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Session 1: Word List

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym : art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

logos

n. a Greek term referring to logic, reason, or intellectual discourse, which denotes the rational principle that governs the universe or the persuasive appeal based on logic or reason in an argument

synonym : word, language, discourse

(1) **logos** principle, (2) divine **logos**

Modern philosophy has often been criticized as **logos-centric**, focusing predominantly on rationality.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

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

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

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym : definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym : figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

timeless

adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

synonym : dateless, everlasting, imperishable

(1) **timeless** masterpiece, (2) **timeless** topic

There is a **timeless** aspect to his most remarkable work.

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.

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.

comprehend

v. to understand the nature or meaning of something fully

synonym : understand, grasp, apprehend

(1) **comprehend** English, (2) **comprehend** instructions

She struggled to **comprehend** complex math problems.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

query

n. a question or inquiry, often used in the context of research, information-gathering, or data analysis; a request for information

synonym : question, inquiry, investigation

(1) **query** language, (2) **query** result

I had a **query** about my bank statement and called customer service for an explanation.

upload

v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

synonym : transfer, load up

(1) **upload** files, (2) **upload** documents to the portal

I need to **upload** these pictures to my computer to edit them.

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.

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.

transmit

v. to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another

synonym : convey, share, dispatch

(1) **transmit** the disease, (2) **transmit** information

Parents often **transmit** their characteristics to their children.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

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

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

unprecedented

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

synonym : novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business opportunity

Unprecedented amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym : blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

audacity

n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

synonym : boldness, daring, temerity

(1) **audacity** of hope, (2) act of **audacity**

His **audacity** in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym :

humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

portfolio

n. a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization

synonym: collection, file, folder

(1) investment **portfolio**, (2) **portfolio** manager

The artist's **portfolio** showcased various works, from paintings to sculptures.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

humanity

n. all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.

synonym: humankind, society, human race

(1) **humanity** at large, (2) mass of **humanity**

They donated large sums of money for the development of **humanity**.

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**.

emerging

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

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

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

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

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.

redesign

v. to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again

synonym: revamp, rework, remodel

(1) **redesign** project, (2) **redesign** of lifestyle

The company is planning to **redesign** its website.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

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.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

modern

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

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

straightforward

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

synonym : honest, candid, forthright

(1) **straightforward** manner, (2) make a **straightforward** dash

The defendant gave a **straightforward** and accurate description of the accident.

assignment

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

synonym : task, duty, designation

(1) finish the **assignment**, (2) **assignment** of interest

My **assignment** was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

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.

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.

parameter

n. a numerical or other measurable factors that characterize a system or set of data

synonym :

factor, variable, characteristic

(1) **parameter** estimation, (2) **parameter** tuning

The temperature range was one of the critical **parameters** we had to consider when designing the experiment.

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**.

fancy

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

synonym: imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**

I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

gradient

n. the degree or rate of incline or decline along a physical or abstract line; a gradual progression

synonym: slope, incline, grade

(1) **gradient** descent, (2) economic **gradient**

The road's **gradient** was steep, making it challenging for cyclists.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

grace

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

synonym: charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

browse

v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

synonym: look around, look through, scan

(1) **browse** a website, (2) **browse** through the text

We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym: calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym: blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

violation

n. an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties

synonym : breach, transgression, infraction

(1) **violation** law, (2) commit a traffic **violation**

The international community has widely condemned the **violation** of human rights.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

spam

n. unwanted email, usually of advertising material sent out in bulk

synonym : junk email

(1) receive a **spam** email, (2) anti- **spam** technology

You can remove **spam** messages with special software.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**
Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

synonym: rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

incidentally

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

synonym: by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned

Incidentally, I know the answer to that question.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

synonym: worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

erroneous

adj. containing errors; mistaken or incorrect; based on faulty reasoning or information

synonym: incorrect, mistaken, fallacious

(1) **erroneous** information, (2) **erroneous** decision

The report contained several **erroneous** statements that needed to be corrected.

engineer

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

synonym: architect, creator, builder

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

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

hunch

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

synonym: crouch, guess, speculate

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

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

takedown

n. the act of forcibly removing someone or something from a position of power or prominence; (of sports or martial arts) an action or technique used to bring an opponent to the ground or disorient them

synonym: tackling, removal, squelch

(1) **takedown** notice, (2) emergency **takedown**

The FBI carried out a **takedown** of the illegal drug cartel's headquarters.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

consult

v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

synonym: confer, consider, see

(1) regularly **consult** with a doctor, (2) **consult** my wallet

Always **consult** a lawyer before launching a business.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also

in ideology.

resolution

n. a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display

synonym : determination, decision, settlement

(1) **resolution** of a conflict, (2) display **resolution**

He made a New Year's **resolution** to exercise more and eat healthier.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym : rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

polite

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

synonym : courteous, civil, respectful

(1) **polite** manners, (2) **polite** tone

It's important to be **polite** even when you disagree with someone.

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.

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**.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

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**.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

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.

handy

adj. valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use

synonym: clever, accessible, available

(1) a **handy-sized** bag, (2) **handy** tool

They found a **handy** place to play catch.

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym: fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

empathy

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

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

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

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

bonkers

adj. slang for completely crazy or insane

synonym: crazy, insane, nuts

(1) **bonkers** idea, (2) sound **bonkers**

The traffic during rush hour can make even the calmest person go **bonkers**.

irresponsible

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

synonym: careless, reckless, thoughtless

(1) **irresponsible** actions, (2) **irresponsible** behavior

It was **irresponsible** of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

rigorous

adj. allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate

synonym: severe, exact, strict

(1) **rigorous** standards, (2) have **rigorous** criticism

The way he manages his employees is extremely **rigorous**.

analytics

n. the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis

synonym: data analysis, statistics

(1) major in **analytics**, (2) **analytics** tools

Advanced **analytics** is helping the business to make better data-driven decisions.

substitute

n. a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

synonym: alternate, replacement, reserve

(1) **substitute** coffee, (2) **substitute** teacher

I **substitute** skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.

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.

extraordinary

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

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

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

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

relate

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

synonym: connect, link, associate

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

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

adjust

v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

synonym: adapt, alter, acclimate

(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror

You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or

materials

synonym: productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym: hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

generate

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

synonym: create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month

The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise
The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

virtually

adv. almost completely

synonym : almost, basically, nearly

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

Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

simplify

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

synonym : streamline, clarify, elucidate

(1) **simplify** my life, (2) **simplify** the process

Please **simplify** your explanation for the children.

binary

n. a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1

synonym : twofold, double

(1) a **binary** number, (2) trading in **binary** options

A **binary** star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.

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.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
synonym: fix, fasten, bind

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

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

accustomed

adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
synonym: familiar, customary, habitual

- (1) **accustomed** routine, (2) **accustomed** to complaints

I am **accustomed** to waking up early for work.

acclimate

v. to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning

synonym: adjust, adapt, acclimatize

- (1) **acclimate** to the climate, (2) **acclimate** to the culture

It takes time for your body to **acclimate** to a new environment.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym: chart, diagram, figure

- (1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

- (1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym : title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

realization

n. the act or process of understanding or becoming aware of something; the act of achieving or completing something that was planned or desired; the act of making something real or tangible

synonym : achievement, attainment, understanding

(1) **realization** of a concept, (2) harsh **realization**

Her sudden **realization** of her mistake caused her great regret.

useless

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

synonym : ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen

The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.

aversion

n. a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant

synonym : dislike, loathing, repulsion

(1) **aversion** therapy, (2) strong **aversion**

Her **aversion** to snakes made her avoid the reptile exhibit at the zoo.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym : deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

scan

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

synonym : look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF

She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

cognizant

adj. aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something

synonym : aware, mindful, conscious

(1) **cognizant** of the risk, (2) become **cognizant**

I have to be **cognizant** of my budget when I go on vacation.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

earnest

adj. characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

synonym : sincere, serious, genuine

(1) **earnest** attempt, (2) **earnest** conversation

He spoke in an **earnest** tone, expressing his genuine

concern for the safety of everyone involved.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym : blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

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.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym : guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

hipster

n. a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices

synonym : trendsetter, nonconformist, bohemian

(1) **hipster** fashion, (2) **hipster** lifestyle

She is always wearing vintage clothing and listening to vinyl records, a true **hipster** at heart.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym : dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

electrify

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

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

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

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

low-end

adj. referring to the lower quality or less expensive version of a product or technology, typically associated with budget options or basic functionality

synonym : budget, inexpensive, cheap

(1) **low-end** smartphone, (2) **low-end** product

They bought a **low-end** laptop for basic web browsing and word processing tasks.

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym : alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

exasperate

v. to irritate or annoy someone intensely; to provoke or aggravate someone to the point of exasperation, frustration, or fury

synonym : irritate, annoy, provoke

(1) **exasperate** him to anger, (2) **exasperate** a situation

Her constant complaining about the weather started to **exasperate** everyone around her.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

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.

exhaust

n. the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired

synonym: emission, fumes, (verb) deplete

(1) **exhaust** pipe, (2) **exhaust** a topic

The factory's **exhaust** fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.

ego

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

synonym: self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

fade

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

synonym: languish, wither

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

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

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bo____s idea *adj.* slang for completely crazy or insane
2. ty____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
3. vi_____on law *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
4. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
5. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
6. qu__y language *n.* a question or inquiry, often used in the context of research, information-gathering, or data analysis; a request for information
7. guarantee re_____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
8. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
9. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
10. commit a traffic vi_____on *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties

ANSWERS: 1. bonkers, 2. typical, 3. violation, 4. platform, 5. modern, 6. query, 7. reliable, 8. emerging, 9. survey, 10. violation

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| 11. el_____fy the audience | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
| 12. nu_____d view | <i>adj.</i> characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc. |
| 13. a bu__h of schoolgirls | <i>n.</i> a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together |
| 14. ge_____te more electricity | <i>v.</i> to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction |
| 15. national e_o | <i>n.</i> a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one |
| 16. a cl_____c experiment | <i>adj.</i> judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type |
| 17. co_____al combination of funds | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 18. s__n a document into PDF | <i>v.</i> to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information |
| 19. co_____e chemically with another substance | <i>v.</i> to join or merge to form a single thing or group |
| 20. cr__t manufacture | <i>n.</i> an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands |
| 21. ti_____ss topic | <i>adj.</i> not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion |

ANSWERS: 11. electrify, 12. nuanced, 13. bunch, 14. generate, 15. ego, 16. classic, 17. communal, 18. scan, 19. combine, 20. craft, 21. timeless

22. hi____r fashion *n.* a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices
23. the co____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
24. gl____us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
25. qu__y result *n.* a question or inquiry, often used in the context of research, information-gathering, or data analysis; a request for information
26. em____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
27. finish the ass____nt *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
28. irr____ble behavior *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
29. im____e a process *v.* to make or become better
30. have ri____us criticism *adj.* allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate
31. ta____wn notice *n.* the act of forcibly removing someone or something from a position of power or prominence; (of sports or martial arts) an action or technique used to bring an opponent to the ground or disorient them

ANSWERS: 22. hipster, 23. conflict, 24. glamorous, 25. query, 26. emerging, 27. assignment, 28. irresponsible, 29. improve, 30. rigorous, 31. takedown

32. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
33. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
34. unpre_____ted boom *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
35. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
36. gr_____nt descent *n.* the degree or rate of incline or decline along a physical or abstract line; a gradual progression
37. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
38. com_____nd instructions *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
39. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
40. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
41. pa_____er estimation *n.* a numerical or other measurable factors that characterize a system or set of data
42. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

ANSWERS: 32. exclusive, 33. incredible, 34. unprecedented, 35. engage, 36. gradient, 37. classic, 38. comprehend, 39. typical, 40. icon, 41. parameter, 42. flood

43. a silent pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
44. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
45. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
46. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
47. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
48. strong av_____on *n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant
49. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
50. ri____us standards *adj.* allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate
51. us____s information *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
52. f__e away almost completely *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

ANSWERS: 43. protest, 44. evolution, 45. process, 46. evolution, 47. extraordinary, 48. aversion, 49. abuse, 50. rigorous, 51. useless, 52. fade

53. ex____t pipe *n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
54. even more unf____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
55. rea____on of a concept *n.* the act or process of understanding or becoming aware of something; the act of achieving or completing something that was planned or desired; the act of making something real or tangible
56. hold a pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
57. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
58. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
59. res____on of a conflict *n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
60. a flight of fa__y *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

ANSWERS: 53. exhaust, 54. unfortunately, 55. realization, 56. protest, 57. survey, 58. claim, 59. resolution, 60. fancy

61. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
62. develop an attitude of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
63. become co_____nt *adj.* aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something
64. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
65. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
66. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
67. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
68. si_____fy my life *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
69. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

ANSWERS: 61. exclusive, 62. humility, 63. cognizant, 64. process, 65. efficient, 66. embarrass, 67. empathy, 68. simplify, 69. scan

70. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
71. pa_____er tuning *n.* a numerical or other measurable factors that characterize a system or set of data
72. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
73. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
74. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
75. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
76. 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
77. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
78. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
79. tr_____it the disease *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another

ANSWERS: 70. industrious, 71. parameter, 72. relate, 73. fundamental, 74. influence, 75. rely, 76. digital, 77. relative, 78. critic, 79. transmit

80. regularly co_____t with a doctor *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
81. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
82. ad___t a schedule *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
83. 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
84. acc_____ed routine *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
85. us_____s in the kitchen *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
86. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
87. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
88. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

ANSWERS: 80. consult, 81. upset, 82. adjust, 83. decide, 84. accustomed, 85. useless, 86. percentage, 87. engineer, 88. graph

89. ea____t conversation *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
90. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
91. sub_____te teacher *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
92. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
93. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
94. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
95. sub_____te coffee *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
96. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
97. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
98. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 89. earnest, 90. invention, 91. substitute, 92. intense, 93. incredibly, 94. communicate, 95. substitute, 96. feat, 97. specific, 98. modern

99. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
100. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
101. co_____nt of the risk *adj.* aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something
102. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
103. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
104. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
105. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
106. br_____st a radio ad *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
107. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
108. av_____on therapy *n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant

ANSWERS: 99. bubble, 100. navigate, 101. cognizant, 102. improve, 103. frustrate, 104. extraordinary, 105. universal, 106. broadcast, 107. feat, 108. aversion

109. re_____gn project	<i>v.</i>	to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
110. exa_____te him to anger	<i>v.</i>	to irritate or annoy someone intensely; to provoke or aggravate someone to the point of exasperation, frustration, or fury
111. time z___e	<i>n.</i>	a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
112. co_____e augmented reality	<i>v.</i>	to join or merge to form a single thing or group
113. the in_____on of new techniques	<i>n.</i>	the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
114. the per_____ge of the gold content	<i>n.</i>	the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
115. trading in bi____y options	<i>n.</i>	a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
116. for spe_____lly American customers	<i>adv.</i>	only associated with or meant for one thing
117. po___e manners	<i>adj.</i>	showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
118. develop in_____e itching	<i>adj.</i>	(especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
119. make a str_____ard dash	<i>adj.</i>	easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
120. ac_____te to the climate	<i>v.</i>	to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning

ANSWERS: 109. redesign, 110. exasperate, 111. zone, 112. combine, 113. invention, 114. percentage, 115. binary, 116. specifically, 117. polite, 118. intense, 119. straightforward, 120. acclimate

121. the br__d of the new car
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
122. fun_____al education
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
123. economic gr_____nt
n. the degree or rate of incline or decline along a physical or abstract line; a gradual progression
124. the longstanding co_____ct
n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
125. a selfish de_____on
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
126. incredible th____l
n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
127. lo_____d smartphone
adj. referring to the lower quality or less expensive version of a product or technology, typically associated with budget options or basic functionality
128. emergency ta_____wn
n. the act of forcibly removing someone or something from a position of power or prominence; (of sports or martial arts) an action or technique used to bring an opponent to the ground or disorient them

ANSWERS: 121. brand, 122. fundamental, 123. gradient, 124. conflict, 125. decision, 126. thrill, 127. low-end, 128. takedown

129. br_____st a concert *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
130. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
131. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
132. the common but nu_____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
133. lo_____d product *adj.* referring to the lower quality or less expensive version of a product or technology, typically associated with budget options or basic functionality
134. up____d files *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
135. ev____e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
136. ea_____t attempt *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
137. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
138. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 129. broadcast, 130. communicate, 131. incredibly, 132. nuanced, 133. low-end, 134. upload, 135. evolve, 136. earnest, 137. principle, 138. engineer

139. anti-s__m technology *n.* unwanted email, usually of advertising material sent out in bulk
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. economic bu___e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
142. 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
143. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
144. inc_____lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
145. harsh rea_____on *n.* the act or process of understanding or becoming aware of something; the act of achieving or completing something that was planned or desired; the act of making something real or tangible
146. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
147. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 139. spam, 140. engage, 141. bubble, 142. digital, 143. craft, 144. incidentally, 145. realization, 146. estimate, 147. relate

148. na_____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
149. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
150. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
151. re_____gn of lifestyle *v.* to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
152. vi____l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
153. display res_____on *n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
154. ass_____nt of interest *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
155. ev____e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
156. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 148. navigate, 149. efficient, 150. specific, 151. redesign, 152. visual, 153. resolution, 154. assignment, 155. evolve, 156. discovery

157. em_____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
158. up____d documents to the portal *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
159. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
160. at____h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
161. 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
162. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
163. re_____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
164. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 157. employee, 158. upload, 159. electrify, 160. attach, 161. introduction, 162. claim, 163. reliable, 164. influence

165. hu__h against the rain
166. creative in_____on
167. investment po_____io
168. vi_____ly all countries
169. irr_____ble actions
170. pr_____le in business
171. hu__h up the shoulders
172. de_____on authority
- v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
- n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
- n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization
- adv.* almost completely
- adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
- v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 165. hunch, 166. intuition, 167. portfolio, 168. virtually, 169. irresponsible, 170. principle, 171. hunch, 172. decision

173. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
174. str_____ard manner *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
175. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
176. e_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
177. an_____cs tools *n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
178. de_____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
179. con_____nt on business activity *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
180. f__e in importance *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
181. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
182. fa__y a cup of coffee *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

ANSWERS: 173. scenario, 174. straightforward, 175. platform, 176. ego, 177. analytics, 178. degrade, 179. constraint, 180. fade, 181. unfortunately, 182. fancy

183. po___e tone *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
184. br___e through the text *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
185. 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
186. act of au_____ty *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
187. cast gl_____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
188. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
189. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
190. hi_____r lifestyle *n.* a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices
191. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 183. polite, 184. browse, 185. introduction, 186. audacity, 187. glamorous, 188. employee, 189. innocent, 190. hipster, 191. industrious

192. ha__y tool *adj.* valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use
193. major in an_____cs *n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
194. receive a s__m email *n.* unwanted email, usually of advertising material sent out in bulk
195. tr_____it information *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
196. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
197. er_____us decision *adj.* containing errors; mistaken or incorrect; based on faulty reasoning or information
198. at___h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
199. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
200. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
201. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

ANSWERS: 192. handy, 193. analytics, 194. spam, 195. transmit, 196. graph, 197. erroneous, 198. attach, 199. grace, 200. rely, 201. synchronize

202. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
203. unp_____ted business opportunity *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
204. hu_____ty at large *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
205. co_____t my wallet *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
206. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
207. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
208. syn_____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
209. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
210. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
211. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
212. fr_____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

ANSWERS: 202. conversation, 203. unprecedented, 204. humanity, 205. consult, 206. zone, 207. critic, 208. synchronize, 209. conversation, 210. scenario, 211. empathy, 212. frustrate

213. banner he____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
214. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
215. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
216. divine lo__s *n.* a Greek term referring to logic, reason, or intellectual discourse, which denotes the rational principle that governs the universe or the persuasive appeal based on logic or reason in an argument
217. vi_____ly identical *adv.* almost completely
218. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
219. com_____nd English *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
220. er_____us information *adj.* containing errors; mistaken or incorrect; based on faulty reasoning or information
221. ex_____t a topic *n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
222. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
223. a ha__y-sized bag *adj.* valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use

ANSWERS: 213. headline, 214. universal, 215. relative, 216. logos, 217. virtually, 218. hypothesis, 219. comprehend, 220. erroneous, 221. exhaust, 222. flood, 223. handy

224. 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
225. si_____fy the process *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
226. au_____ty of hope *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
227. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
228. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
229. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
230. strict time con_____nts *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
231. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
232. lo__s principle *n.* a Greek term referring to logic, reason, or intellectual discourse, which denotes the rational principle that governs the universe or the persuasive appeal based on logic or reason in an argument
233. exa_____te a situation *v.* to irritate or annoy someone intensely; to provoke or aggravate someone to the point of exasperation, frustration, or fury

ANSWERS: 224. thrill, 225. simplify, 226. audacity, 227. communal, 228. upset, 229. discovery, 230. constraint, 231. massive, 232. logos, 233. exasperate

234. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
235. inc_____lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
236. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
237. lack of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
238. ad___t the rearview mirror *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
239. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
240. end of the gr__e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
241. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
242. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
243. 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

ANSWERS: 234. combination, 235. incidentally, 236. abuse, 237. humility, 238. adjust, 239. decide, 240. grace, 241. icon, 242. visual, 243. encourage

244. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
245. sound bo_____s *adj.* slang for completely crazy or insane
246. ac_____te to the culture *v.* to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning
247. mass of hu_____ty *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
248. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
249. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
250. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
251. acc_____ed to complaints *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
252. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
253. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
254. de_____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

ANSWERS: 244. intuition, 245. bonkers, 246. acclimate, 247. humanity, 248. embarrass, 249. combination, 250. headline, 251. accustomed, 252. massive, 253. estimate, 254. degrade

255. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
256. br___e a website *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
257. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
258. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
259. ti_____ss masterpiece *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
260. ge_____te \$100 a month *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
261. 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
262. a bold hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
263. a bi___y number *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
264. po_____io manager *n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization

ANSWERS: 255. incredible, 256. browse, 257. bunch, 258. innocent, 259. timeless, 260. generate, 261. encourage, 262. hypothesis, 263. binary, 264. portfolio

265. designed spe_____lly for men

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

266. create a br__d logo

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 265. specifically, 266. brand

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
3. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.
n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
4. 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
5. The report contained several _____ statements that needed to be corrected.
adj. containing errors; mistaken or incorrect; based on faulty reasoning or information
6. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
7. Parents often _____ their characteristics to their children.
v. to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another

ANSWERS: 1. decide, 2. bunch, 3. grace, 4. digital, 5. erroneous, 6. protest, 7. transmit

8. The temperature range was one of the critical _____ we had to consider when designing the experiment.
- n.* a numerical or other measurable factors that characterize a system or set of data
9. I don't _____ acting in such an important role.
- v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
10. He spoke in an _____ tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.
- adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
11. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
12. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.
- adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
13. I need to _____ these pictures to my computer to edit them.
- v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
14. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
15. I _____ over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.
- v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

ANSWERS: 8. parameters, 9. fancy, 10. earnest, 11. engineer, 12. nuanced, 13. upload, 14. critics, 15. hunch

16. 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
17. Always _____ a lawyer before launching a business.
v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
18. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
19. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.
v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
20. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
21. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
22. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
23. I have to be _____ of my budget when I go on vacation.
adj. aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something

ANSWERS: 16. introduction, 17. consult, 18. unfortunately, 19. degrade, 20. estimated, 21. rely, 22. conflicts, 23. cognizant

24. She is always wearing vintage clothing and listening to vinyl records, a true _____ at heart.

n. a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices

25. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

26. They study the _____ of the universe.

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

27. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

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

28. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

29. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

30. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

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

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

ANSWERS: 24. hipster, 25. decision, 26. evolution, 27. extraordinary, 28. survey, 29. principle, 30. percentage, 31. massive

32. The old, rusty tools were now _____ and had to be thrown away.
adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
33. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
34. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
35. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
36. I am _____ to waking up early for work.
adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
37. The budget _____ forced them to make difficult decisions.
n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
38. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
39. My memory will _____ but my heart will live on.
v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
40. You have to _____ your content to the age of the audience.
v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

ANSWERS: 32. useless, 33. combine, 34. specifically, 35. fundamental, 36. accustomed, 37. constraint, 38. Communal, 39. fade, 40. adjust

41. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

42. The south coast is less _____ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

- adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

43. It takes time for your body to _____ to a new environment.

- v.* to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning

44. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

- n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

45. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.

- v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

46. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

- adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

47. You can remove _____ messages with special software.

- n.* unwanted email, usually of advertising material sent out in bulk

48. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 41. claim, 42. glamorous, 43. acclimate, 44. assignment, 45. scanned, 46. universal, 47. spam, 48. process

49. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

50. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

51. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

52. 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

53. The factory's _____ fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.

n. the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired

54. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

55. _____ is also necessary to understand history.

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

56. It's important to be _____ even when you disagree with someone.

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

ANSWERS: 49. typical, 50. abuse, 51. communicate, 52. thrill, 53. exhaust, 54. craft, 55. Empathy, 56. polite

57. A _____ star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.
- n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
58. They donated large sums of money for the development of _____.
- n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
59. The _____ to the safe was a secret.
- n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
60. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
61. He was awfully _____ by the news.
- adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
62. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
- n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
63. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
- n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
64. She was constantly trying to boost her _____ by talking about her accomplishments.
- n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

ANSWERS: 57. binary, 58. humanity, 59. combination, 60. influence, 61. upset, 62. floods, 63. brand, 64. ego

65. The artist's _____ showcased various works, from paintings to sculptures.
n. a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization
66. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
67. The way he manages his employees is extremely _____.
adj. allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate
68. 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
69. The company is planning to _____ its website.
v. to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
70. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
adj. relating to seeing or sight
71. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
72. I _____ skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.
n. a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

ANSWERS: 65. portfolio, 66. headline, 67. rigorous, 68. zone, 69. redesign, 70. visual, 71. scenarios, 72. substitute

73. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
- n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
74. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.
- adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
75. _____ I know the answer to that question.
- adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
76. The road's _____ was steep, making it challenging for cyclists.
- n.* the degree or rate of incline or decline along a physical or abstract line; a gradual progression
77. They bought a _____ laptop for basic web browsing and word processing tasks.
- adj.* referring to the lower quality or less expensive version of a product or technology, typically associated with budget options or basic functionality
78. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.
- n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
79. There is a _____ aspect to his most remarkable work.
- adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
80. The defendant gave a _____ and accurate description of the accident.
- adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

ANSWERS: 73. platform, 74. Unprecedented, 75. Incidentally, 76. gradient, 77. low-end, 78. graph, 79. timeless, 80. straightforward

81. Her sudden _____ of her mistake caused her great regret.

- n.* the act or process of understanding or becoming aware of something; the act of achieving or completing something that was planned or desired; the act of making something real or tangible

82. His _____ in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.

- n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

83. Please _____ your explanation for the children.

- v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

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

- v.* to make or become better

85. The FBI carried out a _____ of the illegal drug cartel's headquarters.

- n.* the act of forcibly removing someone or something from a position of power or prominence; (of sports or martial arts) an action or technique used to bring an opponent to the ground or disorient them

86. _____ all the parties signed the contract.

- adv.* almost completely

87. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.

- v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

88. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.

- v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

ANSWERS: 81. realization, 82. audacity, 83. simplify, 84. improve, 85. takedown, 86. Virtually, 87. navigate, 88. frustrate

89. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.
- n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
90. 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
91. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
92. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
- v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
93. She struggled to _____ complex math problems.
- v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
94. Modern philosophy has often been criticized as _____ focusing predominantly on rationality.
- n.* a Greek term referring to logic, reason, or intellectual discourse, which denotes the rational principle that governs the universe or the persuasive appeal based on logic or reason in an argument
95. We _____ in a souvenir shop.
- v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

ANSWERS: 89. hypothesis, 90. engaged, 91. modern, 92. relate, 93. comprehend, 94. logos-centric, 95. browsed

96. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.

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

97. My husband was found _____ of any crime.

- adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

98. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.

- adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

99. Her _____ to snakes made her avoid the reptile exhibit at the zoo.

- n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant

100. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.

- n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

101. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

- adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

102. Most of the programs are _____ in this area.

- v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television

ANSWERS: 96. electrify, 97. innocent, 98. efficient, 99. aversion, 100. bubble, 101. classic, 102. broadcast

103. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

104. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.

adj. not divided or shared with others

105. They found a _____ place to play catch.

adj. valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use

106. The traffic during rush hour can make even the calmest person go _____.

adj. slang for completely crazy or insane

107. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

108. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.

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

109. 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

110. Her research team made an important _____.

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

ANSWERS: 103. feat, 104. exclusive, 105. handy, 106. bonkers, 107. synchronized, 108. attach, 109. encouraged, 110. discovery

111. The international community has widely condemned the _____ of human rights.

n. an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties

112. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

113. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

114. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

115. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

116. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

117. Advanced _____ is helping the business to make better data-driven decisions.

n. the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis

118. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 111. violation, 112. incredibly, 113. conversation, 114. relatives, 115. reliable, 116. industrious, 117. analytics, 118. incredible

119. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

120. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

121. I had a _____ about my bank statement and called customer service for an explanation.

n. a question or inquiry, often used in the context of research, information-gathering, or data analysis; a request for information

122. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

123. It was _____ of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

124. He made a New Year's _____ to exercise more and eat healthier.

n. a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display

125. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

ANSWERS: 119. generate, 120. intuitions, 121. query, 122. intense, 123. irresponsible, 124. resolution, 125. employee

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

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

127. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

128. 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

129. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

130. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

131. Her constant complaining about the weather started to _____ everyone around her.

v. to irritate or annoy someone intensely; to provoke or aggravate someone to the point of exasperation, frustration, or fury

132. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

133. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 126. Emerging, 127. humility, 128. specific, 129. evolved, 130. icons, 131. exasperate, 132. invention, 133. embarrass

ANSWERS: