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Session 1: Word List

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym : harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

breakup

n. the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections

synonym : breakdown, divorce, separation

(1) a **breakup** hug, (2) air **breakup**

He got over the big **breakup** with his wife.

distracted

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

synonym : preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

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

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

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.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym: alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

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

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

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym: move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

virtual

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

synonym: practical

(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies

She is the **virtual** president of the company.

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**.

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

synonym: crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme

Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

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.

headset

n. a pair of headphones, typically with a microphone attached

(1) **headset** with a microphone, (2) noise reduction **headset**

Professional game players pay the latest attention to the sound quality of their **headsets**.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

bagel

n. a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices

synonym: roll, doughnut, bialy

(1) freshly baked **bagel**, (2) **bagel** with cream cheese

I prefer a toasty **bagel** with bacon and eggs for weekend brunch.

accidentally

adv. by chance or without planning

synonym : by chance, unintentionally, unwittingly

(1) they met **accidentally**, (2) **accidentally** coincide

He was **accidentally** killed by friendly fire.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym : originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

inevitably

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

synonym : unavoidably, necessarily, surely

(1) **inevitably** decline with age, (2) **inevitably** reach the consumer

Because of his excellent performance, he will **inevitably** be promoted.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym : ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

rough

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

synonym : inelegant, coarse, barbarian

(1) **rough** and tough, (2) **rough** estimation

The vehicle bounced along the **rough** mountain road.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

viral

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code

This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

innovative

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym: creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative**

industries.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym: arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym: peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

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.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

auditory

adj. of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear

synonym : hearing, audible, aural

(1) a good **auditory** memory, (2) **auditory** system

The **auditory** nerve carries sound signals from the ear to the brain.

symphony

n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

synonym : orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

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.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym : closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym : alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

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.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym : apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

particle

n. a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

synonym : atom, grain, bit

(1) charged **particle**, (2) **particle** energy

We can calculate the position of the **particles** statistically.

synthesizer

n. an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds,

from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds

synonym: sampler, sequencer, module

(1) **synthesizer** bass, (2) music **synthesizer**

The electronic **synthesizer** created a range of unique sounds for the music.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

midair

n. some point in the air; above ground level

(1) a **midair** collision, (2) thrown out into **midair**

She flawlessly performed a **midair** somersault.

attach

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

synonym: fix, fasten, bind

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

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

interactive

adj. acting reciprocally; mutually responsive

synonym: reciprocal, responsive, mutual

(1) **interactive** experience, (2) an **interactive** device

The new video game has an **interactive** storyline that allows players to make choices that affect the game's outcome.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

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

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

turmoil

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

synonym: chaos, confusion, disorder

(1) political **turmoil**, (2) the **turmoil** of the war

The company experienced financial **turmoil** after the CEO was arrested.

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

synonym: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

statistics

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

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

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

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

misery

n. a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune

synonym: affliction, despair, anguish

(1) live in **misery**, (2) untold **misery**

Our company suffered **misery** from incurring a heavy loss.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically**

American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym: nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

genesis

n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind

synonym: beginning, creation, provenance

(1) the **genesis** of civilization, (2) in the Book of **Genesis**

The politician's remarks became the **genesis** of the clash between the two countries.

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.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym : being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

gentle

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

synonym : mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

funnel

n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

synonym : filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device

We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym : close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym : characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

anonymous

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source

synonym : nameless, unidentified, unnamed

(1) **anonymous** letter, (2) **anonymous** house

She received several **anonymous** calls.

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.

troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

synonym : provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

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.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym : approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

session

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

synonym : conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym : tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

instill

v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually

synonym : implant, ingrain, inculcate

(1) **instill** confidence, (2) **instill** medication into my eye

The teacher attempted to **instill** the importance of hard work in her students.

empathy

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

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

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

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

craving

n. a strong desire of wanting something

synonym : desire, appetite, longing

(1) **craving** for revenge, (2) curb our **cravings**

I have a **craving** for nicotine.

virtually

adv. almost completely

synonym : almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical

Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

instinctively

adv. as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

synonym : inherently, intuitively, naturally

(1) **instinctively** grabbed the knife, (2) **instinctively** bad with children

Some researchers claim that even humans can **instinctively** sense earthquakes.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym : holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

medical

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

synonym : health, disease, treatment

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

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

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym : antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

anxiety

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

synonym : concern, dread, agita

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

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

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.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

conventional

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

synonym : ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan

She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

brim

n. the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat

synonym: beak, edge, bound

(1) the **brim** of a hat, (2) the pelvic **brim**

The glass was filled to the **brim** with beer.

