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Session 1: Word List

nervous

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

synonym : neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**
He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

talented

adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

synonym : gifted, able, skilled

(1) a very **talented** actor, (2) **talented** athlete
She is a **talented** musician, able to play several instruments.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion
The news of her promotion **excited** her.

needless

adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

synonym : unnecessary, pointless, superfluous

(1) **needless** argument, (2) **needless** waste
This **needless** paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

educator

n. a person who teaches or educates people

synonym: teacher, instructor, lecturer

(1) business **educator**, (2) duty as an **educator**

She is an **educator** with progressive ideas.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

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

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

louse

n. a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person

synonym: bug, insect, parasite

(1) pubic **louse**, (2) **louse** egg

The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one **louse**.

innovation

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

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

unemployed

adj. not having a job, although able to work

synonym: idle, inactive, jobless

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

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

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym : disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

introduction

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

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym : lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

contraption

n. a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual

synonym : device, gadget, machinery

(1) farming **contraption**, (2) complicated **contraption**

The inventor created a **contraption** that could turn salt water into drinking water.

teller

n. a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

synonym : cashier, bank clerk, clerk

(1) fortune- **teller**, (2) **teller** machine

The bank **teller** carefully counted the money before handing it to the customer.

rotary

adj. relating to, revolving around, or characterized by rotation or a revolving motion

synonym: circular, revolving, spinning

(1) **rotary** motion, (2) **rotary** tool

The **rotary** engine is known for its smooth and efficient operation.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

cripple

v. to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine

synonym: disable, impair, paralyze

(1) **cripple** economy, (2) **cripple** opposition

The injury was severe enough to **cripple** the athlete's chances of playing again this season.

polio

n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

synonym: poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis

(1) **polio** epidemic, (2) **polio** eradication

The **polio** vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

poorest

adj. having the least wealth or resources

synonym: impecunious, penniless, least

(1) **poorest** of the poor, (2) **poorest** area

The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

reproduce

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

synonym : duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself

By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

agrarian

adj. relating to the cultivation of land or the raising of crops and animals; characterized by a society that relies on agriculture as its primary means of sustenance

synonym : agricultural, farming, rural

(1) **agrarian** society, (2) **agrarian** reform

Most of the people in the **agrarian** community work in agriculture.

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym : output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

ordain

v. to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service

synonym : consecrate, appoint, order

(1) **ordain** a deacon, (2) **ordain** a minister

The bishop will **ordain** new priests next week during the religious ceremony.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym: occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

brain

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

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

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

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

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

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**.

stimulus

n. something that causes growth or arouses action

synonym: incitement, inspiration, motivation

(1) a response to a **stimulus**, (2) economic **stimulus**

This book provides children with ideas and a **stimulus** for outside recreation.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym: knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

pre-K

n. (an abbreviation for "pre-kindergarten") a program that provides structured educational activities and socialization opportunities for young children before they start formal kindergarten

synonym : preschool, early education

(1) **pre-K** education, (2) **pre-K** program

My son will start attending **pre-K** next year.

fuss

n. a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance

synonym : commotion, agitation, disturbance

(1) make a **fuss**, (2) get into a **fuss**

There was a **fuss** about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.

cavity

n. an empty space or hollowness within a solid object, especially within the body, such as a tooth or bone; a hole or depression in a surface or the ground

synonym : hollows, holes, indenture

(1) tooth **cavity**, (2) **cavity** filling

I have a **cavity** in one of my molars and must schedule a dentist appointment.

recreation

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

synonym : amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland

Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym : education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

algebra

n. a type of mathematics in which signs and letters represent numbers

synonym : calculus

(1) **algebra** calculation, (2) strong in **algebra**

His classmates were laboring with advanced **algebra**.

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

digit

n. one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

synonym: number, integer, numeral

(1) **digit** identifier, (2) the **digit** in the hundreds place

We must enter a six- **digit** number to unlock the safe.

multiply

v. to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

synonym: boost, amplify, reproduce

(1) **multiply** 5 and 6, (2) **multiply** about hundredfold

Multiply a number by itself twice.

vacation

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

synonym : leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

clairvoyant

adj. having the ability to perceive or predict events, facts, or details that are not apparent to the senses; possessing extrasensory perception

synonym : second-sighted, precognitive, psychic

(1) **clairvoyant** powers, (2) **clairvoyant** abilities

He was considered a **clairvoyant** prophet because of his uncanny ability to predict the future.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

prediction

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

synonym : forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddied the **prediction**.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym : share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

stifle

v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

synonym: smother, suppress, suffocate

(1) **stifle** a laugh, (2) **stifle** creativity

The oppressive regime tried to **stifle** free speech and dissent.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

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

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

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.

charter

n. a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation

synonym: constitution, agreement, pact

(1) a **charter** flight, (2) the **Charter** of the United Nations

The **charter** of the organization outlines its mission and goals.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym: scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym: assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

nail

n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

synonym: pin, tack, fastener

(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper

He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on

the fence.

fiscal

adj. relating to government revenue and expenditures;
relating to financial matters

synonym: financial, monetary, economic

(1) **fiscal** policy, (2) **fiscal** year

The government is facing a **fiscal** crisis due to high levels of debt.

cliff

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

synonym: crag, escarpment, precipice

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

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

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym: instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

afford

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

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

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

statistics

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

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

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

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

blink

v. to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

synonym: twinkle, flash, flicker

(1) **blink** his eyes, (2) **blink** in astonishment

He **blinked** in the dazzling sunlight.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

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

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

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

pittance

n. a very small or inadequate amount of money or income; a meager allowance or wage, often suggesting that it is insufficient or unsatisfactory

synonym : meager amount, paltry sum, token

(1) live on a **pittance**, (2) earn a **pittance**

I work long hours for such a **pittance** of a salary, struggling to make ends meet.

legend

n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

synonym : fable, fiction, myth

(1) basketball **legend**, (2) **legend** of King Arthur

Many of the **legends** of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

dropout

n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

synonym : noncompleter, quitter, school leaver

(1) the **dropout** rate, (2) **dropout** student

The high school **dropout** rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym : area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

graduated

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

synonym : completed, finished, earned

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

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

graduate

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

or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

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

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

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.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym : mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym : pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

grit

n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

synonym : determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

strategy

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

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

Session 2: Spelling

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ANSWERS: 27. crop, 28. nervous, 29. stick, 30. charter, 31. pre-K, 32. grade, 33. democracy, 34. legend, 35. educator

36. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
37. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
38. earn a pi____ce *n.* a very small or inadequate amount of money or income; a meager allowance or wage, often suggesting that it is insufficient or unsatisfactory
39. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
40. di__t identifier *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
41. st___e creativity *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
42. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
43. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
44. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

ANSWERS: 36. harass, 37. stake, 38. pittance, 39. crop, 40. digit, 41. stifle, 42. fan, 43. grade, 44. refuse

45. fi___l year *adj.* relating to government revenue and expenditures; relating to financial matters
46. fortune-te___r *n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience
47. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
48. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
49. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
50. dr____t student *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
51. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
52. g__t washer *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
53. re_____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

ANSWERS: 45. fiscal, 46. teller, 47. excite, 48. afford, 49. mimic, 50. dropout, 51. convinced, 52. grit, 53. reproduce

54. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
55. make my pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
56. ed_____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
57. pr__K education *n.* (an abbreviation for "pre-kindergarten") a program that provides structured educational activities and socialization opportunities for young children before they start formal kindergarten
58. gr_____ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
59. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
60. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
61. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
62. ro____y tool *adj.* relating to, revolving around, or characterized by rotation or a revolving motion
63. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

ANSWERS: 54. instruction, 55. prediction, 56. educated, 57. pre-K, 58. graduated, 59. innovate, 60. encourage, 61. vulnerable, 62. rotary, 63. convinced

64. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
65. people who are une____ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
66. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
67. tr____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
68. po____t of the poor *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
69. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
70. ag____an society *adj.* relating to the cultivation of land or the raising of crops and animals; characterized by a society that relies on agriculture as its primary means of sustenance
71. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
72. a short va____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
73. basketball le____d *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

ANSWERS: 64. upset, 65. unemployed, 66. opportune, 67. trillion, 68. poorest, 69. decide, 70. agrarian, 71. mimic, 72. vacation, 73. legend

74. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
75. imm____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
76. st___e a laugh *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
77. d__e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
78. outdoor rec_____on *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
79. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
80. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
81. g__t determination *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
82. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
83. ha___s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
84. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 74. threaten, 75. immediately, 76. stifle, 77. dare, 78. recreation, 79. refuse, 80. critic, 81. grit, 82. folk, 83. harass, 84. statistics

85. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
86. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
87. ne_____ss argument *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
88. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
89. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
90. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
91. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
92. 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
93. summer va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

ANSWERS: 85. folk, 86. educational, 87. needless, 88. introduction, 89. immediately, 90. predict, 91. wealth, 92. stick, 93. vacation

94. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
95. get ne____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
96. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
97. re____ce the painting *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
98. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
99. the dr____t rate *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
100. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
101. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
102. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
103. duty as an ed____or *n.* a person who teaches or educates people
104. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 94. develop, 95. nervous, 96. strategy, 97. reproduce, 98. crazy, 99. dropout, 100. opportune, 101. nation, 102. rub, 103. educator, 104. nation

105. the th___l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
106. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
107. te___r machine *n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience
108. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
109. mu_____ly about hundredfold *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
110. fi___l policy *adj.* relating to government revenue and expenditures; relating to financial matters
111. bl__k his eyes *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
112. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
113. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

ANSWERS: 105. thrill, 106. dare, 107. teller, 108. educational, 109. multiply, 110. fiscal, 111. blink, 112. threaten, 113. advantage

114. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
115. cla_____nt powers *adj.* having the ability to perceive or predict events, facts, or details that are not apparent to the senses; possessing extrasensory perception
116. make a f__s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
117. assignment for the une_____ed youth *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
118. gr_____ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
119. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
120. a response to a st_____us *n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
121. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
122. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
123. or____n a deacon *v.* to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service
124. live on a pi_____ce *n.* a very small or inadequate amount of money or income; a meager allowance or wage, often suggesting that it is insufficient or unsatisfactory

ANSWERS: 114. zone, 115. clairvoyant, 116. fuss, 117. unemployed, 118. graduated, 119. absolutely, 120. stimulus, 121. statistics, 122. profession, 123. ordain, 124. pittance

125. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
126. mu_____ly 5 and 6 *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
127. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
128. the Ch_____r of the United Nations *n.* a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation
129. buy the company's st___e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
130. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
131. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
132. n___l clipper *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
133. a very ta_____ed actor *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

ANSWERS: 125. confuse, 126. multiply, 127. absolutely, 128. charter, 129. stake, 130. decide, 131. introduction, 132. nail, 133. talented

134. economic st____us *n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
135. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
136. cl__f diving *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
137. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
138. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
139. po__o eradication *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
140. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
141. gloomy pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
142. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
143. al_____a calculation *n.* a type of mathematics in which signs and letters represent numbers
144. po_____t area *adj.* having the least wealth or resources

ANSWERS: 134. stimulus, 135. innovation, 136. cliff, 137. crazy, 138. invention, 139. polio, 140. afford, 141. prediction, 142. fan, 143. algebra, 144. poorest

145. in____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
146. cla_____nt abilities *adj.* having the ability to perceive or predict events, facts, or details that are not apparent to the senses; possessing extrasensory perception
147. po__o epidemic *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
148. a bold cl__f *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
149. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
150. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
151. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
152. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
153. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
154. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
155. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

ANSWERS: 145. innovate, 146. clairvoyant, 147. polio, 148. cliff, 149. excite, 150. struggle, 151. confuse, 152. instruction, 153. zone, 154. bunch, 155. disgust

156. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
157. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
158. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
159. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
160. complicated con_____on *n.* a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual
161. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
162. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
163. ne_____ss waste *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
164. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
165. the di__t in the hundreds place *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

ANSWERS: 156. vulnerable, 157. disgust, 158. profession, 159. brain, 160. contraption, 161. graduate, 162. struggle, 163. needless, 164. bunch, 165. digit

166. bl__k in astonishment *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
167. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
168. ca___y filling *n.* an empty space or hollowness within a solid object, especially within the body, such as a tooth or bone; a hole or depression in a surface or the ground
169. get into a f__s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
170. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
171. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
172. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
173. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
174. tooth ca___y *n.* an empty space or hollowness within a solid object, especially within the body, such as a tooth or bone; a hole or depression in a surface or the ground

ANSWERS: 166. blink, 167. mad, 168. cavity, 169. fuss, 170. advantage, 171. upset, 172. encourage, 173. innovation, 174. cavity

175. gets m_d easily

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

176. ev____te a situation

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

ANSWERS: 175. mad, 176. evaluate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
2. She is a _____ musician, able to play several instruments.
adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
3. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
4. _____ a number by itself twice.
v. to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
5. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.
v. to have the courage to do something
6. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
7. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.
adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

ANSWERS: 1. trillion, 2. talented, 3. develop, 4. Multiply, 5. dare, 6. struggle, 7. educational

8. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
- v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
9. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
10. She has a lot of _____ and determination to succeed.
- n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
11. The high school _____ rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.
- n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
12. This _____ paperwork is wasting our time and resources.
- adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
13. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.
- adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
14. I have a _____ in one of my molars and must schedule a dentist appointment.
- n.* an empty space or hollowness within a solid object, especially within the body, such as a tooth or bone; a hole or depression in a surface or the ground
15. Do you have a plan for a long _____
- n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

ANSWERS: 8. harassed, 9. decide, 10. grit, 11. dropout, 12. needless, 13. graduated, 14. cavity, 15. vacation?

16. The _____ engine is known for its smooth and efficient operation.
adj. relating to, revolving around, or characterized by rotation or a revolving motion
17. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
18. His classmates were laboring with advanced _____.
n. a type of mathematics in which signs and letters represent numbers
19. My father was _____ for so long.
adj. not having a job, although able to work
20. The bishop will _____ new priests next week during the religious ceremony.
v. to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service
21. My initial reaction was to _____.
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
22. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
23. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria _____.
v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

ANSWERS: 16. rotary, 17. innovate, 18. algebra, 19. unemployed, 20. ordain, 21. refuse, 22. innovation, 23. reproduce

24. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

25. Most of the people in the _____ community work in agriculture.

adj. relating to the cultivation of land or the raising of crops and animals; characterized by a society that relies on agriculture as its primary means of sustenance

26. I'm a big ____ of French food.

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

27. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

28. He _____ in the dazzling sunlight.

v. to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

29. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

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

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

31. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 24. disgust, 25. agrarian, 26. fan, 27. threatening, 28. blinked, 29. encouraged, 30. introduction, 31. crazy

32. There was a _____ about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.
n. a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
33. My son will start attending _____ next year.
n. (an abbreviation for "pre-kindergarten") a program that provides structured educational activities and socialization opportunities for young children before they start formal kindergarten
34. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
35. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
36. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
37. The inventor created a _____ that could turn salt water into drinking water.
n. a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual
38. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
39. 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

ANSWERS: 32. fuss, 33. pre-K, 34. grade, 35. critics, 36. afford, 37. contraption, 38. nation, 39. stick

40. She is an _____ with progressive ideas.

n. a person who teaches or educates people

41. The bank _____ carefully counted the money before handing it to the customer.

n. a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

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

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

43. The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one _____.

n. a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person

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

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

45. The _____ countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

adj. having the least wealth or resources

46. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

47. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

ANSWERS: 40. educator, 41. teller, 42. mad, 43. louse, 44. statistics, 45. poorest, 46. immediately, 47. confused

48. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.
v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
49. The injury was severe enough to _____ the athlete's chances of playing again this season.
v. to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine
50. Basketball is their usual _____ after school.
n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
51. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
52. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.
n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
53. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
54. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.
n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
55. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 48. evaluate, 49. cripple, 50. recreation, 51. instruction, 52. profession, 53. folk, 54. thrill, 55. brain

56. These results muddied the _____.
- n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
57. I work long hours for such a _____ of a salary, struggling to make ends meet.
- n.* a very small or inadequate amount of money or income; a meager allowance or wage, often suggesting that it is insufficient or unsatisfactory
58. The oppressive regime tried to _____ free speech and dissent.
- v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
59. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
60. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.
- n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
61. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
62. This book provides children with ideas and a _____ for outside recreation.
- n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
63. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

ANSWERS: 56. prediction, 57. pittance, 58. stifle, 59. excited, 60. stake, 61. advantages, 62. stimulus, 63. wealth

64. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

65. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

66. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

67. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.

adj. having received a high standard of education

68. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

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

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

70. The government is facing a _____ crisis due to high levels of debt.

adj. relating to government revenue and expenditures; relating to financial matters

71. The _____ of the organization outlines its mission and goals.

n. a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation

72. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

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

ANSWERS: 64. convinced, 65. opportune, 66. absolutely, 67. educated, 68. invention, 69. cliff, 70. fiscal, 71. charter, 72. nervous

73. Sow early for an early _____.

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

74. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

75. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

76. He used a hammer and round _____ to fix the loose board on the fence.

n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

77. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

78. Many of the _____ of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

79. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

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

80. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 73. crop, 74. Democracy, 75. vulnerable, 76. nail, 77. zone, 78. legends, 79. strategy, 80. bunch

81. He was considered a _____ prophet because of his uncanny ability to predict the future.

adj. having the ability to perceive or predict events, facts, or details that are not apparent to the senses; possessing extrasensory perception

82. He was awfully _____ by the news.

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

83. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

84. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

85. The _____ vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

86. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

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

87. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

ANSWERS: 81. clairvoyant, 82. upset, 83. predict, 84. mimic, 85. polio, 86. graduate, 87. rubbed

88. We must enter a six-_____ number to unlock the safe.

- n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

ANSWERS: 88. digit