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Session 1: Word List

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym: pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym: response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

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.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

companion

n. a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel

synonym: affiliate, fellow, mate

(1) a working **companion**, (2) drinking **companions**

Her dog is her excellent **companion**.

verb

n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

(1) complex **verb**, (2) an auxiliary **verb**

Use a singular **verb** if the subject is singular.

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.

dictionary

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

synonym: lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**
I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

clarify

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

synonym: explain, ascribe, purify

(1) **clarify** a goal, (2) **clarify** his feelings

The police tried to **clarify** the facts concerning her death.

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym: comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

slang

n. informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

synonym: lingo, jargon, vernacular

(1) **slang** phrases, (2) Internet **slang**

A lot of **slang** words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.

cranky

adj. easily irritated or annoyed; bad-tempered; in a state of discomfort or pain, often resulting in irritability or moodiness

synonym: crabby, irritable, grumpy

(1) **cranky** mood, (2) **cranky** toddler

I feel **cranky** today; please forgive me if I seem irritable.

adorable

adj. inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable

synonym: cute, lovely, charming

(1) **adorable** baby, (2) **adorable** puppy

My friend's daughter is **adorable**, with curly hair and big brown eyes.

terrific

adj. causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent

synonym: fantastic, great, excellent

(1) absolutely **terrific**, (2) at a **terrific** speed

The view from the top of the mountain was **terrific**, with sweeping vistas of the valley below.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

primarily

adv. mainly

synonym: largely, mainly, mostly

(1) intended **primarily** for young people, (2) **primarily** affect adults

All peaceful cooperation is based **primarily** on mutual trust.

regularly

adv. at regular intervals or times

synonym: repeatedly, routinely, usually

(1) **regularly** arranged, (2) post **regularly** to a blog

This site **regularly** shares high-quality academic materials.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

edit

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

synonym : revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

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**.

distinguish

v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

synonym : determine, differentiate, characterize

(1) **distinguish** these two things, (2) **distinguish** man from the other animals

This study **distinguished** four different ways to run a business.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym: expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

abridge

v. to shorten or condense a book, a play, a speech, etc., while maintaining its essence

synonym: condense, shorten, abbreviate

(1) **abridge** a biography, (2) **abridge** a speech

I had to **abridge** the novel to fit it into the time allotted for the movie.

pedestal

n. a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed

synonym: base, stand, platform

(1) **pedestal** sink, (2) a stone **pedestal**

The statue was placed on a **pedestal** in the center of the park.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

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.

strike

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

synonym: hit, impact, influence

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

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

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

stick

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

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

gamble

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

synonym: bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune

Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

faddish

adj. characterized by following or adopting a passing fashion or trend without much thought or consideration; prone to being fashionable for a brief time and then losing popularity

synonym: trendy, crowd-pleasing, popular

(1) **faddish** diet, (2) **faddish** clothing style

The **faddish** trend of wearing neon clothing quickly faded away.

dialect

n. a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and

has distinguishing characteristics

synonym: accent, language, vernacular

(1) a local **dialect**, (2) minority **dialect**

The **dialect** spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.

linguist

n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

synonym: grammarist, philologue, polyglot

(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**

Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.

statistics

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

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

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

flavor

n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

synonym: taste, savor, essence

(1) a delicate **flavor**, (2) **flavor** enhancer

The **flavor** of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

tweet

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

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

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

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

hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

creative

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

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

discombobulate

v. to confuse, disconcert, upset, or frustrate

synonym : upset, confuse, muddle

(1) **discombobulate** the competition, (2) **discombobulate** the balance

The sudden power surge threatened to **discombobulate** the entire computer system.

belt

v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

synonym : sing, hit hard, (noun) strap

(1) **belt** him in the face, (2) leather **belt**

The band was **belting** out old songs in response to audience requests.

slack

adj. lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

synonym : loose, lax, floppy

(1) a **slack** rope, (2) **slack** performance

The team's **slack** attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.

goofy

adj. silly or foolish

synonym : silly, crazy, dopey

(1) wear a **goofy** hat, (2) with a **goofy** expression

He made a **goofy** face as he recalled this morning's events.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

demote

v. to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities

synonym: downgrade, lower, demerit

(1) **demote** an employee, (2) **demote** a song from the top charts

His poor performance caused the coach to **demote** him to the bench.

unremarkable

adj. ordinary and not particularly interesting

synonym: commonplace, unmemorable, mundane

(1) completely ordinary and **unremarkable**,
(2) **unremarkable** in looks

He was very busy at work but otherwise led an **unremarkable** life.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

prefix

n. a word or syllable that is added to the beginning of a word to alter its meaning or create a new word; a morpheme added to the beginning of a word to change or add to its meaning