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.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

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**.

constraint

n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

synonym: limitation, restriction, bound

(1) **constraint** on business activity, (2) strict time **constraints**

The budget **constraint** forced them to make difficult decisions.

AI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

synonym: robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

brain

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

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

hunch

v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

synonym: crouch, guess, speculate

(1) **hunch** against the rain, (2) **hunch** up the shoulders

I **hunch** over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.

comprehensive

adj. complete and including all or everything necessary

synonym: complete, encyclopedic, thorough

(1) a **comprehensive** explanation, (2) conduct a **comprehensive** survey

We have a **comprehensive** grasp of this topic.

gut

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

synonym: belly, abdomen, courage

(1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings

He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.

unlimited

adj. without any limits or restrictions

synonym: unrestricted, boundless, limitless

(1) **unlimited** liability, (2) **unlimited** resources

An **unlimited** data plan is a popular option for heavy internet users.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

lapse

n. a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended

synonym: break, failure, blunder

(1) **lapse** back into recession, (2) **lapse** in payment

I missed the deadline due to a **lapse** in my memory.

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.

playground

n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

synonym: park, garden, sandbox

(1) a well-equipped **playground**, (2) a **playground** on the roof

There is a woods with a creek near the school **playground**.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym: mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

get-go

n. the start or beginning of something

synonym: start, beginning, initiation

(1) at the **get-go**, (2) work well from the **get-go**

From the **get-go**, it was clear that the project would be a challenge.

couch

n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

synonym : sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the weekends.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

valuation

n. an estimation of the worth or value of something

synonym : assessment, appraisal, estimation

(1) **valuation** report, (2) high **valuation**

The **valuation** of the company was estimated to be billions of dollars.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym : compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

futurist

n. a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or

social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
synonym : foreseer, prophet, fortune-teller

(1) **futurist** architecture, (2) **futurist** ideas

The radical **futurist** predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.

start-up

n. a newly established company or business

(1) **start-up** business, (2) early-stage **start-up**

Our company's services are targeted at **start-up** executives.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym : fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

nonfiction

n. a genre of literature that deals with the factual representation of real or historical events, people, or places; prose writing that presents or discusses true life events or experiences

synonym : fact, reality, truth

(1) **nonfiction** movie, (2) **nonfiction** account

This **nonfiction** book about the history of jazz is a must-read for music fans.

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.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

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.

unlock

v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

synonym: open, solve, unravel

(1) **unlock** a door with a key, (2) **unlock** value

The customs officer required the traveler to **unlock** his suitcase.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1. non_____on account | <i>n.</i> a genre of literature that deals with the factual representation of real or historical events, people, or places; prose writing that presents or discusses true life events or experiences |
| 2. un_____ed resources | <i>adj.</i> without any limits or restrictions |
| 3. un___k value | <i>v.</i> to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key |
| 4. small ch___h | <i>n.</i> a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination |
| 5. full of em_____y | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation |
| 6. tec_____cal policy | <i>adj.</i> based on scientific and industrial progress |
| 7. in_____te relationship | <i>adj.</i> having a very close friendship, personal |
| 8. a com_____ive explanation | <i>adj.</i> complete and including all or everything necessary |
| 9. decision-making pr_____s | <i>n.</i> 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 |

ANSWERS: 1. nonfiction, 2. unlimited, 3. unlock, 4. church, 5. empathy, 6. technological, 7. intimate, 8. comprehensive, 9. process

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| 10. pr_____e the amendment | v. | to make a proposal, declare a plan for something |
| 11. new fa_____n trends | n. | a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular |
| 12. va_____on report | n. | an estimation of the worth or value of something |
| 13. en___e a new employee | v. | to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something |
| 14. curb our cr_____gs | n. | a strong desire of wanting something |
| 15. chaotic env_____nt | n. | the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 16. stylistically inn_____ve works | adj. | introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc. |
| 17. g_t feelings | n. | the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant |
| 18. apply AI technology to art | n. | (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation |
| 19. tr_____rm heat into power | v. | to change in outward structure or looks; |

ANSWERS: 10. propose, 11. fashion, 12. valuation, 13. engage, 14. craving, 15. environment, 16. innovative, 17. gut, 18. AI, 19. transform

20. an in___e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
21. a con_____nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
22. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
23. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
24. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
25. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
26. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
27. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
28. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

ANSWERS: 20. insane, 21. conventional, 22. chase, 23. reward, 24. instrument, 25. weird, 26. dominate, 27. digital, 28. essentially

29. freshly baked ba__l *n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices
30. fight vi__l infections *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
31. music syn____er *n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
32. go in___e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
33. strict time con____nts *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
34. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
35. la__e back into recession *n.* a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended
36. noise reduction he____t *n.* a pair of headphones, typically with a microphone attached
37. complete a pr____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
38. in____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 29. bagel, 30. viral, 31. synthesizer, 32. insane, 33. constraint, 34. weird, 35. lapse, 36. headset, 37. prototype, 38. inspire

39. cr_____g for revenge *n.* a strong desire of wanting something
40. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
41. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
42. cultural and ar_____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
43. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
44. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
45. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
46. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
47. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
48. thrown out into mi_____r *n.* some point in the air; above ground level
49. feed a tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

ANSWERS: 39. craving, 40. immerse, 41. collaborate, 42. artistic, 43. bully, 44. concept, 45. essentially, 46. crazy, 47. initially, 48. midair, 49. troll

50. pa____le energy *n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
51. th____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
52. the tu____l of the war *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
53. the ma____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
54. high va____on *n.* an estimation of the worth or value of something
55. cr____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
56. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
57. la__e in payment *n.* a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended
58. th____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
59. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
60. a beautiful sy____ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

ANSWERS: 50. particle, 51. therapy, 52. turmoil, 53. maximum, 54. valuation, 55. creature, 56. entirely, 57. lapse, 58. threaten, 59. lever, 60. symphony

61. for spe_____lly American customers
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
62. co_____e the listener
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
63. wild goose ch___e
v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
64. charged pa_____le
n. a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
65. cognitive com_____ty
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
66. a me_____l opinion
adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
67. em_____al health
adj. relating to people's feelings
68. as_____ut mission
n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
69. gr_____te degree program
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
70. wa___r alone in a strange country
v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

ANSWERS: 61. specifically, 62. confuse, 63. chase, 64. particle, 65. complexity, 66. medical, 67. emotional, 68. astronaut, 69. graduate, 70. wander

71. ca___n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
72. ba__l with cream cheese *n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices
73. leather co__h *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
74. build in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
75. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
76. early-stage st____up *n.* a newly established company or business
77. the pelvic b__m *n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat
78. he____t with a microphone *n.* a pair of headphones, typically with a microphone attached
79. he was en____ly to blame *adv.* completely
80. diagnosis of an____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
81. a mi____r collision *n.* some point in the air; above ground level

ANSWERS: 71. carbon, 72. bagel, 73. couch, 74. intimacy, 75. maximum, 76. start-up, 77. brim, 78. headset, 79. entirely, 80. anxiety, 81. midair

82. as_____ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
83. the ge_____s of civilization *n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
84. as____ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
85. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
86. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
87. an_____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
88. an_____us house *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
89. a good au_____ry memory *adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
90. int_____ve experience *adj.* acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
91. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
92. my in_____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
93. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 82. astronaut, 83. genesis, 84. aspect, 85. complexity, 86. fiction, 87. anxiety, 88. anonymous, 89. auditory, 90. interactive, 91. inspire, 92. intimate, 93. invention

94. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
95. an en_____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
96. a co__h potato *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
97. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
98. the morning se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
99. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
100. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
101. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
102. non_____on movie *n.* a genre of literature that deals with the factual representation of real or historical events, people, or places; prose writing that presents or discusses true life events or experiences

ANSWERS: 94. perspective, 95. engaging, 96. couch, 97. propose, 98. session, 99. AI, 100. collaborate, 101. abstract, 102. nonfiction

103. go out of fa____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
104. tr____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
105. an ar____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
106. fu____st architecture *n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
107. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
108. ins____ely grabbed the knife *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
109. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
110. syn____er bass *n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
111. em____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
112. the blind g_t *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 103. fashion, 104. transfer, 105. artistic, 106. futurist, 107. vision, 108. instinctively, 109. destroy, 110. synthesizer, 111. emerging, 112. gut

113. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
114. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
115. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
116. in a ge___e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
117. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
118. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
119. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
120. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
121. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
122. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
123. ho_____wn celebrity *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up

ANSWERS: 113. bully, 114. transfer, 115. statistics, 116. gentle, 117. prototype, 118. engineer, 119. concept, 120. massive, 121. accident, 122. fiction, 123. hometown

