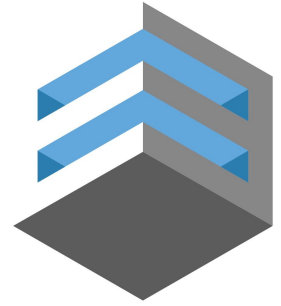


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Session 1: Word List

magic

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

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

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

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

flute

n. a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end

synonym : pipe, recorder, whistle

(1) **flute** music, (2) play the **flute**

The **flute** solo in the symphony was beautiful and elevated the overall performance.

universe

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

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

opera

n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

synonym: musical, operetta, oratorio

(1) ballad **opera**, (2) **opera** performance

She loves going to the **opera** house and hearing the beautiful music.

seminal

adj. highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system

synonym: influential, groundbreaking, original

(1) **seminal** research, (2) **seminal** duct

The book was a **seminal** work in psychology, influencing generations of researchers.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym: fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

retell

v. to tell someone about something again or differently

synonym: reiterate, repeat, restate

(1) **retell** a story, (2) **retell** an old tale

He **retells** the truth to plead not guilty.

turbulent

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

synonym: chaotic, stormy, tumultuous

(1) **turbulent** waves, (2) **turbulent** age

The stock market has been **turbulent** lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

crucible

n. a vessel made of ceramic, metal, or other materials used for melting or fusing substances at high

temperatures; a difficult or trying experience that tests one's character or resilience

synonym: melting pot, cauldron, furnace

(1) electric **crucible** furnace, (2) fire **crucible**

The scientific experiment required the use of a high-temperature **crucible**.

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym: change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

phoenix

n. a mythical bird that is said to live for several hundred years before dying in flames and then rising again from its ashes; a symbol of rebirth, regeneration, or immortality

synonym: firebird, mythical bird, rebirth symbol

(1) **phoenix** rising, (2) **phoenix** feather

A local artist created the **phoenix** sculpture in the park.

char

v. to burn or scorch the surface of something with fire or heat, often intentionally; to cook or prepare food over an open flame; to blacken or discolor due to excessive heat or burning; (noun) a charred piece of wood or other material; (noun, of a computer) a character or symbol in a text or string of characters in computer programming

synonym: burn, scorch, singe

(1) **char** a wall, (2) **char** layer

She decided to **char** the vegetables on the grill for added flavor.

fellowship

n. an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession

synonym : association, society, group

(1) research **fellowship**, (2) postdoctoral **fellowship**

The **fellowship** of scientists worked together to conduct research and make important discoveries.

crater

n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

synonym : cavity, hole, pit

(1) **crater** lake, (2) lunar **crater**

An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

ceremony

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

synonym : ritual, rite, observance

(1) **ceremony** hall, (2) **ceremony** location

The wedding **ceremony** was a beautiful and emotional event.

rite

n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice

synonym : ceremony, ritual, practice

(1) perform the **rite**, (2) **rite** of passage into adulthood

The bishop performed the **rite** of consecration for the new church.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym : shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

gigantic

adj. extremely large

synonym : huge, enormous, immense

(1) **gigantic** proportions, (2) **gigantic** monsters

He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a **gigantic** appetite.

electrify

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

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

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

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

concert

n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

synonym : gig, musical, show

(1) have a **concert** again, (2) a benefit **concert**

This artist always packs the **concert** halls.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym : resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

glint

v. to shine or sparkle with a brief, sudden light; to give a glimpse or hint of something; (noun) a quick or sudden flash of light, often reflecting off a surface

synonym : sparkle, shimmer, twinkle

(1) **glint** coldly, (2) a **glint** in his eye

The sun **glinted** off the water, creating a dazzling display of light.

warrior

n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

synonym : fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit

The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.

costume

n. a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation

synonym : attire, garb, outfit

(1) **costume** party, (2) **costume** change

She wore a beautiful **costume** for the play.

spear

n. a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

synonym : javelin, pike, lance

(1) hunting **spear**, (2) sharp-pointed **spear**

Ancient people made **spears** with wood entirely.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym : shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

bounce

v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

synonym : bound, leap, spring

(1) **bounce** across the floor, (2) **bounce** back from failure

They will **bounce** between various emotional states.

elaborate

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

synonym : detailed, intricate, complicated

(1) an **elaborate** hat, (2) **elaborate** Ponzi scheme

He proposed an **elaborate** program of public works.

extraordinary

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

synonym : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

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

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

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.

eternal

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

synonym : endless, everlasting, undying

(1) the hope of **eternal** life, (2) **eternal** quarreling

In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain **eternal** life.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym : support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

lantern

n. a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source

synonym: lamp, beacon, flashlight

(1) candle **lantern**, (2) a **lantern** in the dark

The paper-covered **lantern** glowed softly in the darkness.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

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.

ideogram

n. a written or graphic symbol that represents an idea or concept directly, without using specific words or sounds, often used in languages like Chinese or Japanese, where characters represent complete ideas or objects rather than individual letters or sounds

synonym: symbol, character, glyph

(1) **ideogram** character, (2) ancient **ideogram**

Ancient Mayan hieroglyphs were a complex system of **ideograms** and phonetic signs.

stroke

n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

synonym: blow

(1) suffer **stroke**, (2) a **stroke** of the putter

This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat **stroke**

cases.

bamboo

n. a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures

synonym : cane, reed, stem

(1) **bamboo** crafts, (2) **bamboo** flooring

The stalks of **bamboo** can grow up to a foot per day in optimal conditions.

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.

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

synonym : core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

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.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

mask

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

synonym: disguise, camouflage, conceal

(1) **mask** body odor, (2) an oxygen **mask**

The politician tried to **mask** the corruption.

drought

n. a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

synonym: dryness, aridity, water shortage

(1) periods of **drought**, (2) **drought** conditions

The region has been experiencing a severe **drought**, leading to water shortages and crop failures.

silk

n. a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

synonym: satin, taffeta, velvet

(1) **silk** road, (2) **silk** fabric

She wore a **silk** dress to the party.

gazelle

n. a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia

synonym: antelope, springbok, impala

(1) **gazelle** hunting, (2) graceful **gazelle**

The zookeeper carefully monitored the **gazelle's** diet to ensure it received proper nutrition.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym: jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

mechanics

n. the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose

occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles

synonym: kinematics, dynamics

(1) **mechanics** equation, (2) **mechanics** of the game

He studied **mechanics** in college and now works as an engineer.

suspend

v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

synonym: stop, postpone, adjourn

(1) **suspend** a decision, (2) **suspend** fruits from the ceiling

The University **suspended** the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

disbelief

n. the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

synonym: doubt, mistrust, incredulity

(1) **disbelief** in the authority, (2) ask in **disbelief**

His reaction was one of complete **disbelief**.

platter

n. a large, flat dish used for serving food; a variety of food items presented together, often arranged in an aesthetically pleasing manner

synonym: dish, tray, serving plate

(1) party **platter**, (2) cheese **platter**

The waiter brought out a large **platter** of appetizers for us to share.

savannah

n. a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

synonym: grassland, plain

(1) **savannah** region, (2) tropical **savannah**

The birds live in tropical forests, **savannahs**, and arid semi-desert environments.

apparent

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

synonym : obvious, clear, conspicuous

(1) heir **apparent**, (2) **apparent** contradiction

This star is **apparent** to the naked eye.

blank

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

synonym : empty, void, barren

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

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

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym : line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym : otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

sunrise

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

synonym : daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries

I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

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

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

clip

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

synonym : buckle, hook, pin

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

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

tempest

n. a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings

synonym : storm, hurricane, cyclone

(1) violent **tempest**, (2) **tempest** in a teapot

The sailor skillfully navigated his ship through the **tempest**.

prosper

v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

synonym : thrive, flourish, succeed

(1) **prosper** in the long run, (2) **prosper** as a trading hub

With careful planning and hard work, she was able to **prosper** in her new business venture.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

cabin

n. a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep

synonym : hut, cottage, shack

(1) **cabin** crew, (2) log **cabin**

The quaint **cabin** in the woods was the perfect retreat for a weekend getaway.

flame

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

synonym : blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

amazement

n. a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected

synonym : astonishment, wonder, surprise

(1) express **amazement**, (2) feeling of **amazement**

The magician's disappearing act left the audience in

amazement.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

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.

acquaint

v. to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something

synonym: familiarize, inform, enlighten

(1) **acquaint** himself with a subject, (2) **acquaint** me with business

I recently **acquainted** myself with a new coworker by introducing myself and chatting with her for a few minutes.

bedfellow

n. a person or thing that is closely associated with or connected to another, often in a negative context; a person or thing with which one has to cooperate, despite initial reluctance or opposition

synonym: partner, mate, companion

(1) strange **bedfellow**, (2) unlikely **bedfellow**

The combination of spicy food and alcohol is not a good **bedfellow** for a peaceful night's sleep.

governor

n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

synonym: administrator, executive, leader

(1) **governor** general, (2) a prefectural **governor**

The state **governor** visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

heaven

n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

synonym: paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

shalt

v. an archaic form of "shall," which is used to indicate a command, a requirement, or a prediction

synonym: must, should, ought

(1) full of thou **shalt** nots, (2) list of thou **shalts**

Thou **shalt** not steal.

cramp

n. a sudden, painful contraction or spasm of a muscle, typically in the leg or abdomen; a feeling of tightness or discomfort in a muscle caused by prolonged use or stress

synonym: crick, spasm, twinge

(1) hand **cramp**, (2) stomach **cramp**

I had to stop running because of a severe **cramp** in my leg.

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

synonym: epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym: bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

- mad** *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
synonym : crazy, insane, furious
(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily
He was **mad** with joy to see the results.
- sand** *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
synonym : grit, dust, powder
(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle
The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.
- castle** *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
synonym : fortress, palace, citadel
(1) the ruins of a **castle**, (2) **castle** moat
The medieval **castle** was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.
- nurture** *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
synonym : boost, cultivate, enable
(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents
Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.
- grand** *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
synonym : impressive, great, ambitious
(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain
This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.
- tower** *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
synonym : building, belfry, edifice
(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff
She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

gorgeous

adj. wonderful and attractive

synonym : beautiful, stunning, attractive

(1) a **gorgeous** meal, (2) **gorgeous** sunset

She wore a **gorgeous** dress to the party, which everyone admired.

palace

n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.

synonym : mansion, manor, castle

(1) a **palace** garden, (2) ancestral **palace**

The imperial **palace** is currently undergoing reforms.

fade

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

synonym : languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance

My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

rack

n. a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish

synonym : shelf, stand, frame

(1) clothing **rack**, (2) spice **rack**

I need to buy a new coat **rack** to organize my winter jackets.

rake

n. a garden tool with a long handle and curved, pointed teeth used for gathering fallen leaves, grass clippings, and other debris from lawns and gardens; a dissolute or immoral person, often one who pursues pleasure and debauchery to excess

synonym : scraper, harrow, hoe

(1) bamboo **rake**, (2) **rake's** behavior

The golf course has special **rakes** for smoothing out the sand traps.

horizon

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

anticipated

synonym: skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

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

drip

v. to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

synonym: drop, drizzle, trickle

(1) **drip** liquid, (2) **drip** from the vicious wound

Water is **dripping** from the faucet.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym: descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

clad

adj. dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance

synonym: dressed, covered, attired

(1) **clad** completely in black, (2) **clad** in armor

The athlete was **clad** in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym: average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

banal

adj. lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar

synonym : trite, mundane, dull

(1) **banal** conversation, (2) **banal** plot

The restaurant's menu had a **banal** selection of generic dishes with no unique or exciting options.

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.

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.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym : enchanting, occult, supernatural

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

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

rainstorm

n. a heavy fall of rain

synonym : downpour, deluge, cloudburst

(1) furious **rainstorm**, (2) brave a **rainstorm**

The severe **rainstorm** caused flash flooding in low-lying areas.

puppet

n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

synonym : marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

miniature

adj. being on a very small scale

synonym : mini, scaled-down, pint-sized

(1) **miniature** camera, (2) **miniature** version

He did complicated pen-and-ink drawings like medieval **miniatures**.

palm

n. the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family *Palmae* having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

synonym : hand, fist

(1) the **palm** side of the forearm, (2) coconut **palm** trees

This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the **palm** of your hand.

peter

v. to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

synonym : decrease, drop, lower

(1) eventually **peter** out, (2) begin to **peter** out

The music just **petered** out.

standing

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position;
(noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

synonym : upright, vertical, (noun) position

(1) **standing** water, (2) his social **standing**

The **standing** concert was packed with fans.

precipice

n. a steep cliff, especially one that is high and has a vertical or nearly vertical face

synonym : cliff, drop, brink

(1) leap off a **precipice**, (2) mural **precipice**

The hiker stood at the edge of the **precipice**, taking in the breathtaking view.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym : fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym : extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

spider

n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

synonym : arachnid, wanderer

(1) **spider** venom, (2) web **spider**

The **spider** spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym : jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase

Canada **bounds** on the United States.

gravity

n. the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

synonym : heaviness, attraction, weight

(1) the attraction of **gravity**, (2) preserve my **gravity**

The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of **gravity**.

ensemble

n. a group of people who perform together, especially in music or theater; a coordinated or matching set of something

synonym : group, team, set

(1) **ensemble** performance, (2) cloud **ensemble**

She put together an **ensemble** of matching clothes for the party.

slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

synonym: bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

scratch

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

synonym: claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

choreograph

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

sculpture

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

synonym : statuary, carving, modeling

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

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

comic

adj. funny and making you laugh

synonym : amusing, funny, humorous

(1) **comic** books, (2) a **comic** hat

The novel is **comic** and tragic.

mythology

n. a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

synonym : folklore, legend, fable

(1) tale from **mythology**, (2) ancient **mythology**

He studies Greek and Roman **mythology**.

modern

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

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

circus

n. a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment

synonym : fair, carnival, spectacle

(1) **circus** performer, (2) **circus** tent

The kids were excited to go to the **circus** and see the clowns and animals perform.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym : acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

volcano

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

synonym : mount, peak, crater

(1) **volcano** alert level, (2) active **volcano**

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

erupt

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

synonym : eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

swallow

v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

synonym : consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail

I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

sulfur

n. (also sulphur) a chemical element with the symbol S and atomic number 16, found in many minerals and sulfur compounds, often used in the production of fertilizers, rubber, paper, and other industrial applications

(1) **sulfur** dioxide, (2) **sulfur** mine

The **sulfur** emissions from the nearby factory caused the rotten egg smell.

lyric

n. the words of a pop song

synonym : song, jingle, ballad

(1) **lyrics** of a song, (2) **lyric** poetry

He embedded the strong will in this **lyric**.

shale

n. a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel

synonym : rock, sedimentary rock

(1) **shale** rock, (2) **shale** gas

The geologist studied the **shale** layers in the rock formations to determine their age.

sarong

n. a long, loose-fitting garment or wrap, typically worn by both men and women in various cultures, especially in Southeast Asia and South Asia, often made from lightweight fabric and is worn as a skirt, dress, or cover-up

synonym : wrapper, garment

(1) beautiful floral **sarong**, (2) beach **sarong**

She wore a colorful **sarong** as a beach cover-up during her vacation.

hike

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

synonym: walk, trek, excursion

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

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

gypsy

n. (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts

synonym: Romani, traveler, nomad

(1) **gypsy** lifestyle, (2) **gypsy** culture

The **gypsy** caravan traveled from town to town, never staying in one place for too long.

straight

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

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

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

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

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.

survive

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

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash
These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. web sp____r
n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
2. el____te Ponzi scheme
adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
3. brave a ra____rm
n. a heavy fall of rain
4. et____l quarreling
adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever
5. a per____ve view
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
6. su____r dioxide
n. (also sulphur) a chemical element with the symbol S and atomic number 16, found in many minerals and sulfur compounds, often used in the production of fertilizers, rubber, paper, and other industrial applications
7. ma____e amounts
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
8. st____ht for two months
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
9. ma____l powers
adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 1. spider, 2. elaborate, 3. rainstorm, 4. eternal, 5. perspective, 6. sulfur, 7. massive, 8. straight, 9. magical

10. me_____cs equation *n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
11. sharp-pointed sp__r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
12. a prefectural go_____or *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
13. high-technology su_____e industries *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
14. ci___s tent *n.* a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
15. tie c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
16. bo___e back from failure *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
17. pu___t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
18. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 10. mechanics, 11. spear, 12. governor, 13. sunrise, 14. circus, 15. clip, 16. bounce, 17. puppet, 18. incredible

19. ac____nt me with business *v.* to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something
20. a gl__t in his eye *v.* to shine or sparkle with a brief, sudden light; to give a glimpse or hint of something; (noun) a quick or sudden flash of light, often reflecting off a surface
21. re___l a story *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
22. go_____us sunset *adj.* wonderful and attractive
23. d__p from the vicious wound *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
24. research fel_____ip *n.* an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession
25. cr___r lake *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
26. id_____am character *n.* a written or graphic symbol that represents an idea or concept directly, without using specific words or sounds, often used in languages like Chinese or Japanese, where characters represent complete ideas or objects rather than individual letters or sounds
27. ca__n crew *n.* a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep

ANSWERS: 19. acquaint, 20. glint, 21. retell, 22. gorgeous, 23. drip, 24. fellowship, 25. crater, 26. ideogram, 27. cabin

28. tale from my_____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
29. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
30. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
31. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
32. te_____t in a teapot *n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
33. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
34. an el_____te hat *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
35. bamboo r__e *n.* a garden tool with a long handle and curved, pointed teeth used for gathering fallen leaves, grass clippings, and other debris from lawns and gardens; a dissolute or immoral person, often one who pursues pleasure and debauchery to excess

ANSWERS: 28. mythology, 29. horizon, 30. tower, 31. abstract, 32. tempest, 33. sand, 34. elaborate, 35. rake

36. ph____x rising *n.* a mythical bird that is said to live for several hundred years before dying in flames and then rising again from its ashes; a symbol of rebirth, regeneration, or immortality
37. unlikely be_____ow *n.* a person or thing that is closely associated with or connected to another, often in a negative context; a person or thing with which one has to cooperate, despite initial reluctance or opposition
38. a la_____n in the dark *n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
39. r__e of passage into adulthood *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
40. s__k road *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
41. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
42. ac_____nt himself with a subject *v.* to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something
43. su_____d a decision *v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

ANSWERS: 36. phoenix, 37. bedfellow, 38. lantern, 39. rite, 40. silk, 41. soar, 42. acquaint, 43. suspend

44. sc____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
45. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
46. col____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
47. mi____re camera *adj.* being on a very small scale
48. co__c books *adj.* funny and making you laugh
49. leap off a pr____ce *n.* a steep cliff, especially one that is high and has a vertical or nearly vertical face
50. di____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
51. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
52. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
53. pr___r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
54. er__t in anger *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
55. go____or general *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

ANSWERS: 44. scratch, 45. leap, 46. collaborate, 47. miniature, 48. comic, 49. precipice, 50. disappear, 51. prefer, 52. hero, 53. prefer, 54. erupt, 55. governor

56. gy__y lifestyle *n.* (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts
57. postdoctoral fel_____ip *n.* an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession
58. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
59. suffer st___e *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
60. stomach cr__p *n.* a sudden, painful contraction or spasm of a muscle, typically in the leg or abdomen; a feeling of tightness or discomfort in a muscle caused by prolonged use or stress
61. periods of dr_____t *n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation
62. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

ANSWERS: 56. gypsy, 57. fellowship, 58. bound, 59. stroke, 60. cramp, 61. drought, 62. extraordinary

63. me___m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
64. beautiful su_____e *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
65. bo___e across the floor *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
66. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
67. active vo_____o *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
68. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
69. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
70. violent te_____t *n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
71. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
72. feeling of am_____nt *n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected

ANSWERS: 63. medium, 64. sunrise, 65. bounce, 66. tower, 67. volcano, 68. balance, 69. transformation, 70. tempest, 71. instance, 72. amazement

73. a benefit co_____t *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
74. a tour guide at the te____e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
75. r__r for more *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
76. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
77. create sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
78. tense piano st____gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
79. ba____o flooring *n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
80. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
81. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
82. heir ap_____nt *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly

ANSWERS: 73. concert, 74. temple, 75. roar, 76. incredible, 77. sculpture, 78. string, 79. bamboo, 80. imaginary, 81. sink, 82. apparent

83. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
84. ba__l plot *adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
85. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
86. short video c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
87. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
88. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
89. lunar cr___r *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
90. graceful ga_____e *n.* a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia
91. the p__m side of the forearm *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

ANSWERS: 83. dimension, 84. banal, 85. electrify, 86. clip, 87. modern, 88. spiritual, 89. crater, 90. gazelle, 91. palm

92. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
93. sa_____ah region *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
94. a go_____us meal *adj.* wonderful and attractive
95. pr_____r as a trading hub *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
96. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
97. wa_____r spirit *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
98. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
99. catch the pl___e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
100. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

ANSWERS: 92. spiritual, 93. savannah, 94. gorgeous, 95. prosper, 96. magic, 97. warrior, 98. leap, 99. plague, 100. essence

101. cheese pl_____r *n.* a large, flat dish used for serving food; a variety of food items presented together, often arranged in an aesthetically pleasing manner
102. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
103. furious ra_____rm *n.* a heavy fall of rain
104. ci___s performer *n.* a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
105. log ca__n *n.* a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep
106. me_____cs of the game *n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
107. ballad op__a *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
108. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 101. platter, 102. nurture, 103. rainstorm, 104. circus, 105. cabin, 106. mechanics, 107. opera, 108. spirit

109. untold mi___y *n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
110. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
111. fl__e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
112. candle la_____n *n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
113. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
114. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
115. ba__l conversation *adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
116. se_____l research *adj.* highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system
117. hand cr__p *n.* a sudden, painful contraction or spasm of a muscle, typically in the leg or abdomen; a feeling of tightness or discomfort in a muscle caused by prolonged use or stress
118. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 109. misery, 110. electrify, 111. flame, 112. lantern, 113. massive, 114. disappear, 115. banal, 116. seminal, 117. cramp, 118. technological

119. strange be_____ow *n.* a person or thing that is closely associated with or connected to another, often in a negative context; a person or thing with which one has to cooperate, despite initial reluctance or opposition
120. ca___e moat *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
121. r___l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
122. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
123. the ruins of a ca___e *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
124. corporate pu___t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

ANSWERS: 119. bedfellow, 120. castle, 121. roll, 122. shadow, 123. castle, 124. puppet

125. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
126. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
127. the hope of et_____l life *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
128. beach sa___g *n.* a long, loose-fitting garment or wrap, typically worn by both men and women in various cultures, especially in Southeast Asia and South Asia, often made from lightweight fabric and is worn as a skirt, dress, or cover-up
129. gi_____ic proportions *adj.* extremely large
130. have a co_____t again *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
131. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
132. preserve my gr_____y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
133. perform the r___e *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
134. co_____e party *n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation

ANSWERS: 125. modern, 126. nurture, 127. eternal, 128. sarong, 129. gigantic, 130. concert, 131. mad, 132. gravity, 133. rite, 134. costume

135. gi____ic monsters *adj.* extremely large
136. sh__e gas *n.* a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel
137. begin to pe__r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
138. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
139. fire cr____le *n.* a vessel made of ceramic, metal, or other materials used for melting or fusing substances at high temperatures; a difficult or trying experience that tests one's character or resilience
140. bl__k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
141. ma____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
142. mo____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 135. gigantic, 136. shale, 137. peter, 138. sand, 139. crucible, 140. blank, 141. magical, 142. movement

143. simmering fl__e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
144. a co__c hat *adj.* funny and making you laugh
145. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
146. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
147. se____l duct *adj.* highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system
148. go on a h__e *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
149. s__m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
150. ly__cs of a song *n.* the words of a pop song
151. secular dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
152. sc____h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
153. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
154. op__a performance *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

ANSWERS: 143. flame, 144. comic, 145. obvious, 146. grand, 147. seminal, 148. hike, 149. slam, 150. lyric, 151. drama, 152. scratch, 153. myth, 154. opera

155. sw____w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
156. ba____o crafts *n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
157. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
158. er__t into tears *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
159. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
160. ro__h estimation *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
161. his social st____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
162. list of thou sh__ts *v.* an archaic form of "shall," which is used to indicate a command, a requirement, or a prediction
163. ancient id____am *n.* a written or graphic symbol that represents an idea or concept directly, without using specific words or sounds, often used in languages like Chinese or Japanese, where characters represent complete ideas or objects rather than individual letters or sounds

ANSWERS: 155. swallow, 156. bamboo, 157. bound, 158. erupt, 159. hell, 160. rough, 161. standing, 162. shalt, 163. ideogram

164. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
165. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
166. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
167. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
168. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
169. mural pr_____ce *n.* a steep cliff, especially one that is high and has a vertical or nearly vertical face
170. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
171. ancestral pa____e *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
172. dr_____t conditions *n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation
173. abstract sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
174. retie the st____g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

ANSWERS: 164. involve, 165. critic, 166. stick, 167. mad, 168. concept, 169. precipice, 170. obvious, 171. palace, 172. drought, 173. sculpture, 174. string

175. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
176. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
177. d__p liquid *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
178. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
179. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
180. local vi_____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
181. gl__t coldly *v.* to shine or sparkle with a brief, sudden light; to give a glimpse or hint of something; (noun) a quick or sudden flash of light, often reflecting off a surface
182. su____r mine *n.* (also sulphur) a chemical element with the symbol S and atomic number 16, found in many minerals and sulfur compounds, often used in the production of fertilizers, rubber, paper, and other industrial applications
183. ce_____ny location *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
184. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

ANSWERS: 175. technological, 176. survive, 177. drip, 178. sight, 179. balance, 180. villager, 181. glint, 182. sulfur, 183. ceremony, 184. grand

185. upcoming crime dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
186. business ho____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
187. c__d completely in black *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
188. full of thou sh__t nots *v.* an archaic form of "shall," which is used to indicate a command, a requirement, or a prediction
189. cho____ph a stage performance *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
190. gy__y culture *n.* (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts
191. ly__c poetry *n.* the words of a pop song
192. ask in di____ef *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
193. c__d in armor *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance

ANSWERS: 185. drama, 186. horizon, 187. clad, 188. shalt, 189. choreograph, 190. gypsy, 191. lyric, 192. disbelief, 193. clad

194. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
195. ga_____e hunting *n.* a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia
196. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
197. co_____e change *n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation
198. cloud en_____le *n.* a group of people who perform together, especially in music or theater; a coordinated or matching set of something
199. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
200. r__e's behavior *n.* a garden tool with a long handle and curved, pointed teeth used for gathering fallen leaves, grass clippings, and other debris from lawns and gardens; a dissolute or immoral person, often one who pursues pleasure and debauchery to excess
201. deadly pl_____e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

ANSWERS: 194. magic, 195. gazelle, 196. straight, 197. costume, 198. ensemble, 199. concept, 200. rake, 201. plague

202. the attraction of gr____y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
203. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
204. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
205. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
206. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
207. armored wa_____r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
208. coconut p__m trees *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves
209. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
210. ascend to he___n *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

ANSWERS: 202. gravity, 203. extraordinary, 204. involve, 205. prop, 206. perspective, 207. warrior, 208. palm, 209. imaginary, 210. heaven

211. di_____ef in the authority *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
212. ph_____x feather *n.* a mythical bird that is said to live for several hundred years before dying in flames and then rising again from its ashes; a symbol of rebirth, regeneration, or immortality
213. ro__h and tough *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
214. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
215. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
216. a pa___e garden *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
217. clothing r__k *n.* a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish
218. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

ANSWERS: 211. disbelief, 212. phoenix, 213. rough, 214. hero, 215. prop, 216. palace, 217. rack, 218. standing

219. party pl_____r *n.* a large, flat dish used for serving food; a variety of food items presented together, often arranged in an aesthetically pleasing manner
220. electric cr_____le furnace *n.* a vessel made of ceramic, metal, or other materials used for melting or fusing substances at high temperatures; a difficult or trying experience that tests one's character or resilience
221. sp____t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
222. ce_____ny hall *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
223. s__k fabric *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
224. a sw_____w tail *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
225. eventually pe__r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
226. an oxygen m__k *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

ANSWERS: 219. platter, 220. crucible, 221. spirit, 222. ceremony, 223. silk, 224. swallow, 225. peter, 226. mask

227. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
228. f__e in importance *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
229. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
230. vo_____o alert level *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
231. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
232. an advertising me___m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
233. re___l an old tale *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
234. tu_____nt waves *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
235. ap_____nt contradiction *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly

ANSWERS: 227. critic, 228. fade, 229. shadow, 230. volcano, 231. dimension, 232. medium, 233. retell, 234. turbulent, 235. apparent

236. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
237. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
238. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
239. pr____r in the long run *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
240. notable in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
241. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
242. hunting sp__r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
243. sp___r venom *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
244. ancient my____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

ANSWERS: 236. myth, 237. stick, 238. blank, 239. prosper, 240. instance, 241. transformation, 242. spear, 243. spider, 244. mythology

245. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
246. tu_____nt age *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
247. express am_____nt *n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
248. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
249. mi_____re version *adj.* being on a very small scale
250. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
251. he___n on earth *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
252. f__e away almost completely *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
253. c__r a wall *v.* to burn or scorch the surface of something with fire or heat, often intentionally; to cook or prepare food over an open flame; to blacken or discolor due to excessive heat or burning; (noun) a charred piece of wood or other material; (noun, of a computer) a character or symbol in a text or string of characters in computer programming

ANSWERS: 245. soar, 246. turbulent, 247. amazement, 248. temple, 249. miniature, 250. collaborate, 251. heaven, 252. fade, 253. char

263. m__k body odor
264. run like h__l
265. fl__e music
266. s__m the door
267. an ab____ct noun
268. c__r layer
269. a circular mo____nt
- v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
- n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
- n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end
- v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
- adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
- v.* to burn or scorch the surface of something with fire or heat, often intentionally; to cook or prepare food over an open flame; to blacken or discolor due to excessive heat or burning; (noun) a charred piece of wood or other material; (noun, of a computer) a character or symbol in a text or string of characters in computer programming
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 263. mask, 264. hell, 265. flute, 266. slam, 267. abstract, 268. char, 269. movement

270. a h__e in prices *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
271. sh__e rock *n.* a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel
272. en____le performance *n.* a group of people who perform together, especially in music or theater; a coordinated or matching set of something
273. spice r__k *n.* a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish
274. a st___e of the putter *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
275. beautiful floral sa____g *n.* a long, loose-fitting garment or wrap, typically worn by both men and women in various cultures, especially in Southeast Asia and South Asia, often made from lightweight fabric and is worn as a skirt, dress, or cover-up
276. live in mi___y *n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
277. play the fl__e *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end

ANSWERS: 270. hike, 271. shale, 272. ensemble, 273. rack, 274. stroke, 275. sarong, 276. misery, 277. flute

278. tropical sa____ah

n. a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

279. dull si__t

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

280. r__r with laughter

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

ANSWERS: 278. savannah, 279. sight, 280. roar

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The severe _____ caused flash flooding in low-lying areas.
n. a heavy fall of rain
2. He was sick for five _____ days.
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
3. Ancient Mayan hieroglyphs were a complex system of _____ and phonetic signs.
n. a written or graphic symbol that represents an idea or concept directly, without using specific words or sounds, often used in languages like Chinese or Japanese, where characters represent complete ideas or objects rather than individual letters or sounds
4. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a _____ appetite.
adj. extremely large
5. The _____ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.
n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
6. The magician's disappearing act left the audience in _____.
n. a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
7. She loves going to the _____ house and hearing the beautiful music.
n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