(1) **prefix** meaning, (2) word **prefix**

The **prefix** "un" changes the word's meaning to its opposite.

superior

adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

synonym: better, greater, exceptional

(1) **superior** performance, (2) provide **superior** customer service

The new smartphone model is **superior** to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym: exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

striking

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

synonym: arresting, astonishing, exceptional

(1) **striking** innovation, (2) **striking** evidence

The two plays have many **striking** parallels.

overlap

v. to partially cover something by going beyond its edge

synonym: overlay, cover, bespread

(1) **overlap** one another, (2) **overlap** in many areas

There was no **overlap** between their proposals.

prominence

n. the state of being important, easily seen, or well known

synonym: notability, eminence, distinction

(1) earn **prominence**, (2) **prominence** in society

He achieved **prominence** in the field of medicine with his groundbreaking research.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

fad

n. an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and

achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze

synonym: craze, mania, trend

(1) become a **fad**, (2) computer game **fad**

His interest in music composition is only a **fad**.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

complaint

n. a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something

synonym: grievance, objection, accusation

(1) **complaint** department, (2) **complaint** about price-gouging

She filed a **complaint** with the manager about the poor service.

dean

n. a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience

synonym: head, director, chancellor

(1) **dean's** list, (2) **dean** of faculty

The university's **dean** was responsible for overseeing the academic programs and policies.

desirable

adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

synonym: appealing, attractive, advisable

(1) **desirable** effect, (2) **desirable** result

The beachfront property had a **desirable** location with

stunning ocean views.

colonize

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

synonym: settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

fashionable

adj. popular at a particular time

synonym: chic, stylish, trendy

(1) **fashionable** designs, (2) **fashionable** café

Lengthened skirts are **fashionable** this year.

offensive

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

synonym: disrespectful, abusive, attacking

(1) assume the **offensive**, (2) an **offensive** smell

His **offensive** philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

balcony

n. a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space

synonym : terrace, veranda, deck

(1) **balcony** view, (2) **balcony** seating

They enjoyed a romantic dinner on the **balcony** overlooking the city.

pronounced

adj. clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized

synonym : emphasized, distinct, noticeable

(1) clearly- **pronounced** utterances, (2) **pronounced** difference

The chef's herbs and spices gave the dish a **pronounced** flavor.

quaint

adj. attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner

synonym : charming, picturesque, eccentric

(1) **quaint** village, (2) **quaint** cottage

The **quaint** old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.

downright

adj. (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

synonym : absolute, utter, complete

(1) **downright** nonsense, (2) **downright** impossible

It was a **downright** lie that he would attend the event.

illegitimate

adj. not legally valid or recognized

synonym : unlawful, misbegotten, felonious

(1) an **illegitimate** occupation, (2) **illegitimate** claim

He had an **illegitimate** child that he never acknowledged.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

noun

n. a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects

(1) **noun** phrase, (2) proper **noun**

In some foreign languages, the gender of **nouns** exists.

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym: encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior

Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

boorish

adj. behaving in a rude, ill-mannered, or uncultured way; lacking in social graces or sensitivity towards others

synonym: rude, uncouth, uncivil

(1) **boorish** language, (2) a **boorish** remark

He showed **boorish** behavior by burping loudly at the formal dinner.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym: administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

guidance

n. advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making

synonym: advice, direction, support

(1) vocational **guidance**, (2) **guidance** counselor

The mentor provided **guidance** to the young entrepreneur, helping her navigate the business world.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

bind

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

synonym: tie, stick to, adhere

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

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

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym: fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym: legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

usage

n. the way in which a word or phrase is used in a language; the extent in which how much something is used

synonym: utilization, practice, habit

(1) monthly **usage** amount, (2) linguistic **usage**
The machine had been damaged by rough **usage**.

troublesome

adj. causing difficulty or annoyance for someone
synonym: disconcerting, unsettling, upsetting

(1) undertake a **troublesome** task, (2) **troublesome** behavior

He had to resolve a **troublesome** event that happened unexpectedly

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

peruse

v. to read or examine something carefully and thoroughly

synonym: examine, scrutinize, study

(1) **peruse** every page of a book, (2) **peruse** the document

She **perused** the menu before ordering her meal.

skim

v. to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

synonym: glance, scan, skitter

(1) **skim** off the top, (2) **skim** the surface of the water

I like to **skim** the newspaper headlines in the morning to catch up on the news.

