice versa; a revolving cylinder with an irregular shape used in machinery to convert rotary motion into intermittent or reciprocating motion; an abbreviation for camera

ANSWERS: 56. Translate, 57. experiments, 58. rethink, 59. chopped, 60. consists, 61. process, 62. scribbled, 63. cam

64. The possibilities for scientific discovery are _____.

adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

65. _____ help dispose of the food waste produced by humans.

n. a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes

66. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

67. The president began to _____ an army.

v. to collect in one place as a single group

68. The company seems stuck in a ____ and needs to try something new.

n. a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action

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

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

70. The Earth _____ around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

v. to rotate around a central point

71. For _____ of the discussion, he prepared supporting materials.

n. the act or process of making a statement or situation less confusing and more understandable; the act of removing solid particles from a liquid

ANSWERS: 64. limitless, 65. Worms, 66. stick, 67. assemble, 68. rut, 69. committed, 70. revolves, 71. clarification

72. Life is a vast _____ you should put as much paint on it as possible.
n. the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
73. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
74. The _____ approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.
adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
75. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
76. With _____ we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.
n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
77. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
78. We will _____ to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.
v. to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 72. canvas;, 73. suppose, 74. progressive, 75. dots, 76. hindsight, 77. damage, 78. endeavor

79. Sales of the product _____ after the negative reviews were published.

- v.* to fall or sink suddenly, often due to loss of support or stability; to decline or decrease abruptly, as in business or economic conditions; to become despondent or dispirited; (noun) a sudden or prolonged decline or drop in value, price, or quality

80. Any activity on the Internet will be stored as a digital _____ for life.

- n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design

81. He could not _____ against temptation.

- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

82. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

- n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

83. My home is easily _____ from the shore.

- adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view

84. 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

85. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.

- adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

86. He cannot _____ a holiday.

- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

ANSWERS: 79. slumped, 80. tattoo, 81. struggle, 82. possibility, 83. visible, 84. represent, 85. artistic, 86. afford

87. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
- n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
88. The national election was held amid _____ security.
- adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
89. The kids used colored _____ to create a mural on the pavement.
- n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
90. I received a bonus on top of my regular _____ this month.
- n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
91. He was sick for five _____ days.
- adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
92. The animal was _____ in a small cage.
- v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
93. She tried to _____ out the gum that she had been chewing.
- v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
94. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
- v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 87. destruction, 88. tight, 89. chalk, 90. paycheck, 91. straight, 92. confined, 93. spit, 94. rely

95. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.

- v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

96. The passage of the bill is _____.

- adj.* not probable or likely to happen

97. 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

98. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 95. seize, 96. unlikely, 97. torch, 98. destroyed