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Session 1: Word List

experiment

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

synonym : experimentation, investigation

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

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

digital

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

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

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

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

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output
They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

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.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym: alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me
The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym: adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

anonymity

n. the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information

synonym: obscurity, secrecy, namelessness

(1) comment with **anonymity**, (2) protect **anonymity**

The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their **anonymity** online.

- blur** *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
synonym : smudge, smear, fuzz
(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**
The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.
- fiction** *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
synonym : fantasy, fable, invention
(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller
Truth is stranger than **fiction**.
- broadcast** *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
synonym : air, announce, advertise
(1) **broadcast** a concert, (2) **broadcast** a radio ad
Most of the programs are **broadcast** in this area.
- evolve** *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
synonym : develop, mature, grow
(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade
Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.
- specific** *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
synonym : particular, definite, distinct
(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations
The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.
- 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.

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym: event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo

I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

serial

adj. consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents

synonym: consecutive, sequential, successive

(1) **serial** killer, (2) **serial** number

The company is launching a new line of **serial** products aimed at young adults.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

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

blame

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

verify

v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

synonym: affirm, ascertain, confirm

(1) **verify** a document, (2) **verify** identity

We always **verify** all critical information independently.

barrier

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

synonym: border, barricade, fence

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

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

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

frontier

n. a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

synonym: border, boundary, borderland

(1) **frontier** disputes, (2) the Italian **frontier** with Switzerland

He worked at the **frontier** of behavioral economics.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town
I don't want to **settle** for second best.

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

marketplace

n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers

synonym: bazaar, mart, emporium

(1) **marketplace** competition, (2) global **marketplace**

The online **marketplace** offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

wool

n. a textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep or certain other animals, used for making clothing and other fabric items

synonym : fleece, cashmere

(1) **wool** sweater, (2) **wool** fibers

I love wearing **wool** socks during the winter to keep my feet warm.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym : purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

culminate

v. to reach a peak or climax

synonym : end, finish, conclude

(1) **culminate** in a heart attack, (2) **culminate** in failure

The event will **culminate** in a grand fireworks display.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

mediator

n. a person who acts as an impartial third party to resolve a dispute or disagreement between two or more parties

synonym : conciliator, arbitrator, interceder

(1) legal **mediator**, (2) **mediator** between two sides

The **mediator's** primary task was to help the two countries resolve their differences and peacefully resolve the conflict.

enthusiasm

n. a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

synonym: eagerness, zeal, willingness

(1) unflagging **enthusiasm**, (2) lose **enthusiasm**

We are tackling the development for updates with **enthusiasm**.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

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

American customers

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

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.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

mock

v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

synonym: gibe (or jibe), make fun of, laugh at

(1) **mock** his accent, (2) **mock** at his misfortune

It is impolite to **mock** fun of an international student's English mistakes.

sketch

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

synonym: drawing, outline, blueprint

(1) a penciled **sketch**, (2) first design **sketches**

Yesterday, I created a rough **sketch** of the plan.

constraint

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

synonym: limitation, restriction, bound

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

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

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

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

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

tune

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

synonym: melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

(1) the **tune** of a song, (2) **tune** a piano

The band played a beautiful **tune** on their instruments.

scroll

n. a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

synonym: manuscript, document, parchment

(1) roll up a **scroll**, (2) **scroll** through a document

The house owner loved the large hanging **scroll** in the guest room.

suspense

n. a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome

synonym: tension, anticipation, excitement

(1) **suspense** thriller, (2) **suspense-filled** movie

The mystery novel was full of **suspense**, keeping readers on the edge of their seats until the end.

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**.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of

the malfunction.

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.

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.

authentic

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

synonym : genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

vision

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

synonym : sight, image, concept

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

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

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

mechanism

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

synonym: means, method, system

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

mechanism

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

thumb

n. the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

synonym: digit, finger, phalange

(1) **thumb** wrestling, (2) **thumb** a ride

He used his right **thumb** to press the button on his phone.

couch

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

synonym: sofa, settee, divan

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

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

spontaneous

adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

synonym: willing, impulsive, intuitive

(1) a **spontaneous** behavior, (2) **spontaneous** labor

The crowd broke out into **spontaneous** laughter.

authenticity

n. the quality of being real or genuine

synonym: genuineness, originality, credibility

(1) **authenticity** verification, (2) lack **authenticity**

The museum's experts confirmed the **authenticity** of the painting.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

bind

v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

synonym: tie, stick to, adhere

(1) **bind** the man's hands, (2) **bind** old letters into a bundle

The company's rules **bind** the employee's working hours.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

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.

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.

twit *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating

synonym : fool, idiot, imbecile

(1) celebrity **twit**, (2) neighborhood **twit**

Please ignore that **twit** on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.

tap *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

fictional *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
synonym : imaginary, invented, made-up

(1) **fictional** character, (2) non- **fictional** text

The names of the company are entirely **fictional**.

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

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,
(2) **engage** a new employee

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

evil *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym : malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym : legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **congress**, (2) peace **congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

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.

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym : betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

homage

n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

synonym : respect, deference, reverence

(1) paying **homage** to tradition, (2) vassal **homage**

The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of **homage** to the retiring athlete.

parody

n. a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

synonym : spoof, satire, lampoon

(1) **parody** imitation, (2) comedic **parody**

The movie was a **parody** of classic horror films.

mayor

n. an elected official who presides over a city or town government

synonym : governor, leader, chief executive

(1) a deputy **mayor**, (2) **mayor's** race

The incumbent **mayor** announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.

expletive

n. a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration

synonym: curse, swear word, profanity

(1) **expletive** language, (2) **expletive** pronoun

When she stubbed her toe, she let out an **expletive** in pain.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym: go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

foul

adj. extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad

synonym: nasty, loathsome, illegal

(1) **foul** day, (2) **foul** language

It was **foul** of him to betray his friend.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym: stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

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

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

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

epic

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

synonym: legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

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.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

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.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

anonymous

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

synonym : nameless, unidentified, unnamed

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

She received several **anonymous** calls.

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym : spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym : convert, transcribe, render

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

Translate the text from Italian into English.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym : ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

hapless

adj. having no luck; unfortunate

synonym: unfortunate, unlucky, pitiable

(1) her **hapless** fate, (2) **hapless** situation

The **hapless** victim had no way to defend themselves.

detective

n. a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them

synonym: gumshoe, investigator, hawkshaw

(1) **detective** work, (2) **detective** movie

The **detective** diligently pursued his cases.

lingo

n. the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession

synonym: language, jargon, slang

(1) computer **lingo**, (2) medical **lingo**

The language used in the article was technical **lingo**, making it difficult for non-experts to understand.

sunglasses

n. a pair of darkened glasses worn to protect the eyes from harsh sunlight or glare

synonym: shades, eyewear, specs

(1) **sunglasses** case, (2) designer **sunglasses**

I always wear **sunglasses** outside to protect my eyes from the sun's harmful rays.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

arch

n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

synonym : turn, bow, arc

(1) the **arch** of a person's foot, (2) an **arch-shaped** stone structure

The **arch** bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

nonfiction

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

synonym : fact, reality, truth

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

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

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym : wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel

He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym : hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

strike

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

synonym : hit, impact, influence

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

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

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

settlement

n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

synonym: agreement, accommodation, colonization

(1) the **settlement** of a dispute, (2) **settlement** in a new house

Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful **settlement**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. roll up a sc___l | <i>n.</i> a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them |
| 2. s__k a buzzer-beater | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 3. chemical ad_____on | <i>n.</i> the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers |
| 4. st_____re and function of the brain | <i>n.</i> the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts |
| 5. non-fi_____al text | <i>adj.</i> imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction |
| 6. an in_____le asset | <i>adj.</i> impossible or nearly impossible to see |
| 7. em___e from poverty | <i>v.</i> to move out of or away from something and become visible |
| 8. m__k at his misfortune | <i>v.</i> to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way |
| 9. el__t death | <i>v.</i> to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something |

ANSWERS: 1. scroll, 2. sink, 3. addition, 4. structure, 5. fictional, 6. invisible, 7. emerge, 8. mock, 9. elect

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| 10. a we__d dress | <i>adj.</i> extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain |
| 11. strict time con_____nts | <i>n.</i> a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought |
| 12. outdoor rec_____on | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 13. the fr__e of the policy | <i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window |
| 14. ab___d storyline | <i>adj.</i> ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical |
| 15. aut_____ity verification | <i>n.</i> the quality of being real or genuine |
| 16. pa___y imitation | <i>n.</i> a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work |
| 17. w__l sweater | <i>n.</i> a textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep or certain other animals, used for making clothing and other fabric items |
| 18. se___e down in the town | <i>v.</i> to reach an agreement of disagreement |
| 19. courtroom sto_____ing | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories |
| 20. t_p a new market | <i>v.</i> to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc. |

ANSWERS: 10. weird, 11. constraint, 12. recreation, 13. frame, 14. absurd, 15. authenticity, 16. parody, 17. wool, 18. settle, 19. storytelling, 20. tap

21. su____se thriller *n.* a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome
22. the set_____nt of a dispute *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
23. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
24. 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
25. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
26. 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
27. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
28. ve___y a document *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

ANSWERS: 21. suspense, 22. settlement, 23. frame, 24. fan, 25. fiction, 26. medium, 27. strike, 28. verify

29. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
30. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
31. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
32. 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
33. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
34. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
35. ex____d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
36. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
37. se____l killer *adj.* consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents
38. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
39. spo_____us labor *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

ANSWERS: 29. solid, 30. invisible, 31. twist, 32. sink, 33. combine, 34. evil, 35. expand, 36. identify, 37. serial, 38. perspective, 39. spontaneous

40. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
41. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
42. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
43. an au_____ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
44. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
45. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
46. designer sun_____es *n.* a pair of darkened glasses worn to protect the eyes from harsh sunlight or glare
47. lack aut_____ity *n.* the quality of being real or genuine
48. e__c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
49. neighborhood t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
50. arrive and de____t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
51. an a__h-shaped stone structure *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

ANSWERS: 40. interact, 41. identity, 42. origin, 43. authentic, 44. specifically, 45. identity, 46. sunglasses, 47. authenticity, 48. epic, 49. twit, 50. depart, 51. arch

52. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
53. lose ent_____sm *n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it
54. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
55. mar_____ce competition *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
56. telescopic vi_____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
57. ex_____d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
58. first design sk_____hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
59. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
60. motion b____r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
61. rec_____on of the homeland *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

ANSWERS: 52. fascinating, 53. enthusiasm, 54. creative, 55. marketplace, 56. vision, 57. expand, 58. sketch, 59. convinced, 60. blur, 61. recreation

62. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
63. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
64. a penciled sk____h *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
65. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
66. ex_____ve pronoun *n.* a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration
67. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
68. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
69. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
70. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
71. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
72. ev____e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
73. her ha_____s fate *adj.* having no luck; unfortunate

ANSWERS: 62. dimension, 63. storytelling, 64. sketch, 65. distribute, 66. expletive, 67. protagonist, 68. entirely, 69. entirely, 70. representative, 71. creative, 72. evolve, 73. hapless

74. medical li__o *n.* the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession
75. computer li__o *n.* the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession
76. de_____ve movie *n.* a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them
77. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
78. non_____on movie *n.* a genre of literature that deals with the factual representation of real or historical events, people, or places; prose writing that presents or discusses true life events or experiences
79. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
80. the t__e of a song *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
81. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
82. de_____cy advocate *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

ANSWERS: 74. lingo, 75. lingo, 76. detective, 77. weird, 78. nonfiction, 79. digital, 80. tune, 81. Renaissance, 82. democracy