124. br___l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
125. the court se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
126. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
127. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
128. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
129. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
130. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
131. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
132. ro__h and tough *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
133. the halo of a sa___d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
134. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 124. brutal, 125. session, 126. statistics, 127. engineer, 128. blind, 129. stumble, 130. blind, 131. engaging, 132. rough, 133. sacred, 134. innovate

135. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
136. wa___r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
137. on terms of in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
138. ins_____ely bad with children *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
139. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
140. a fu___l-shaped device *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
141. temporary me____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
142. vi_____ly all countries *adv.* almost completely
143. a di____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 135. app, 136. wander, 137. intimacy, 138. instinctively, 139. decide, 140. funnel, 141. medical, 142. virtually, 143. digital

144. ho____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
145. a well-equipped pla_____nd *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
146. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
147. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
148. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
149. 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
150. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
151. ho_____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
152. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 144. horrible, 145. playground, 146. brain, 147. vision, 148. creative, 149. process, 150. visual, 151. hometown, 152. launch

153. air br____p	<i>n.</i> the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
154. work well from the ge____o	<i>n.</i> the start or beginning of something
155. em____ng technologies	<i>adj.</i> starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
156. nontechnical as____ts of the job	<i>n.</i> one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
157. tr____rm an education system	<i>v.</i> to change in outward structure or looks;
158. su____nd a town	<i>v.</i> to be all around something or somebody
159. develop a st____gy	<i>n.</i> a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
160. conduct a com____ive survey	<i>adj.</i> complete and including all or everything necessary
161. ease her hea____ak	<i>n.</i> a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
162. vi____ly identical	<i>adv.</i> almost completely
163. an op____ne remark	<i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
164. env____nt affairs	<i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
165. ine____ly reach the consumer	<i>adv.</i> in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

ANSWERS: 153. breakup, 154. get-go, 155. emerging, 156. aspect, 157. transform, 158. surround, 159. strategy, 160. comprehensive, 161. heartbreak, 162. virtually, 163. opportune, 164. environment, 165. inevitably

166. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
167. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
168. co____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
169. trading of vi____l currencies *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
170. at the ge___o *n.* the start or beginning of something
171. acc____lly coincide *adv.* by chance or without planning
172. un____ed liability *adj.* without any limits or restrictions
173. field of artificial int____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
174. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
175. completely im____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
176. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
177. ex____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
178. musical ins____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

ANSWERS: 166. threaten, 167. church, 168. confuse, 169. virtual, 170. get-go, 171. accidentally, 172. unlimited, 173. intelligence, 174. massive, 175. immerse, 176. attach, 177. exciting, 178. instrument

179. ex____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
180. 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
181. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
182. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
183. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
184. 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
185. st_____up business *n.* a newly established company or business
186. in the Book of Ge_____s *n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
187. ine_____ly decline with age *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
188. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

ANSWERS: 179. exciting, 180. decide, 181. visual, 182. lever, 183. background, 184. span, 185. start-up, 186. genesis, 187. inevitably, 188. stumble

189. ho____le accident	<i>adj.</i> extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
190. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter	<i>adj.</i> having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
191. pos_____ty of a major earthquake	<i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true
192. pos_____ty for growth	<i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true
193. un___k a door with a key	<i>v.</i> to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
194. live in mi___y	<i>n.</i> a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
195. en___e in environmental protection activities	<i>v.</i> to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
196. ro__h estimation	<i>adj.</i> not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
197. go through hea_____ak	<i>n.</i> a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
198. common in_____on	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
199. an int_____ve device	<i>adj.</i> acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
200. em_____al distress	<i>adj.</i> relating to people's feelings
201. in_____te a new method	<i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 189. horrible, 190. distracted, 191. possibility, 192. possibility, 193. unlock, 194. misery, 195. engage, 196. rough, 197. heartbreak, 198. invention, 199. interactive, 200. emotional, 201. innovate

202. separatory fu___l *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
203. an_____us letter *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
204. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
205. a pla_____nd on the roof *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
206. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
207. a sy_____ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
208. ca___n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
209. con_____nt on business activity *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
210. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
211. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

ANSWERS: 202. funnel, 203. anonymous, 204. creative, 205. playground, 206. creature, 207. symphony, 208. carbon, 209. constraint, 210. roughly, 211. abstract

212. detect a vi__l code	<i>adj.</i> relating to or caused by a virus
213. political tu____l	<i>n.</i> a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
214. fu____st ideas	<i>n.</i> a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
215. a rid_____us amount of money	<i>adj.</i> very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
216. in_____l medication into my eye	<i>v.</i> to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
217. br___l honesty	<i>adj.</i> harsh or cruel
218. sa___d music	<i>adj.</i> connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
219. at___h firmly	<i>v.</i> to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
220. field of gene th____y	<i>n.</i> the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
221. cannot log in to the a_p	<i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
222. honor gr____te	<i>n.</i> a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

ANSWERS: 212. viral, 213. turmoil, 214. futurist, 215. ridiculous, 216. instill, 217. brutal, 218. sacred, 219. attach, 220. therapy, 221. app, 222. graduate

223. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
224. im____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
225. in____l confidence *v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
226. au____ry system *adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
227. fo____r two kids *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
228. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
229. they met acc____lly *adv.* by chance or without planning
230. tec____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
231. designed spe____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
232. dis____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
233. 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

ANSWERS: 223. empathy, 224. imaginary, 225. instill, 226. auditory, 227. foster, 228. destroy, 229. accidentally, 230. technological, 231. specifically, 232. distracted, 233. span

234. ro____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
235. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
236. ex____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
237. hu__h against the rain *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
238. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
239. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
240. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
241. do____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
242. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
243. fo____r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
244. a br_____p hug *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections

ANSWERS: 234. roughly, 235. reward, 236. excite, 237. hunch, 238. ridiculous, 239. brain, 240. imaginary, 241. dominate, 242. initially, 243. foster, 244. breakup

245. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
246. get a con_____nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
247. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
248. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
249. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
250. use of inn_____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
251. copyright tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
252. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
253. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 245. excite, 246. conventional, 247. surround, 248. intelligence, 249. background, 250. innovative, 251. troll, 252. perspective, 253. opportune

254. hu__h up the shoulders *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
255. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
256. a vi_____l image *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
257. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
258. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
259. the b__m of a hat *n.* the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat
260. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
261. untold mi___y *n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
262. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 254. hunch, 255. launch, 256. virtual, 257. crazy, 258. gentle, 259. brim, 260. strategy, 261. misery, 262. accident

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
2. Our company's services are targeted at _____ executives.
n. a newly established company or business
3. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.
adj. having a very close friendship, personal
4. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
5. They were looking for _____ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.
n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
6. The glass was filled to the _____ with beer.
n. the top edge of a cup, bowl, or other containers; a circular projecting edge at the bottom of a hat
7. The politician's remarks became the _____ of the clash between the two countries.
n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind

ANSWERS: 1. Technological, 2. start-up, 3. intimate, 4. inspired, 5. intimacy, 6. brim, 7. genesis

8. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
9. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
- v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
10. The new video game has an _____ storyline that allows players to make choices that affect the game's outcome.
- adj.* acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
11. From the _____ it was clear that the project would be a challenge.
- n.* the start or beginning of something
12. She waited for her daughter with _____.
- n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
13. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
14. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 8. threatening, 9. chased, 10. interactive, 11. get-go, 12. anxiety, 13. vision, 14. background

15. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
16. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.
n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
17. The electronic _____ created a range of unique sounds for the music.
n. an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
18. 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
19. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
20. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.
adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
21. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
22. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.
adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

ANSWERS: 15. attach, 16. instrument, 17. synthesizer, 18. decide, 19. heartbreak, 20. artistic, 21. opportune, 22. maximum

23. The teacher attempted to _____ the importance of hard work in her students.
v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
24. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
25. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
26. He got over the big _____ with his wife.
n. the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
27. She flawlessly performed a _____ somersault.
n. some point in the air; above ground level
28. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.
adj. harsh or cruel
29. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.
adv. at the beginning; at first
30. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
31. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.
adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming
32. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 23. instill, 24. rewards, 25. confused, 26. breakup, 27. midair, 28. brutal, 29. initially, 30. medical, 31. engaging, 32. accident

33. 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
34. The frequent performances of the _____ prove its popularity.
- n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
35. I prefer a toasty _____ with bacon and eggs for weekend brunch.
- n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices
36. Professional game players pay the latest attention to the sound quality of their _____.
- n.* a pair of headphones, typically with a microphone attached
37. An _____ data plan is a popular option for heavy internet users.
- adj.* without any limits or restrictions
38. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
- n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
39. This _____ book about the history of jazz is a must-read for music fans.
- n.* a genre of literature that deals with the factual representation of real or historical events, people, or places; prose writing that presents or discusses true life events or experiences
40. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
- adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

ANSWERS: 33. process, 34. symphony, 35. bagel, 36. headsets, 37. unlimited, 38. aspects, 39. nonfiction, 40. roughly

41. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
42. Because of his excellent performance, he will _____ be promoted.
adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
43. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.
n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
44. The company experienced financial _____ after the CEO was arrested.
n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
45. This space is a private office _____ to the President
adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
46. The vehicle bounced along the _____ mountain road.
adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
47. This device can more accurately detect _____ pathogens.
adj. relating to or caused by a virus
48. I was so _____ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.
adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

ANSWERS: 41. innovate, 42. inevitably, 43. prototype, 44. turmoil, 45. sacred, 46. rough, 47. viral, 48. distracted

49. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
50. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.
adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
51. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.
v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
52. We have to use a _____ to pour petrol into the tank.
n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
53. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
54. That style is no longer in _____.
n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
55. The _____ of the company was estimated to be billions of dollars.
n. an estimation of the worth or value of something
56. 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

ANSWERS: 49. intelligence, 50. innovative, 51. fostering, 52. funnel, 53. complexity, 54. fashion, 55. valuation, 56. span

57. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

58. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

59. She received several _____ calls.

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source

60. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

61. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

62. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

63. She is the _____ president of the company.

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

64. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

65. The _____ nerve carries sound signals from the ear to the brain.

adj. of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear

ANSWERS: 57. strategy, 58. entirely, 59. anonymous, 60. blind, 61. concept, 62. therapy, 63. virtual, 64. environment, 65. auditory

66. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
67. Truth is stranger than _____.
n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
68. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.
n. the town or city where one was born or grew up
69. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
70. There is a woods with a creek near the school _____.
n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
71. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
72. He _____ himself in his research.
v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
73. 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

ANSWERS: 66. app's, 67. fiction, 68. hometown, 69. ridiculous, 70. playground, 71. digital, 72. immersed, 73. creative

74. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

75. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

76. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

77. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

78. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

79. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

80. Some researchers claim that even humans can _____ sense earthquakes.

adv. as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

81. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 74. Essentially, 75. visual, 76. excited, 77. Emerging, 78. launch, 79. invention, 80. instinctively, 81. surround

82. He was _____ killed by friendly fire.

adv. by chance or without planning

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

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

84. Her excessive demands drove me _____.

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

85. She is very _____ in her thoughts.

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

86. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

87. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

88. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

89. I _____ over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.

v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

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

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 82. accidentally, 83. dominates, 84. insane, 85. conventional, 86. wander, 87. gentle, 88. perspective, 89. hunch, 90. transformed

91. He was banned from the online forum for being a _____ and causing trouble.
- n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
92. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
- adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
93. I missed the deadline due to a _____ in my memory.
- n.* a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended
94. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
- n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
95. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of ____.
- n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
96. We can calculate the position of the _____ statistically.
- n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
97. I love to relax on the _____ and watch movies on the weekends.
- n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

ANSWERS: 91. troll, 92. specifically, 93. lapse, 94. graduate, 95. AI, 96. particles, 97. couch

98. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
99. Our company suffered _____ from incurring a heavy loss.
n. a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
100. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
n. a living being, especially an animal
101. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
102. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
103. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
104. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
105. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
106. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 98. engineer, 99. misery, 100. creature, 101. emotional, 102. possibility, 103. collaborate, 104. weird, 105. propose, 106. Empathy

107. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

108. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

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

109. The budget _____ forced them to make difficult decisions.

n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

110. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

111. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

112. Parliament is now in _____.

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

113. 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

114. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 107. imaginary, 108. brain, 109. constraint, 110. lever, 111. bully, 112. session, 113. abstract, 114. church

115. _____ all the parties signed the contract.

adv. almost completely

116. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

117. I have a _____ for nicotine.

n. a strong desire of wanting something

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

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

119. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

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

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

121. He told me a _____ truth about my parent's death.

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

122. The radical _____ predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.

n. a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold

ANSWERS: 115. Virtually, 116. massive, 117. craving, 118. destroyed, 119. engaged, 120. statistics, 121. gut-wrenching, 122. futurist

123. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

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

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

125. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

126. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

127. She _____ over the tree root.

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

128. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

129. We have a _____ grasp of this topic.

adj. complete and including all or everything necessary

130. The shuttle _____ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

131. The customs officer required the traveler to _____ his suitcase.

v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

ANSWERS: 123. exciting, 124. horrible, 125. carbon, 126. transferred, 127. stumbled, 128. crazy, 129. comprehensive, 130. astronaut, 131. unlock

ANSWERS: