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Session 1: Word List

ailment

n. a slight but often persistent illness

synonym: illness, disorder, infection

(1) heart **ailment**, (2) age-related **ailment**

He got timely treatment for his physical **ailment** of severe back pain.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

donate

v. to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization

synonym: bestow, contribute, grant

(1) **donate** to charity, (2) **donate** blood to the Red Cross

Our company **donates** to the school endowment fund every year.

charity

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

synonym: philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

occasion

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

synonym: event, time, occurrence

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

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

agon

n. a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

synonym: struggle, conflict, fight

(1) emotional **agon**, (2) an **agon** of creativity

The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international **agon**.

gnash

v. to grind or strike one's teeth together in anger, frustration, or pain

synonym: grind, gnaw, crunch

(1) **gnash** your teeth in frustration, (2) **gnash** in anger

The toddler began to **gnash** his teeth when his mother took the toy away.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely

about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

posse

n. a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

synonym: crew, gang, retinue

(1) **posse** member, (2) **posse** of citizens

My friends and I formed a **posse** to search for the lost hiker.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

agonize

v. to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying

synonym: disturb, excruciate, lament

(1) **agonize** pain, (2) **agonize** about financing

He **agonized** over whether to accept the job offer.

uproot

v. to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position

synonym : remove, eradicate

(1) **uproot** the tree, (2) **uproot** tradition

We decided to **uproot** our lives and move to a new city.

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.

fiber

n. thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

synonym : yarn, thread, wool

(1) carbon **fiber**, (2) synthetic **fiber**

We must consume dietary **fiber** to maintain good health.

bran

n. the outermost layer of cereal grain, such as wheat or rice, which is removed during milling and is often used as animal feed or as a source of dietary fiber for humans; a type of coarse, fibrous substance that remains as a residue or byproduct in various industrial processes, such as oil extraction or papermaking

synonym : husk, chaff, grain shell

(1) **bran** muffins, (2) **bran** cereal

Adding **bran** to your meals can help improve your digestion and increase fiber intake.

cereal

n. a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals

synonym : grain, oatmeal, breakfast food

(1) **cereal** grain, (2) cold **cereal**

I always start my morning with a bowl of **cereal**.

dough

n. a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta

synonym: flour, mix

(1) work **dough**, (2) **dough** for pastry

She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make **dough** for the bread.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

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

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

tasty

adj. having a strong and pleasant flavor when it is eaten

synonym: flavorful, delectable, delicious

(1) **tasty** treats, (2) prepare **tasty** food

This meal wasn't as **tasty** as we had imagined.

intractable

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

synonym: obstinate, stubborn, unyielding

(1) **intractable** pain, (2) **intractable** situation

The **intractable** problem defied a solution.

graduated

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

synonym: completed, finished, earned

(1) **graduated** taxation, (2) **graduated** flask

She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

comfort

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

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

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

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

modest

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

synonym : unassuming, humble, unpretentious

(1) **modest** income, (2) only a **modest** fee

Despite his many achievements, he remained **modest** and down-to-earth.

immigrant

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

synonym : settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

luxury

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

synonym : extravagance, indulgence, opulence

(1) get into the **luxury** car market, (2) **luxury** hotel

His anti- **luxury** practices were quite strict.

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

synonym : lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

extravagance

n. excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action

synonym: excess, luxury, waste

(1) luxury **extravagance**, (2) financial **extravagance**

The **extravagance** of the decorations marked the wedding ceremony.

frivolity

n. the quality or state of being frivolous, characterized by lack of serious or sensible purpose, excessive lightheartedness, or superficiality; behavior or actions considered silly, trivial, or lacking in seriousness.

synonym: levity, frivolousness, triviality

(1) sense of **frivolity**, (2) the **frivolity** in the classroom

The politician's **frivolity** in public appearances was criticized by the media.