83. an_____us house *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
84. cu_____te in failure *v.* to reach a peak or climax
85. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
86. ma__r's race *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government
87. f__l language *adj.* extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad
88. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
89. th__b wrestling *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
90. comment with an_____ty *n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
91. t__e a piano *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
92. se____l number *adj.* consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents
93. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 83. anonymous, 84. culminate, 85. addition, 86. mayor, 87. foul, 88. novel, 89. thumb, 90. anonymity, 91. tune, 92. serial, 93. distribute

94. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
95. or____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
96. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
97. f__l day *adj.* extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad
98. a co__h potato *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
99. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
100. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
101. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
102. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
103. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
104. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
105. fr_____er disputes *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

ANSWERS: 94. individual, 95. origin, 96. specifically, 97. foul, 98. couch, 99. tweet, 100. perspective, 101. strike, 102. engagement, 103. solid, 104. conclude, 105. frontier

106. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
107. ep_____e of vertigo *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
108. con_____nt on business activity *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
109. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
110. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
111. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
112. su_____se-filled movie *n.* a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome
113. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
114. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
115. a deputy ma__r *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government
116. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
117. a spo_____us behavior *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

ANSWERS: 106. tweet, 107. episode, 108. constraint, 109. exciting, 110. intention, 111. vision, 112. suspense, 113. exciting, 114. bound, 115. mayor, 116. fascinating, 117. spontaneous

118. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
119. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
120. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
121. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
122. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
123. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
124. wanted cr_____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
125. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
126. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
127. global mar_____ce *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
128. vassal ho___e *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

ANSWERS: 118. mechanism, 119. relative, 120. experiment, 121. bound, 122. Renaissance, 123. epic, 124. criminal, 125. twist, 126. structure, 127. marketplace, 128. homage

129. th__b a ride *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
130. 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
131. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
132. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
133. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
134. b__d old letters into a bundle *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
135. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
136. cu_____te in a heart attack *v.* to reach a peak or climax
137. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
138. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 129. thumb, 130. clip, 131. novel, 132. representative, 133. congress, 134. bind, 135. define, 136. culminate, 137. define, 138. specific

139. cost ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
140. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
141. 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
142. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
143. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
144. the sets were meticulously au_____ic *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
145. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
146. the a__h of a person's foot *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
147. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
148. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
149. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions

ANSWERS: 139. barrier, 140. engage, 141. clip, 142. evolution, 143. combine, 144. authentic, 145. conclude, 146. arch, 147. evolve, 148. criminal, 149. normally

150. legal me____or
n. a person who acts as an impartial third party to resolve a dispute or disagreement between two or more parties
151. a di____l watch
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
152. re____ve factors
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
153. re____e CO2 into the air
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
154. pro____on of civilization
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
155. en____e in environmental protection activities
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
156. a charm against e__l
adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
157. leather co__h
n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
158. information ba____r
n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
159. set____nt in a new house
n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

ANSWERS: 150. mediator, 151. digital, 152. relative, 153. release, 154. progression, 155. engage, 156. evil, 157. couch, 158. barrier, 159. settlement

160. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
161. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
162. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
163. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
164. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
165. w__l fibers *n.* a textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep or certain other animals, used for making clothing and other fabric items
166. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
167. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
168. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
169. principles of de_____cy *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
170. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
171. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 160. mechanism, 161. narrative, 162. normally, 163. dimension, 164. journalist, 165. wool, 166. protagonist, 167. translate, 168. settle, 169. democracy, 170. progression, 171. elect

172. an ab___d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
173. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
174. fi_____al character *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
175. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
176. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
177. ve___y identity *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
178. ha_____s situation *adj.* having no luck; unfortunate
179. de_____ve work *n.* a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them
180. celebrity t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
181. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
182. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

ANSWERS: 172. absurd, 173. emerge, 174. fictional, 175. capture, 176. universe, 177. verify, 178. hapless, 179. detective, 180. twit, 181. narrative, 182. fiction

183. me_____or between two sides *n.* a person who acts as an impartial third party to resolve a dispute or disagreement between two or more parties
184. 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
185. ex_____ve language *n.* a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration
186. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
187. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
188. br_____st a concert *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
189. m__k his accent *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
190. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
191. unflagging ent_____sm *n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

ANSWERS: 183. mediator, 184. medium, 185. expletive, 186. universe, 187. tap, 188. broadcast, 189. mock, 190. translate, 191. enthusiasm

192. b__d the man's hands *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
193. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
194. protect an_____ty *n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
195. an_____us letter *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
196. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
197. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
198. 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
199. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
200. paying ho___e to tradition *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
201. the speaker's dr___e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

ANSWERS: 192. bind, 193. intention, 194. anonymity, 195. anonymous, 196. convinced, 197. identify, 198. fan, 199. capture, 200. homage, 201. drone

202. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
203. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
204. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
205. non_____on account *n.* a genre of literature that deals with the factual representation of real or historical events, people, or places; prose writing that presents or discusses true life events or experiences
206. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
207. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
208. end of the first ep_____e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
209. fl_____le schedules *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
210. de____t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

ANSWERS: 202. release, 203. specific, 204. blur, 205. nonfiction, 206. engagement, 207. drone, 208. episode, 209. flexible, 210. depart

211. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
212. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
213. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
214. the Italian fr_____er with Switzerland *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
215. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
216. sun_____es case *n.* a pair of darkened glasses worn to protect the eyes from harsh sunlight or glare
217. comedic pa____y *n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
218. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
219. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
220. br_____st a radio ad *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
221. sc____l through a document *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

ANSWERS: 211. congress, 212. evolution, 213. experiment, 214. frontier, 215. journalist, 216. sunglasses, 217. parody, 218. individual, 219. interact, 220. broadcast, 221. scroll

222. a fl____le wire

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

ANSWERS: 222. flexible

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ diligently pursued his cases.
n. a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them

2. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

3. 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

4. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

5. You can be more _____ and creative in your approach.
adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

6. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
n. a person who has committed a crime

7. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

8. The movie was a _____ of classic horror films.
n. a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

ANSWERS: 1. detective, 2. capture, 3. convinced, 4. elected, 5. flexible, 6. criminal, 7. specifically, 8. parody

9. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
- n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
10. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.
- n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
11. _____ 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
12. Canada _____ on the United States.
- v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
13. I don't want to _____ for second best.
- v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
14. 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
15. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
16. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.
- n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

ANSWERS: 9. addition, 10. blur, 11. Democracy, 12. bounds, 13. settle, 14. fan, 15. frame, 16. dimensions

17. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
18. We _____ a cease-fire.
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
19. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
20. The band played a beautiful _____ on their instruments.
n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
21. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
22. 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
23. I always wear _____ outside to protect my eyes from the sun's harmful rays.
n. a pair of darkened glasses worn to protect the eyes from harsh sunlight or glare
24. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.
n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

ANSWERS: 17. identify, 18. concluded, 19. expand, 20. tune, 21. identity, 22. universe, 23. sunglasses, 24. mechanisms

25. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
- v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
26. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
- adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
27. The _____ bears the weight of the overhead bridge.
- n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
28. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
29. She received several _____ calls.
- adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
30. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
31. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
32. We always _____ all critical information independently.
- v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
33. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.
- adv.* usually; under normal conditions

ANSWERS: 25. emerged, 26. relatives, 27. arch, 28. individual, 29. anonymous, 30. storytelling, 31. structure, 32. verify, 33. normally

34. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.
adj. extremely interesting
35. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
36. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
37. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
38. The _____ primary task was to help the two countries resolve their differences and peacefully resolve the conflict.
n. a person who acts as an impartial third party to resolve a dispute or disagreement between two or more parties
39. This _____ book about the history of jazz is a must-read for music fans.
n. a genre of literature that deals with the factual representation of real or historical events, people, or places; prose writing that presents or discusses true life events or experiences
40. The museum's experts confirmed the _____ of the painting.
n. the quality of being real or genuine
41. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 34. fascinating, 35. protagonist's, 36. tap, 37. weird, 38. mediator's, 39. nonfiction, 40. authenticity, 41. exciting

42. I want to put that _____ of my life behind me.
- n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
43. I love wearing _____ socks during the winter to keep my feet warm.
- n.* a textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep or certain other animals, used for making clothing and other fabric items
44. The language used in the article was technical _____ making it difficult for non-experts to understand.
- n.* the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession
45. The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of _____ to the retiring athlete.
- n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
46. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.
- v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
47. He used his right _____ to press the button on his phone.
- n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
48. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
49. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

ANSWERS: 42. episode, 43. wool, 44. lingo, 45. homage, 46. departed, 47. thumb, 48. novel, 49. evolved

50. Yesterday, I created a rough _____ of the plan.
n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
51. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
52. The _____ of water is called ice.
adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
53. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.
v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape
54. They study the _____ of the universe.
n. a gradual process of transformation of living things
55. 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
56. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
57. It was _____ of him to betray his friend.
adj. extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad
58. The budget _____ forced them to make difficult decisions.
n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

ANSWERS: 50. sketch, 51. define, 52. solid-state, 53. twisted, 54. evolution, 55. sink, 56. barrier, 57. foul, 58. constraint

59. He worked at the _____ of behavioral economics.

n. a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

60. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

61. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

62. The company's rules _____ the employee's working hours.

v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

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

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

64. It is impolite to _____ fun of an international student's English mistakes.

v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

65. 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

66. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

ANSWERS: 59. frontier, 60. evil, 61. drone, 62. bind, 63. strike, 64. mock, 65. recreation, 66. Congress

67. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

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

68. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

69. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

70. _____ the text from Italian into English.

v. to convert or change words into another language

71. The media _____ had special passes.

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

72. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

73. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

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

adv. completely

ANSWERS: 67. digital, 68. absurd, 69. specific, 70. Translate, 71. representatives, 72. renaissance, 73. creative, 74. entirely

75. The event will _____ in a grand fireworks display.

v. to reach a peak or climax

76. His estate was _____ to his sons.

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

77. The company is launching a new line of _____ products aimed at young adults.

adj. consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents

78. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

79. The mystery novel was full of _____ keeping readers on the edge of their seats until the end.

n. a state of uncertain or anxious anticipation or waiting; a feeling of excitement or apprehension that arises from the uncertainty of an outcome

80. The online _____ offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.

n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers

81. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

v. to communicate or react with somebody

82. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 75. culminate, 76. distributed, 77. serial, 78. origin, 79. suspense, 80. marketplace, 81. interact, 82. tweet

83. When she stubbed her toe, she let out an _____ in pain.
n. a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration
84. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
85. The crowd broke out into _____ laughter.
adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
86. Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful _____.
n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
87. 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
88. Most of the programs are _____ in this area.
v. to send out a program or some information on radio or television
89. Please ignore that _____ on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.
n. a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
90. I love to relax on the _____ and watch movies on the weekends.
n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

ANSWERS: 83. expletive, 84. narrative, 85. spontaneous, 86. settlement, 87. medium, 88. broadcast, 89. twit, 90. couch

91. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
92. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
93. We are tackling the development for updates with _____.
n. a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it
94. 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
95. The stages of the play were meticulously _____.
adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
96. Truth is stranger than _____.
n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
97. The _____ victim had no way to defend themselves.
adj. having no luck; unfortunate
98. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 91. perspective, 92. engaged, 93. enthusiasm, 94. clip, 95. authentic, 96. fiction, 97. hapless, 98. combine

99. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
100. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see
101. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
102. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
103. The incumbent _____ announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.
n. an elected official who presides over a city or town government
104. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
105. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.
n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
106. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.
n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
107. The names of the company are entirely _____.
adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

ANSWERS: 99. progression, 100. invisible, 101. experiments, 102. release, 103. mayor, 104. vision, 105. epic, 106. engagement, 107. fictional

108. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

n. something you want to do and are going to do

109. The house owner loved the large hanging _____ in the guest room.

n. a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

110. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

111. The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their _____ online.

n. the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information

ANSWERS: 108. intentions, 109. scroll, 110. journalists, 111. anonymity