ANSWERS: 1. rainstorm, 2. straight, 3. ideograms, 4. gigantic, 5. flame, 6. amazement, 7. opera

8. I need to buy a new coat _____ to organize my winter jackets.
n. a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish
9. The wedding _____ was a beautiful and emotional event.
n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
10. The University _____ the most recalcitrant demonstrators.
v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
11. The kids were excited to go to the _____ and see the clowns and animals perform.
n. a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
12. The novel is _____ and tragic.
adj. funny and making you laugh
13. Thou _____ not steal.
v. an archaic form of "shall," which is used to indicate a command, a requirement, or a prediction
14. The region has been experiencing a severe _____ leading to water shortages and crop failures.
n. a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

ANSWERS: 8. rack, 9. ceremony, 10. suspended, 11. circus, 12. comic, 13. shalt, 14. drought,

15. An enormous _____ marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.
- n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
16. He fastens some sheets of paper with a _____.
- n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
17. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.
- adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
18. The vehicle bounced along the _____ mountain road.
- adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
19. The _____ solo in the symphony was beautiful and elevated the overall performance.
- n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end
20. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
21. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
- n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
22. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.
- v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

ANSWERS: 15. crater, 16. clip, 17. extraordinary, 18. rough, 19. flute, 20. concept, 21. hell, 22. scratch

23. He embedded the strong will in this _____.
- n.* the words of a pop song
24. I got up early to watch the _____ at the summit.
- n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
25. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen
- adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
26. He felt like _____ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.
- n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
27. The zookeeper carefully monitored the _____ diet to ensure it received proper nutrition.
- n.* a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia
28. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
- v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
29. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
- v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
30. She wore a colorful _____ as a beach cover-up during her vacation.
- n.* a long, loose-fitting garment or wrap, typically worn by both men and women in various cultures, especially in Southeast Asia and South Asia, often made from lightweight fabric and is worn as a skirt, dress, or cover-up

ANSWERS: 23. lyric, 24. sunrise, 25. blank, 26. heaven, 27. gazelle's, 28. soared, 29. sink, 30. sarong

31. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
32. The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of _____.
n. the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
33. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
34. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.
adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
35. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.
n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
36. Ancient people made _____ with wood entirely.
n. a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
37. He had _____ the dance in this play himself.
v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
38. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 31. hero, 32. gravity, 33. balance, 34. medium, 35. plague, 36. spears, 37. choreographed, 38. spirit

39. Water is _____ from the faucet.

v. to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

40. The sailor skillfully navigated his ship through the _____.

n. a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings

41. The hiker stood at the edge of the _____ taking in the breathtaking view.

n. a steep cliff, especially one that is high and has a vertical or nearly vertical face

42. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

43. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

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

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

45. This star is _____ to the naked eye.

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

46. Our company suffered _____ from incurring a heavy loss.

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

ANSWERS: 39. dripping, 40. tempest, 41. precipice, 42. grand, 43. spiritual, 44. stick, 45. apparent, 46. misery

47. The _____ emissions from the nearby factory caused the rotten egg smell.
- n.* (also sulphur) a chemical element with the symbol S and atomic number 16, found in many minerals and sulfur compounds, often used in the production of fertilizers, rubber, paper, and other industrial applications
48. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
- n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
49. The island was formed by a _____ millions of years ago.
- n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
50. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.
- n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
51. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
52. The sun _____ off the water, creating a dazzling display of light.
- v.* to shine or sparkle with a brief, sudden light; to give a glimpse or hint of something; (noun) a quick or sudden flash of light, often reflecting off a surface
53. The ancient Greek _____ are known for their realism and attention to detail.
- n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

ANSWERS: 47. sulfur, 48. magic, 49. volcano, 50. dimensions, 51. rolled, 52. glinted, 53. sculptures

54. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
- n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
55. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
- v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
56. The athlete was _____ in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.
- adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
57. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.
- n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
58. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
- adj.* unbelievable; enormous
59. The politician was merely a _____ for the wealthy elite.
- n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
60. The stalks of _____ can grow up to a foot per day in optimal conditions.
- n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
61. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 54. universe, 55. roared, 56. clad, 57. string, 58. incredible, 59. puppet, 60. bamboo, 61. electrify

62. His reaction was one of complete _____.
- n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
63. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
- n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
64. This artist always packs the _____ halls.
- n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
65. The bishop performed the _____ of consecration for the new church.
- n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
66. The stock market has been _____ lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.
- adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
67. My memory will _____ but my heart will live on.
- v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
68. She _____ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.
- v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
69. He studied _____ in college and now works as an engineer.
- n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles

ANSWERS: 62. disbelief, 63. horizon, 64. concert, 65. rite, 66. turbulent, 67. fade, 68. slammed, 69. mechanics

70. He _____ the truth to plead not guilty.

v. to tell someone about something again or differently

71. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

72. She wore a _____ dress to the party, which everyone admired.

adj. wonderful and attractive

73. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

74. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

75. The scientific experiment required the use of a high-temperature _____.

n. a vessel made of ceramic, metal, or other materials used for melting or fusing substances at high temperatures; a difficult or trying experience that tests one's character or resilience

76. Canada _____ on the United States.

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

77. They will _____ between various emotional states.

v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

ANSWERS: 70. retells, 71. sights, 72. gorgeous, 73. myth, 74. villagers, 75. crucible, 76. bounds, 77. bounce

78. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
79. The golf course has special _____ for smoothing out the sand traps.
n. a garden tool with a long handle and curved, pointed teeth used for gathering fallen leaves, grass clippings, and other debris from lawns and gardens; a dissolute or immoral person, often one who pursues pleasure and debauchery to excess
80. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.
n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
81. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
82. She wore a _____ dress to the party.
n. a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
83. She had an audition for _____ school.
n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
84. The state _____ visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.
n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
85. He did complicated pen-and-ink drawings like medieval _____.
adj. being on a very small scale

ANSWERS: 78. prefer, 79. rakes, 80. tower, 81. transformations, 82. silk, 83. drama, 84. governor, 85. miniatures

86. She put together an _____ of matching clothes for the party.
- n.* a group of people who perform together, especially in music or theater; a coordinated or matching set of something
87. The music just _____ out.
- v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
88. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
- v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
89. The _____ spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.
- n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
90. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary _____.
- n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
91. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.
- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
92. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
93. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
- v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

ANSWERS: 86. ensemble, 87. petered, 88. collaborate, 89. spider, 90. warrior, 91. leap, 92. survive, 93. nurture

94. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.
- n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
95. The restaurant's menu had a _____ selection of generic dishes with no unique or exciting options.
- adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
96. We have finally lost our last _____.
- n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
97. The imperial _____ is currently undergoing reforms.
- n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
98. Battles between whites and blacks _____ immediately.
- v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
99. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
100. This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the _____ of your hand.
- n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

ANSWERS: 94. temple, 95. banal, 96. prop, 97. palace, 98. erupted, 99. movement, 100. palm

101. I recently _____ myself with a new coworker by introducing myself and chatting with her for a few minutes.
- v.* to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something
102. The medieval _____ was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.
- n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
103. She wore a beautiful _____ for the play.
- n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation
104. 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
105. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
106. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
- adj.* existing only in someone's mind
107. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.
- n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
108. I _____ my anger and kept quiet.
- v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

ANSWERS: 101. acquainted, 102. castle, 103. costume, 104. involves, 105. obvious, 106. imaginary, 107. essence, 108. swallowed

109. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
110. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain _____ life.
adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever
111. 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
112. The quaint _____ in the woods was the perfect retreat for a weekend getaway.
n. a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep
113. The birds live in tropical forests, _____ and arid semi-desert environments.
n. a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
114. She decided to _____ the vegetables on the grill for added flavor.
v. to burn or scorch the surface of something with fire or heat, often intentionally; to cook or prepare food over an open flame; to blacken or discolor due to excessive heat or burning; (noun) a charred piece of wood or other material; (noun, of a computer) a character or symbol in a text or string of characters in computer programming
115. This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat _____ cases.
n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

ANSWERS: 109. instances, 110. eternal, 111. abstract, 112. cabin, 113. savannahs, 114. char, 115. stroke

116. He studies Greek and Roman _____.

- n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

117. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

118. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

- adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

119. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

- n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

120. The _____ of scientists worked together to conduct research and make important discoveries.

- n.* an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession

121. The _____ concert was packed with fans.

- adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

122. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

123. With careful planning and hard work, she was able to _____ in her new business venture.

- v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

ANSWERS: 116. mythology, 117. modern, 118. Technological, 119. shadow, 120. fellowship, 121. standing, 122. critics, 123. prosper

124. He proposed an _____ program of public works.

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

125. The geologist studied the _____ layers in the rock formations to determine their age.

n. a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel

126. The combination of spicy food and alcohol is not a good _____ for a peaceful night's sleep.

n. a person or thing that is closely associated with or connected to another, often in a negative context; a person or thing with which one has to cooperate, despite initial reluctance or opposition

127. He was ____ with joy to see the results.

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

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

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

129. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

130. The book was a _____ work in psychology, influencing generations of researchers.

adj. highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system

ANSWERS: 124. elaborate, 125. shale, 126. bedfellow, 127. mad, 128. perspective, 129. sand, 130. seminal

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

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

132. The waiter brought out a large _____ of appetizers for us to share.

n. a large, flat dish used for serving food; a variety of food items presented together, often arranged in an aesthetically pleasing manner

133. The paper-covered _____ glowed softly in the darkness.

n. a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source

134. The family decided to _____ in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

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

135. A local artist created the _____ sculpture in the park.

n. a mythical bird that is said to live for several hundred years before dying in flames and then rising again from its ashes; a symbol of rebirth, regeneration, or immortality

136. The politician tried to _____ the corruption.

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

137. The _____ caravan traveled from town to town, never staying in one place for too long.

n. (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts

ANSWERS: 131. magical, 132. platter, 133. lantern, 134. hike, 135. phoenix, 136. mask, 137. gypsy

138. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

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

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

140. I had to stop running because of a severe _____ in my leg.

n. a sudden, painful contraction or spasm of a muscle, typically in the leg or abdomen; a feeling of tightness or discomfort in a muscle caused by prolonged use or stress

ANSWERS: 138. disappear, 139. massive, 140. cramp