unemployed

adj. not having a job, although able to work

synonym: idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change
A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

default

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym: fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage
If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

synonym: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym: dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

ignorance

n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

synonym: unintelligence, inexperience, unawareness

(1) **ignorance** of the law, (2) **ignorance** is bliss

His **ignorance** of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym : throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

graphic

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

synonym : illustrative, picturesque, visual

(1) **graphic** design, (2) a **graphic** description of an accident

The **graphic** novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

excitement

n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

synonym : thrill, exhilaration, incitement

(1) the **excitement** in the business world, (2) aesthetic **excitement**

The **excitement** of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

achieve

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

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

pictorial

adj. relating to, consisting of, or expressed through pictures or visual representation; illustrated or depicted visually rather than through words or text

synonym: illustrated, graphical, visual

(1) **pictorial** representation, (2) **pictorial** evidence

The art gallery displayed a beautiful **pictorial** exhibition of landscapes and portraits.

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

synonym: control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

woo

v. to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

synonym: court, pursue, charm

(1) **woo** consumers, (2) **woo** voters with promises

He tried to **woo** her with his charm and wit.

salary

n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job,

usually paid every month

synonym : compensation, earnings, pay

(1) a handsome **salary**, (2) **salary** after taxes

What are your annual **salary** expectations?

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym : plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

problematic

adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve

synonym : inappropriate, inconvenient, worrisome

(1) a **problematic** situation, (2) seems to be highly **problematic**

Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving **problematic** situations within a community.

comparison

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

synonym :

equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

merit

n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

synonym: worth, excellence, quality

(1) **merit-based**, (2) the order of **merit**

She was promoted based on her **merits** as a hardworking and dedicated employee.

reflective

adj. showing or characterized by deep thought; capable of physically sending back light or sound

synonym: contemplative, introspective, meditative

(1) **reflective** practice, (2) a **reflective** surface

He wrote a **reflective** essay on his experiences during the past year.

assume

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

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

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

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

unwitting

adj. without purpose or intent

synonym: unknowledgeable, inadvertent, unintended

(1) **unwitting** victims, (2) an **unwitting** mistake
His rudeness was **unwitting**, not intentional.

akin

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin
synonym: similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences
Her interests are **akin** to mine.

quantity

n. the amount or number of something; magnitude
synonym: abundance, portion, amount

(1) half **quantity**, (2) residual **quantity**
In southward, the average annual water **quantity** increases.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**
The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

comparative

adj. relating to the comparison of different things or groups; denoting a degree of difference or comparison between two or more things; characterized by comparison or contrast

synonym: relative, approximate, correlative

(1) **comparative** viewpoint, (2) **comparative** analysis
The **comparative** study of different cultures is fascinating and informative.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk
The investigation **involves** several government agencies and

is expected to take several months.

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.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone
synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

represent

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

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

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.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**
I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

quantify

v. to express or measure something in numerical terms
synonym: measure, express, determine

(1) **quantify** the results, (2) **quantify** blood flow
He tried to **quantify** the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

relation

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

synonym: association, linkage, connection

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

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

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something
synonym: equality, standard, balance

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

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

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym: association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

dictate

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

synonym: read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

pursue

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

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

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

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

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

normative

adj. setting, constituting, or relating to a standard or norm; prescribing or advocating a standard of correctness or right behavior

synonym : standard, conventional, usual

(1) **normative** behavior, (2) **normative** standards

The **normative** approach to morality focuses on what is considered socially acceptable behavior.

preferable

adj. more desirable or suitable than another option; more favored or favored over something else; better or more advantageous

synonym : desirable, preferred, better

(1) **preferable** option, (2) **preferable** solution

For most people, living in a quiet suburb is **preferable** to living in a busy city.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

wholehearted

adj. sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment

synonym : passionate, enthusiastic, devoted

(1) **wholehearted** support, (2) **wholehearted** commitment

She put her **wholehearted** effort into finishing the project on time.

drift

v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

synonym : float, wander, freewheel

(1) **drift** down the stream, (2) **drift** away on a raft

I **drifted** around for years in Europe before going to university.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense

mechanism

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

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**.

punishment

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

synonym : penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

pat

v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

synonym : tap, stroke, caress

(1) **pat** on the back, (2) **pat** a dog

She **patted** the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

agony

n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

synonym : anguish, torment, suffering

(1) severe **agony**, (2) emotional **agony**

The athlete fell to the ground in **agony** after injuring their ankle.

dread

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

synonym : fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym : adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

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.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas
He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym: control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise
The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

incorrect

adj. not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate

synonym: unsound, wrong, inaccurate

(1) make an **incorrect** report, (2) an **incorrect** translation
He found my English sentences are **incorrect**.

distinctive

adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

synonym: characteristic, individual, unique

(1) **distinctive** ability, (2) design to be **distinctive**

His writing style was **distinctive**, with a clear and concise voice.

curse

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

synonym: condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

godsend

n. something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial

synonym: blessing, gift, windfall

(1) **godsend** opportunity, (2) a **godsend** for farmers

The extra funding for the project was a **godsend** and allowed us to complete it on time.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. as___e an important role | v. | to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance |
| 2. de___e a question | v. | to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 3. environmental det_____nt | n. | a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 4. nec_____ly true | adv. | in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise |
| 5. ur__n planning | adj. | relating to or located in a town or city |
| 6. the order of me__t | n. | the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward |
| 7. le___e championship | n. | an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters |
| 8. re_____on between cause and effect | n. | the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another |
| 9. de_____t settings | v. | to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options |

ANSWERS: 1. assume, 2. decide, 3. determinant, 4. necessarily, 5. urban, 6. merit, 7.

league, 8. relation, 9. default

10. who_____ted support *adj.* sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
11. no_____ve behavior *adj.* setting, constituting, or relating to a standard or norm; prescribing or advocating a standard of correctness or right behavior
12. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
13. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
14. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
15. with de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
16. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
17. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
18. dis_____ve ability *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
19. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
20. gr_____c design *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
21. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note

ANSWERS: 10. wholehearted, 11. normative, 12. chant, 13. necessarily, 14. improve, 15. delight, 16. urban, 17. discovery, 18. distinctive, 19. represent, 20. graphic, 21. importance

22. ag_____e about financing *v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
23. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
24. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
25. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
26. under a cu__e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
27. work do__h *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
28. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
29. luxury ext_____nce *n.* excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action
30. severe ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
31. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
32. ig_____ce is bliss *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

ANSWERS: 22. agonize, 23. involve, 24. represent, 25. suppose, 26. curse, 27. dough, 28. manipulate, 29. extravagance, 30. agony, 31. comfort, 32. ignorance

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| 33. dr__d getting old | <i>v.</i> | to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen |
| 34. w_o consumers | <i>v.</i> | to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery |
| 35. gn__h in anger | <i>v.</i> | to grind or strike one's teeth together in anger, frustration, or pain |
| 36. enl_____ent activity | <i>n.</i> | education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge |
| 37. ce_____te his election | <i>v.</i> | to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity |
| 38. un_____r the truth | <i>v.</i> | to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden |
| 39. di_____e to the associate | <i>v.</i> | to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded |
| 40. emotional ag__y | <i>n.</i> | extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense |
| 41. qu_____fy the results | <i>v.</i> | to express or measure something in numerical terms |
| 42. pos_____ty of a major earthquake | <i>n.</i> | a chance that something may happen or be true |
| 43. an in_____ct translation | <i>adj.</i> | not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate |
| 44. vulnerable to man_____te | <i>v.</i> | to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way |

ANSWERS: 33. dread, 34. woo, 35. gnash, 36. enlightenment, 37. celebrate, 38. uncover, 39. dictate, 40. agony, 41. quantify, 42. possibility, 43. incorrect, 44. manipulate

45. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
46. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
47. gn__h your teeth in frustration *v.* to grind or strike one's teeth together in anger, frustration, or pain
48. no_____ve standards *adj.* setting, constituting, or relating to a standard or norm; prescribing or advocating a standard of correctness or right behavior
49. heart ai_____t *n.* a slight but often persistent illness
50. b__n cereal *n.* the outermost layer of cereal grain, such as wheat or rice, which is removed during milling and is often used as animal feed or as a source of dietary fiber for humans; a type of coarse, fibrous substance that remains as a residue or byproduct in various industrial processes, such as oil extraction or papermaking
51. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
52. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
53. spiritual enl_____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

ANSWERS: 45. motivation, 46. pursue, 47. gnash, 48. normative, 49. ailment, 50. bran, 51. invest, 52. reward, 53. enlightenment

54. int_____le situation *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
55. sense of fr_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being frivolous, characterized by lack of serious or sensible purpose, excessive lightheartedness, or superficiality; behavior or actions considered silly, trivial, or lacking in seriousness.
56. half qu_____ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
57. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
58. make an in_____ct report *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
59. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
60. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
61. me__t-based *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
62. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
63. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
64. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 54. intractable, 55. frivolity, 56. quantity, 57. religion, 58. incorrect, 59. alternative, 60. motivation, 61. merit, 62. par, 63. doe, 64. introduction

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| 65. a nation's right to go___n | <i>v.</i> to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services |
| 66. a tremor of de____t | <i>n.</i> a feeling of great pleasure or happiness |
| 67. im_____nt communities | <i>n.</i> a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently |
| 68. pr____us information | <i>adj.</i> uncommon and extremely valuable |
| 69. ch_____y work | <i>n.</i> an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people |
| 70. pos_______ty for growth | <i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true |
| 71. a pro_____ic situation | <i>adj.</i> full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve |
| 72. get into the lu___y car market | <i>n.</i> a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things |
| 73. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis | <i>n.</i> the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things |
| 74. pun_____nt for a crime | <i>n.</i> a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing |

ANSWERS: 65. govern, 66. delight, 67. immigrant, 68. precious, 69. charity, 70. possibility, 71. problematic, 72. luxury, 73. comparison, 74. punishment

75. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
76. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
77. un_____ng victims *adj.* without purpose or intent
78. give si____t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
79. ce____l grain *n.* a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals
80. seems to be highly pro_____ic *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
81. the fr_____ty in the classroom *n.* the quality or state of being frivolous, characterized by lack of serious or sensible purpose, excessive lightheartedness, or superficiality; behavior or actions considered silly, trivial, or lacking in seriousness.
82. aesthetic exc_____nt *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
83. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
84. price of pr_____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
85. the exc_____nt in the business world *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
86. p_t a dog *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

ANSWERS: 75. importance, 76. misunderstand, 77. unwitting, 78. silent, 79. cereal, 80. problematic, 81. frivolity, 82. excitement, 83. property, 84. precious, 85. excitement, 86. pat

87. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
88. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
89. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
90. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
91. who_____ted commitment *adj.* sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
92. a handsome sa____y *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
93. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
94. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
95. an un_____ng mistake *adj.* without purpose or intent
96. carbon fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
97. residual qu_____ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
98. a ri__y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

ANSWERS: 87. mechanism, 88. religion, 89. mechanism, 90. relation, 91. wholehearted, 92. salary, 93. creature, 94. amazing, 95. unwitting, 96. fiber, 97. quantity, 98. risky

99. pi_____al representation *adj.* relating to, consisting of, or expressed through pictures or visual representation; illustrated or depicted visually rather than through words or text
100. dr__d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
101. po__e of citizens *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
102. ref_____ve practice *adj.* showing or characterized by deep thought; capable of physically sending back light or sound
103. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
104. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
105. gr_____ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
106. a__n to anger *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
107. pre_____le option *adj.* more desirable or suitable than another option; more favored or favored over something else; better or more advantageous
108. 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

ANSWERS: 99. pictorial, 100. dread, 101. posse, 102. reflective, 103. creature, 104. suppose, 105. graduated, 106. akin, 107. preferable, 108. decide

109. dispel the mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
110. a ref_____ve surface *adj.* showing or characterized by deep thought; capable of physically sending back light or sound
111. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
112. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
113. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
114. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
115. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
116. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
117. po___e member *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

ANSWERS: 109. misconception, 110. reflective, 111. achieve, 112. structure, 113. misunderstand, 114. improve, 115. assume, 116. relate, 117. posse

118. up___t the tree *v.* to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position
119. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
120. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
121. w_o voters with promises *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
122. age-related ai_____t *n.* a slight but often persistent illness
123. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
124. en_____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
125. synthetic fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
126. humiliating pun_____nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
127. de_____t on the mortgage *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

ANSWERS: 118. uproot, 119. determinant, 120. mass, 121. woo, 122. ailment, 123. remarkable, 124. enslave, 125. fiber, 126. punishment, 127. default

128. chemical pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
129. en____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
130. int____le pain *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
131. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
132. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
133. native to___e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
134. dr__t down the stream *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
135. an im____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
136. di____e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
137. ag____e pain *v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
138. ig____ce of the law *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

ANSWERS: 128. property, 129. enslave, 130. intractable, 131. opportune, 132. risky, 133. tongue, 134. drift, 135. immigrant, 136. dictate, 137. agonize, 138. ignorance

139. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
140. design to be dis_____ve *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
141. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
142. pi_____al evidence *adj.* relating to, consisting of, or expressed through pictures or visual representation; illustrated or depicted visually rather than through words or text
143. ta__y treats *adj.* having a strong and pleasant flavor when it is eaten
144. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
145. mo___t income *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
146. few cu__e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
147. do___e blood to the Red Cross *v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
148. financial ext_____nce *n.* excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action

ANSWERS: 139. tip, 140. distinctive, 141. alternative, 142. pictorial, 143. tasty, 144. par, 145. modest, 146. curse, 147. donate, 148. extravagance

149. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
150. a__n to the prior experiences *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
151. pre_____le solution *adj.* more desirable or suitable than another option; more favored or favored over something else; better or more advantageous
152. cold ce___l *n.* a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals
153. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
154. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
155. a glad oc_____on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
156. assignment for the une_____ed youth *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
157. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 149. tip, 150. akin, 151. preferable, 152. cereal, 153. strike, 154. doe, 155. occasion, 156. unemployed, 157. involve

158. prepare ta__y food *adj.* having a strong and pleasant flavor when it is eaten
159. com_____ve analysis *adj.* relating to the comparison of different things or groups; denoting a degree of difference or comparison between two or more things; characterized by comparison or contrast
160. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
161. gr_____ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
162. ask ch_____y *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
163. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
164. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
165. as oc_____on demands *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

ANSWERS: 158. tasty, 159. comparative, 160. reward, 161. graduated, 162. charity, 163. relate, 164. puzzle, 165. occasion

166. commonly held mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
167. p_t on the back *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
168. qu_____fy blood flow *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
169. b__n muffins *n.* the outermost layer of cereal grain, such as wheat or rice, which is removed during milling and is often used as animal feed or as a source of dietary fiber for humans; a type of coarse, fibrous substance that remains as a residue or byproduct in various industrial processes, such as oil extraction or papermaking
170. a go_____d for farmers *n.* something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial
171. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
172. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
173. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
174. sa___y after taxes *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

ANSWERS: 166. misconception, 167. pat, 168. quantify, 169. bran, 170. godsend, 171. uncover, 172. strike, 173. remarkable, 174. salary

175. pu___e a goal v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
176. go___n a public enterprise v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
177. we__h heavily on stock prices v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
178. we__h a cargo v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
179. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
180. f__p a coin v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
181. ce_____te Christmas v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
182. f__p over the pork chop v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
183. in___t capital v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 175. pursue, 176. govern, 177. weigh, 178. weigh, 179. amazing, 180. flip, 181. celebrate, 182. flip, 183. invest

184. dr__t away on a raft *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
185. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
186. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
187. com_____ve viewpoint *adj.* relating to the comparison of different things or groups; denoting a degree of difference or comparison between two or more things; characterized by comparison or contrast
188. emotional a__n *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
189. to___e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
190. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
191. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
192. only a mo___t fee *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

ANSWERS: 184. drift, 185. achieve, 186. comfort, 187. comparative, 188. agon, 189. tongue, 190. opportune, 191. philosophy, 192. modest

193. go____d opportunity *n.* something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial
194. up____t tradition *v.* to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position
195. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
196. a scientific di____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
197. people who are une____ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
198. western phi____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
199. do____e to charity *v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
200. an a__n of creativity *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
201. self-int____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 193. godsend, 194. uproot, 195. chant, 196. discovery, 197. unemployed, 198. philosophy, 199. donate, 200. agon, 201. introduction

202. lu___y hotel *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
203. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
204. a baseball le___e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
205. a gr_____c description of an accident *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
206. do__h for pastry *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
207. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
208. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
209. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
210. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 202. luxury, 203. comparison, 204. league, 205. graphic, 206. dough, 207. structure, 208. silent, 209. mass, 210. puzzle

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I _____ around for years in Europe before going to university.
v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

2. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.
adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

3. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

4. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.
adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

5. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.
n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

6. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

7. For most people, living in a quiet suburb is _____ to living in a busy city.
adj. more desirable or suitable than another option; more favored or favored over something else; better or more advantageous

ANSWERS: 1. drifted, 2. graduated, 3. opportune, 4. risky, 5. enlightenment, 6. invest, 7. preferable

8. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.
- v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
9. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
10. Adding _____ to your meals can help improve your digestion and increase fiber intake.
- n. the outermost layer of cereal grain, such as wheat or rice, which is removed during milling and is often used as animal feed or as a source of dietary fiber for humans; a type of coarse, fibrous substance that remains as a residue or byproduct in various industrial processes, such as oil extraction or papermaking
11. We all _____ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.
- v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
12. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
- v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
13. 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
14. He found my English sentences are _____.
- adj. not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate

ANSWERS: 8. governing, 9. relations, 10. bran, 11. dread, 12. relate, 13. decide, 14. incorrect

15. He wrote a _____ essay on his experiences during the past year.

adj. showing or characterized by deep thought; capable of physically sending back light or sound

16. In southward, the average annual water _____ increases.

n. the amount or number of something; magnitude

17. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

18. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

19. She intends to _____ a political career.

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

20. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

21. What are your annual _____ expectations?

n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

22. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 15. reflective, 16. quantity, 17. weighs, 18. manipulate, 19. pursue, 20. introduction, 21. salary, 22. remarkable

23. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

24. She _____ the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

25. He _____ over whether to accept the job offer.

v. to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying

26. The politician's _____ in public appearances was criticized by the media.

n. the quality or state of being frivolous, characterized by lack of serious or sensible purpose, excessive lightheartedness, or superficiality; behavior or actions considered silly, trivial, or lacking in seriousness.

27. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

28. She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make _____ for the bread.

n. a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta

29. He tried to _____ the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

v. to express or measure something in numerical terms

30. She put her _____ effort into finishing the project on time.

adj. sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment

ANSWERS: 23. property, 24. patted, 25. agonized, 26. frivolity, 27. par, 28. dough, 29. quantify, 30. wholehearted

31. We decided to _____ our lives and move to a new city.

- v.* to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position

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

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

33. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

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

34. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.

- n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

35. His _____ of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

- n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

36. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.

- adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable

37. The _____ of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

- n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

38. My friends and I formed a _____ to search for the lost hiker.

- n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

ANSWERS: 31. uproot, 32. possibility, 33. involves, 34. immigrants, 35. ignorance, 36. precious, 37. excitement, 38. posse

39. The _____ study of different cultures is fascinating and informative.

adj. relating to the comparison of different things or groups; denoting a degree of difference or comparison between two or more things; characterized by comparison or contrast

40. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

41. This accident was something that happened _____.

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

42. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

43. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

44. Her research team made an important _____.

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

45. I've included the two designs for a _____.

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

46. There are numerous _____ about food and health.

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

ANSWERS: 39. comparative, 40. mechanisms, 41. necessarily, 42. improve, 43. chant, 44. discovery, 45. comparison, 46. misconceptions

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

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

48. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

49. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

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

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

51. This meal wasn't as _____ as we had imagined.

adj. having a strong and pleasant flavor when it is eaten

52. Her beauty _____ me completely.

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

53. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

54. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

ANSWERS: 47. comfort, 48. urban, 49. strike, 50. represent, 51. tasty, 52. enslaved, 53. tips, 54. religion

55. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

56. The art gallery displayed a beautiful _____ exhibition of landscapes and portraits.

adj. relating to, consisting of, or expressed through pictures or visual representation; illustrated or depicted visually rather than through words or text

57. Despite his many achievements, he remained _____ and down-to-earth.

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

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

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

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

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

60. Many autocratic policies became a _____ for that country's economy.

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

61. The athlete fell to the ground in _____ after injuring their ankle.

n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

62. His writing style was _____ with a clear and concise voice.

adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

ANSWERS: 55. misunderstand, 56. pictorial, 57. modest, 58. achieve, 59. structure, 60. curse, 61. agony, 62. distinctive,

63. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.
- v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
64. My father was _____ for so long.
- adj. not having a job, although able to work
65. He got timely treatment for his physical _____ of severe back pain.
- n. a slight but often persistent illness
66. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.
- n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
67. Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving _____ situations within a community.
- adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
68. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.
- n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
69. The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international _____.
- n. a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

ANSWERS: 63. default, 64. unemployed, 65. ailment, 66. motivation, 67. problematic, 68. charity, 69. agon

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

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

71. The extra funding for the project was a _____ and allowed us to complete it on time.

n. something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial

72. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a tongue

73. The allies _____ the terms of surrender to the country.

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

74. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

n. a living being, especially an animal

75. The _____ approach to morality focuses on what is considered socially acceptable behavior.

adj. setting, constituting, or relating to a standard or norm; prescribing or advocating a standard of correctness or right behavior

76. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 70. suppose, 71. godsend, 72. tongue, 73. dictated, 74. creature, 75. normative, 76. puzzle

77. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
78. Ethics is a branch of _____.
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
79. The toddler began to _____ his teeth when his mother took the toy away.
v. to grind or strike one's teeth together in anger, frustration, or pain
80. His anti-_____ practices were quite strict.
n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
81. She was promoted based on her _____ as a hardworking and dedicated employee.
n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
82. We must consume dietary _____ to maintain good health.
n. thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
83. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
84. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.
n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

ANSWERS: 77. flipped, 78. philosophy, 79. gnash, 80. luxury, 81. merits, 82. fiber, 83. assumes, 84. league

85. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
86. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
87. The _____ novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.
- adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
88. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
89. His rudeness was _____ not intentional.
- adj.* without purpose or intent
90. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
- v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
91. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.
- n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 85. determinant, 86. doe, 87. graphic, 88. alternative, 89. unwitting, 90. uncovered, 91. punishment

92. The ____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
93. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
94. The _____ of the decorations marked the wedding ceremony.
n. excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action
95. Her interests are ____ to mine.
adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin
96. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
97. I always start my morning with a bowl of _____.
n. a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals
98. He tried to ____ her with his charm and wit.
v. to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
99. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 92. mass, 93. amazing, 94. extravagance, 95. akin, 96. delight, 97. cereal, 98. woo, 99. celebrated

100. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

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

101. Our company _____ to the school endowment fund every year.

v. to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization

102. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

103. The _____ problem defied a solution.

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

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

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

105. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

ANSWERS: 100. rewards, 101. donates, 102. silent, 103. intractable, 104. occasion, 105. importance