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.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items
synonym : foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**

I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym : description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

thorough

adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate

synonym : complete, comprehensive, meticulous

(1) **thorough** investigation, (2) provide **thorough** analysis

A **thorough** brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

loose

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

synonym : relaxed, unconsolidated, open

(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair

The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.

extension

n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

synonym : addition, augment, supplement

(1) time **extension**, (2) telephone **extension**

They are building an **extension** to the house to add more bedrooms.

glance

v. to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

synonym : glimpse, peek, flash

(1) **glance** around nervously, (2) **glance** at him miserably
I casually **glanced** into the small hut.

traditionally

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

synonym: conventionally, commonly, generally

(1) **traditionally** accepted concept, (2) **traditionally** sung at a banquet

Traditionally, the ceremony was held outdoors.

ballot

n. a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election

synonym: vote, poll, election

(1) the final **ballot**, (2) **ballot** booth

The **ballot** for the upcoming election will be sent out to registered voters next week.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym: board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

unacceptably

adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

synonym: improperly, unsatisfactorily, inadequately

(1) **unacceptably** high prices, (2) **unacceptably** poor

The restaurant's service was **unacceptably** slow.

lenient

adj. not harsh or strict; tolerant; forgiving; allowing for freedom or flexibility

synonym: permissive, indulgent, easygoing

(1) **lenient** punishment, (2) **lenient** rules

The teacher was **lenient** with the deadline for the project, giving the students extra time to finish.

pronouncement

n. a formal or authoritative statement or announcement, especially one issued by a governing body or public official

synonym : declaration, edict, proclamation

(1) **pronouncement** of a judgment, (2) official

pronouncement

The **pronouncement** by the king declared that war was imminent and all non-disabled men were to report for duty.

academician

n. a person who is a member of an academy, especially in the arts or sciences; a person who is an expert in a particular field of study or knowledge

synonym : scholar, professor, educator

(1) **academician** community, (2) distinguished

academician

The **academician's** research is widely cited in scientific literature.

journalist

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

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

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

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym : foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym : battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends
synonym : amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage
I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

academy

n. a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
synonym : school, institute, college

(1) an **academy** of music, (2) a member of the **Academy**
Her new documentary earned her an **Academy** Award.

dislike

v. to not like someone or something
synonym : disapprove, disfavor, deprecate

(1) **dislike** speaking in public, (2) **dislike** this kind of food
He seems to **dislike** all forms of exercise.

prose

n. a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
synonym : narrative, writing, story

(1) **prose** fiction, (2) rhythmical **prose**
The novel was written in **prose**, with no rhyme or meter.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service
She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

database

n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**

Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

doe *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare
(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**
Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

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.

impose *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
synonym: charge, levy, foist
(1) **impose** harsher sanctions, (2) **impose** tariffs
The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they **impose** on students.

entirely *adv.* completely
synonym: completely, fully, totally
(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame
Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

reluctant *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
synonym: hesitant, unwilling, unenthusiastic
(1) slowly becoming more **reluctant**, (2) **reluctant** readers
He was **reluctant** to share his thoughts on the matter.

vibrant

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

synonym : animated, dynamic, deep

(1) a city **vibrant** with life, (2) variety of **vibrant** colors

A **vibrant** private sector is crucial for economic growth.

retrospect

n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

synonym : review, hindsight, contemplation

(1) **retrospect** review, (2) with hindsight **retrospect**

In **retrospect**, I wish I had made a different decision.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

decimate

v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

synonym : devastate, destroy, annihilate

(1) **decimate** population, (2) **decimate** economy

The hurricane **decimated** the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.

worrisome

adj. causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm

synonym : concerning, troubling, bothersome

(1) **worrisome** issue, (2) **worrisome** development

The **worrisome** news about the impending storm caused many people to evacuate.

continually

adv. in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

synonym : repeatedly, frequently, constantly

(1) **continually** access information, (2) **continually**

changing world

Her tongue runs on **continually**.

remake

v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

synonym: revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.

robust

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

synonym: healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

arbiter

n. a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision

synonym: judge, referee, mediator

(1) professional **arbiter**, (2) cultural **arbiter**

The **arbiter** of the dispute will be an impartial judge.

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.

illogical

adj. not making sense or not based on sound reasoning

synonym: irrational, senseless, nonsensical

(1) **illogical** argument, (2) **illogical** reasoning

His argument made no sense and was completely **illogical**.

unnecessary

adj. not needed or required; not essential or important

synonym: redundant, extra, superfluous

(1) **unnecessary** expense, (2) **unnecessary** hassle

The extra steps in the process were deemed **unnecessary** and removed to streamline production.

Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. with a go__y expression | <i>adj.</i> silly or foolish |
| 2. pe___e every page of a book | <i>v.</i> to read or examine something carefully and thoroughly |
| 3. b__t him in the face | <i>v.</i> to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body |
| 4. pr___x meaning | <i>n.</i> a word or syllable that is added to the beginning of a word to alter its meaning or create a new word; a morpheme added to the beginning of a word to change or add to its meaning |
| 5. online dic_____ry | <i>n.</i> a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation |
| 6. do_____ht impossible | <i>adj.</i> (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely |
| 7. the final ba___t | <i>n.</i> a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election |
| 8. pro_____ent of a judgment | <i>n.</i> a formal or authoritative statement or announcement, especially one issued by a governing body or public official |
| 9. de_____le result | <i>adj.</i> worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after |

ANSWERS: 1. goofy, 2. peruse, 3. belt, 4. prefix, 5. dictionary, 6. downright, 7. ballot, 8. pronouncement, 9. desirable

10. a lo__e tongue *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
11. co_____nt department *n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
12. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
13. the ex___t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
14. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
15. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
16. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
17. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
18. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
19. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
20. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
21. sl__k performance *adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

ANSWERS: 10. loose, 11. complaint, 12. invite, 13. extent, 14. entirely, 15. edit, 16. fascinating, 17. definition, 18. responsible, 19. reaction, 20. nowhere, 21. slack

22. im___e harsher sanctions *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
23. pr_____ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
24. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
25. a close co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
26. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
27. Internet sl__g *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
28. time ex_____on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
29. da_____se administrator *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

ANSWERS: 22. impose, 23. pronounce, 24. panel, 25. contest, 26. phrase, 27. slang, 28. extension, 29. database

30. proper n__n *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
31. ba____y view *n.* a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
32. completely ordinary and unr_____ble *adj.* ordinary and not particularly interesting
33. clearly-pro_____ed utterances *adj.* clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized
34. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
35. th_____gh investigation *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
36. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
37. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
38. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
39. an ac_____y of music *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
40. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 30. noun, 31. balcony, 32. unremarkable, 33. pronounced, 34. tradition, 35. thorough, 36. historic, 37. label, 38. fantastic, 39. academy, 40. invite

41. fa____h clothing style *adj.* characterized by following or adopting a passing fashion or trend without much thought or consideration; prone to being fashionable for a brief time and then losing popularity
42. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
43. qu___t village *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
44. the gr_____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
45. ad_____le baby *adj.* inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable
46. absolutely te_____ic *adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
47. ba_____y seating *n.* a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
48. cognitive li_____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
49. drinking co_____ons *n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
50. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
51. qu___t cottage *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner

ANSWERS: 41. faddish, 42. fantastic, 43. quaint, 44. grocery, 45. adorable, 46. terrific, 47. balcony, 48. linguist, 49. companion, 50. contemplate, 51. quaint

52. trending ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
53. tra_____lly sung at a banquet *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
54. post re_____ly to a blog *adv.* at regular intervals or times
55. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
56. foreign li_____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
57. ro____t growth *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
58. ba____h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
59. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
60. arbitrary bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
61. fas_____le caf  *adj.* popular at a particular time
62. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
63. cr____y mood *adj.* easily irritated or annoyed; bad-tempered; in a state of discomfort or pain, often resulting in irritability or moodiness

ANSWERS: 52. hashtag, 53. traditionally, 54. regularly, 55. editorial, 56. linguist, 57. robust, 58. banish, 59. pause, 60. bureaucracy, 61. fashionable, 62. fascinate, 63. cranky

64. tra_____lly accepted concept *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
65. n__n phrase *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
66. at a te_____ic speed *adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
67. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
68. una_____bly high prices *adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
69. linguistic us__e *n.* the way in which a word or phrase is used in a language; the extent in which how much something is used
70. ov_____p one another *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
71. ba___t booth *n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
72. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
73. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
74. employee da_____se *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

ANSWERS: 64. traditionally, 65. noun, 66. terrific, 67. belong, 68. unacceptably, 69. usage, 70. overlap, 71. ballot, 72. decide, 73. scan, 74. database

75. 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
76. ab_____e a biography *v.* to shorten or condense a book, a play, a speech, etc., while maintaining its essence
77. di_____e speaking in public *v.* to not like someone or something
78. 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
79. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
80. ov_____p in many areas *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
81. become a f_d *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
82. dis_____sh these two things *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
83. a local di_____t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

ANSWERS: 75. decision, 76. abridge, 77. dislike, 78. degrade, 79. app, 80. overlap, 81. fad, 82. distinguish, 83. dialect

84. marked with a ha____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
85. pr__e fiction *n.* a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
86. dis_____ate the competition *v.* to confuse, disconcert, upset, or frustrate
87. a sl__k rope *adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
88. co____ze for cultivation *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
89. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
90. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
91. run a gr____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
92. una_____bly poor *adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
93. sl__g phrases *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
94. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 84. hashtag, 85. prose, 86. discombobulate, 87. slack, 88. colonize, 89. fascinate, 90. gap, 91. grocery, 92. unacceptably, 93. slang, 94. statistics

95. computer game f_d *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
96. de____te population *v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
97. have no re____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
98. be____g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
99. st____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
100. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
101. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
102. come out of no____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
103. re____e song *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

ANSWERS: 95. fad, 96. decimate, 97. relevance, 98. belong, 99. striking, 100. stick,

101. critic, 102. nowhere, 103. remake

104. fa____h diet *adj.* characterized by following or adopting a passing fashion or trend without much thought or consideration; prone to being fashionable for a brief time and then losing popularity
105. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
106. d__n of faculty *n.* a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience
107. de____te economy *v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
108. inc____ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
109. a city vi____t with life *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
110. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
111. government bur____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

ANSWERS: 104. faddish, 105. pause, 106. dean, 107. decimate, 108. incentivize, 109. vibrant, 110. involve, 111. bureaucracy

112. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
113. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
114. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
115. inc_____ze carpooling *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
116. 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
117. co_____ze planets *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
118. cultural ar_____r *n.* a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision
119. a bo_____h remark *adj.* behaving in a rude, ill-mannered, or uncultured way; lacking in social graces or sensitivity towards others
120. im_____e tariffs *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
121. pe_____e the document *v.* to read or examine something carefully and thoroughly

ANSWERS: 112. statistics, 113. contemplate, 114. doe, 115. incentivize, 116. degrade, 117. colonize, 118. arbiter, 119. boorish, 120. impose, 121. peruse

122. le____t punishment *adj.* not harsh or strict; tolerant; forgiving; allowing for freedom or flexibility
123. an auxiliary v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
124. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
125. telephone ex_____on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
126. cr____y toddler *adj.* easily irritated or annoyed; bad-tempered; in a state of discomfort or pain, often resulting in irritability or moodiness
127. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
128. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
129. il_____al reasoning *adj.* not making sense or not based on sound reasoning
130. a member of the Ac_____y *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
131. official pro_____ent *n.* a formal or authoritative statement or announcement, especially one issued by a governing body or public official

ANSWERS: 122. lenient, 123. verb, 124. fascinating, 125. extension, 126. cranky, 127. frightening, 128. attitude, 129. illogical, 130. academy, 131. pronouncement

132. bo____h language *adj.* behaving in a rude, ill-mannered, or uncultured way; lacking in social graces or sensitivity towards others
133. s__m off the top *v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface
134. wo_____me development *adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm
135. pe_____al sink *n.* a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed
136. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
137. a ro___t appetite *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
138. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
139. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
140. con_____ly changing world *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
141. le_____t rules *adj.* not harsh or strict; tolerant; forgiving; allowing for freedom or flexibility

ANSWERS: 132. boorish, 133. skim, 134. worrisome, 135. pedestal, 136. ignore, 137. robust, 138. absolutely, 139. refer, 140. continually, 141. lenient

142. professional ar____r *n.* a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision
143. co_____nt about price-gouging *n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
144. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
145. b__d old letters into a bundle *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
146. dis_____ate the balance *v.* to confuse, disconcert, upset, or frustrate
147. ready-made ph____es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
148. de___e an employee *v.* to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities
149. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
150. he_____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
151. ware a go__y hat *adj.* silly or foolish
152. wo_____me issue *adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm

ANSWERS: 142. arbiter, 143. complaint, 144. historic, 145. bind, 146. discombobulate, 147. phrase, 148. demote, 149. app, 150. heritage, 151. goofy, 152. worrisome

153. justice of the su____e court *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
154. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
155. an ill_____ate occupation *adj.* not legally valid or recognized
156. tro_____me behavior *adj.* causing difficulty or annoyance for someone
157. complex v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
158. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
159. variety of vi_____t colors *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
160. su_____or performance *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
161. st_____ng innovation *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
162. s__m the surface of the water *v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface
163. gl___e at him miserably *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
164. certain ex____t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends

ANSWERS: 153. supreme, 154. appropriate, 155. illegitimate, 156. troublesome, 157. verb, 158. reaction, 159. vibrant, 160. superior, 161. striking, 162. skim, 163. glance, 164. extent

165. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
166. minority di_____t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
167. a stone pe_____al *n.* a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed
168. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
169. a delicate fl____r *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
170. de_____le effect *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
171. dic_____ry definition *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
172. word pr____x *n.* a word or syllable that is added to the beginning of a word to alter its meaning or create a new word; a morpheme added to the beginning of a word to change or add to its meaning
173. intended pr_____ly for young people *adv.* mainly
174. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

ANSWERS: 165. relevance, 166. dialect, 167. pedestal, 168. responsible, 169. flavor, 170. desirable, 171. dictionary, 172. prefix, 173. primarily, 174. appropriate

175. ti____ss masterpiece *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
176. aca_____an community *n.* a person who is a member of an academy, especially in the arts or sciences; a person who is an expert in a particular field of study or knowledge
177. 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
178. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
179. fas_____le designs *adj.* popular at a particular time
180. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
181. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
182. cl_____y his feelings *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
183. vocational gu_____ce *n.* advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
184. ga___e away my fortune *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
185. fl___r enhancer *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

ANSWERS: 175. timeless, 176. academician, 177. decide, 178. definition, 179. fashionable, 180. involve, 181. scan, 182. clarify, 183. guidance, 184. gamble, 185. flavor

186. gu____ce counselor *n.* advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
187. provide su____or customer service *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
188. do_____ht nonsense *adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
189. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
190. con_____ly access information *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
191. ill_____ate claim *adj.* not legally valid or recognized
192. at____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
193. rhythmical pr__e *n.* a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
194. ad____le puppy *adj.* inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable
195. unn_____ry hassle *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important
196. an of_____ve smell *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
197. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 186. guidance, 187. superior, 188. downright, 189. frightening, 190. continually, 191. illegitimate, 192. attitude, 193. prose, 194. adorable, 195. unnecessary, 196. offensive, 197. creative

198. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
199. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
200. slowly becoming more re_____nt *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
201. ab_____e a speech *v.* to shorten or condense a book, a play, a speech, etc., while maintaining its essence
202. ret_____ct review *n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished
203. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
204. b__d the man's hands *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
205. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
206. pr_____ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
207. d__n's list *n.* a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience

ANSWERS: 198. strike, 199. label, 200. reluctant, 201. abridge, 202. retrospect, 203. communal, 204. bind, 205. strike, 206. primarily, 207. dean

208. re_____nt readers *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
209. a speech co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
210. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
211. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
212. pro_____ce in society *n.* the state of being important, easily seen, or well known
213. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
214. historical he_____ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
215. a working co_____on *n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
216. earn pro_____ce *n.* the state of being important, easily seen, or well known
217. di_____e this kind of food *v.* to not like someone or something
218. an ed_____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
219. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
220. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 208. reluctant, 209. contest, 210. creative, 211. absolutely, 212. prominence, 213. tweet, 214. heritage, 215. companion, 216. prominence, 217. dislike, 218. editorial, 219. communal, 220. stick

221. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
222. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
223. monthly us__e amount *n.* the way in which a word or phrase is used in a language; the extent in which how much something is used
224. assume the of _____ve *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
225. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
226. unn_____ry expense *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important
227. video game re___e *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
228. cl_____y a goal *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
229. ba___h doubt *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

ANSWERS: 221. tweet, 222. critic, 223. usage, 224. offensive, 225. refer, 226. unnecessary, 227. remake, 228. clarify, 229. banish

230. de___e a song from the top charts *v.* to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities
231. distinguished aca_____an *n.* a person who is a member of an academy, especially in the arts or sciences; a person who is an expert in a particular field of study or knowledge
232. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
233. leather b__t *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
234. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
235. re_____ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
236. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
237. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
238. pr_____ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
239. ti_____ss topic *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

ANSWERS: 230. demote, 231. academician, 232. gap, 233. belt, 234. tradition, 235. regularly, 236. journalist, 237. edit, 238. pronounce, 239. timeless

240. unr_____ble in looks *adj.* ordinary and not particularly interesting
241. pro_____ed difference *adj.* clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized
242. provide th_____gh analysis *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
243. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
244. gl____e around nervously *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
245. ig____e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
246. undertake a tro_____me task *adj.* causing difficulty or annoyance for someone
247. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
248. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
249. the su_____e commander *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
250. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
251. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 240. unremarkable, 241. pronounced, 242. thorough, 243. decision, 244. glance, 245. ignore, 246. troublesome, 247. entirely, 248. doe, 249. supreme, 250. journalist, 251. panel

252. dis_____sh man from the other animals
v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
253. ga___e \$100 on the race
v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
254. with hindsight ret_____ct
n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished
255. il_____al argument
adj. not making sense or not based on sound reasoning
256. remove lo__e hair
adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

ANSWERS: 252. distinguish, 253. gamble, 254. retrospect, 255. illogical, 256. loose

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company's rules _____ the employee's working hours.
v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
2. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.
adj. highest in rank, level, or importance
3. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
4. The beachfront property had a _____ location with stunning ocean views.
adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
5. Though I love literature, I'm a bad _____.
n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
6. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
7. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.
n. a shop that sells food and other household items
8. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.
n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. bind, 2. supreme, 3. ignored, 4. desirable, 5. linguist, 6. refer, 7. grocery, 8. gap

9. I need to purchase a new English _____.
- n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
10. A _____ private sector is crucial for economic growth.
- adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
11. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
12. The _____ of the dispute will be an impartial judge.
- n.* a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision
13. The machine had been damaged by rough _____.
- n.* the way in which a word or phrase is used in a language; the extent in which how much something is used
14. She struggled to _____ the word in a foreign language.
- v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
15. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
16. The _____ for the upcoming election will be sent out to registered voters next week.
- n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election

ANSWERS: 9. dictionary, 10. vibrant, 11. involves, 12. arbiter, 13. usage, 14. pronounce, 15. creative, 16. ballot

17. Use a singular _____ if the subject is singular.

n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

18. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

19. I had to _____ the novel to fit it into the time allotted for the movie.

v. to shorten or condense a book, a play, a speech, etc., while maintaining its essence

20. The inspector discovered _____ bolts under the fuel rods.

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

21. The police tried to _____ the facts concerning her death.

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

22. In _____ I wish I had made a different decision.

n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

23. He made a _____ face as he recalled this morning's events.

adj. silly or foolish

24. His _____ philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

ANSWERS: 17. verb, 18. frightening, 19. abridge, 20. loose, 21. clarify, 22. retrospect, 23. goofy, 24. offensive

25. Her dog is her excellent _____.

n. a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel

26. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

27. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

28. The band was _____ out old songs in response to audience requests.

v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

29. The chef's herbs and spices gave the dish a _____ flavor.

adj. clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized

30. Lengthened skirts are _____ this year.

adj. popular at a particular time

31. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

32. I feel _____ today; please forgive me if I seem irritable.

adj. easily irritated or annoyed; bad-tempered; in a state of discomfort or pain, often resulting in irritability or moodiness

33. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 25. companion, 26. definition, 27. belong, 28. belting, 29. pronounced, 30. fashionable, 31. Communal, 32. cranky, 33. tradition

34. Her tongue runs on _____.

adv. in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

35. They enjoyed a romantic dinner on the _____ overlooking the city.

n. a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space

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

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

37. He showed _____ behavior by burping loudly at the formal dinner.

adj. behaving in a rude, ill-mannered, or uncultured way; lacking in social graces or sensitivity towards others

38. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

adj. extremely good; excellent

39. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.

adv. at regular intervals or times

40. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

41. The view from the top of the mountain was _____ with sweeping vistas of the valley below.

adj. causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent

ANSWERS: 34. continually, 35. balcony, 36. stick, 37. boorish, 38. fantastic, 39. regularly, 40. reaction, 41. terrific,

42. There is a _____ aspect to his most remarkable work.
adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
43. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
44. He had to resolve a _____ event that happened unexpectedly
adj. causing difficulty or annoyance for someone
45. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
46. He achieved _____ in the field of medicine with his groundbreaking research.
n. the state of being important, easily seen, or well known
47. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
48. She filed a _____ with the manager about the poor service.
n. a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
49. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
50. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 42. timeless, 43. app's, 44. troublesome, 45. doe, 46. prominence, 47. tweet, 48. complaint, 49. absolutely, 50. historic

51. The mentor provided _____ to the young entrepreneur, helping her navigate the business world.

n. advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making

52. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

53. Governments _____ their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

54. It was a _____ lie that he would attend the event.

adj. (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

55. 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

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

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

57. The _____ trend of wearing neon clothing quickly faded away.

adj. characterized by following or adopting a passing fashion or trend without much thought or consideration; prone to being fashionable for a brief time and then losing popularity

ANSWERS: 51. guidance, 52. robust, 53. incentivize, 54. downright, 55. decision, 56. scanned, 57. faddish

58. 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

59. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.

- adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

60. My friend's daughter is _____ with curly hair and big brown eyes.

- adj.* inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable

61. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.

- v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

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

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

63. The team's _____ attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.

- adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

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

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

65. 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

ANSWERS: 58. degrade, 59. appropriate, 60. adorable, 61. edit, 62. journalists, 63. slack, 64. critics, 65. decide

66. He had an _____ child that he never acknowledged.

adj. not legally valid or recognized

67. The director plans to _____ the classic movie with a modern twist.

v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

68. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

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

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

70. The _____ by the king declared that war was imminent and all non-disabled men were to report for duty.

n. a formal or authoritative statement or announcement, especially one issued by a governing body or public official

71. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

72. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 66. illegitimate, 67. remake, 68. bureaucracy, 69. strike, 70. pronouncement, 71. heritage, 72. panel

73. Will you _____ on the result of the fight?

- v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

74. They are building an _____ to the house to add more bedrooms.

- n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

75. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

- n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

76. The restaurant's service was _____ slow.

- adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

77. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

- v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

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

- adv.* completely

79. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

- n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

80. Our brand's campaign uses a unique _____ to track engagement and reach.

- n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

ANSWERS: 73. gamble, 74. extension, 75. label, 76. unacceptably, 77. contemplated, 78. entirely, 79. relevance, 80. hashtag

81. There was no _____ between their proposals.
v. to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
82. The two plays have many _____ parallels.
adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
83. The _____ spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.
n. a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
84. This study _____ four different ways to run a business.
v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
85. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.
adj. extremely interesting
86. He was _____ to share his thoughts on the matter.
adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
87. The novel was written in _____ with no rhyme or meter.
n. a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
88. His interest in music composition is only a _____.
n. an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
89. We bought a Spanish _____ book.
n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

ANSWERS: 81. overlap, 82. striking, 83. dialect, 84. distinguished, 85. fascinating, 86. reluctant, 87. prose, 88. fad, 89. phrase

90. The extra steps in the process were deemed _____ and removed to streamline production.

adj. not needed or required; not essential or important

91. The _____ news about the impending storm caused many people to evacuate.

adj. causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm

92. The sudden power surge threatened to _____ the entire computer system.

v. to confuse, disconcert, upset, or frustrate

93. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

94. The teacher was _____ with the deadline for the project, giving the students extra time to finish.

adj. not harsh or strict; tolerant; forgiving; allowing for freedom or flexibility

95. I like to _____ the newspaper headlines in the morning to catch up on the news.

v. to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

96. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

ANSWERS: 90. unnecessary, 91. worrisome, 92. discombobulate, 93. responsible, 94. lenient, 95. skim, 96. editorial

97. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

98. The man _____ before opening the door.

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

99. The university's _____ was responsible for overseeing the academic programs and policies.

n. a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience

100. He seems to _____ all forms of exercise.

v. to not like someone or something

101. His poor performance caused the coach to _____ him to the bench.

v. to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities

102. A lot of _____ words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.

n. informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

103. The _____ old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.

adj. attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner

104. The _____ of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

ANSWERS: 97. nowhere, 98. paused, 99. dean, 100. dislike, 101. demote, 102. slang, 103. quaint, 104. flavor

105. His argument made no sense and was completely _____.

adj. not making sense or not based on sound reasoning

106. Each country's officials can access the central _____.

n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

107. _____ the ceremony was held outdoors.

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

108. The hurricane _____ the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.

v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

109. In some foreign languages, the gender of _____ exists.

n. a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects

110. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

111. The _____ research is widely cited in scientific literature.

n. a person who is a member of an academy, especially in the arts or sciences; a person who is an expert in a particular field of study or knowledge

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

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

ANSWERS: 105. illogical, 106. database, 107. Traditionally, 108. decimated, 109. nouns, 110. invite, 111. academician's, 112. statistics

113. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

114. The magic tricks _____ the children.

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

115. A _____ brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate

116. European powers _____ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

117. The statue was placed on a _____ in the center of the park.

n. a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed

118. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

119. The new smartphone model is _____ to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

120. I casually _____ into the small hut.

v. to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

ANSWERS: 113. contest, 114. fascinated, 115. thorough, 116. colonized, 117. pedestal, 118. extent, 119. superior, 120. glanced

121. He was very busy at work but otherwise led an _____ life.
adj. ordinary and not particularly interesting
122. The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they _____ on students.
v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
123. She _____ the menu before ordering her meal.
v. to read or examine something carefully and thoroughly
124. All peaceful cooperation is based _____ on mutual trust.
adv. mainly
125. Her new documentary earned her an _____ Award.
n. a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
126. The queen _____ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.
v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
127. She had the _____ that work was fun.
n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
128. The _____ "un" changes the word's meaning to its opposite.
n. a word or syllable that is added to the beginning of a word to alter its meaning or create a new word; a morpheme added to the beginning of a word to change or add to its meaning

ANSWERS: 121. unremarkable, 122. impose, 123. perused, 124. primarily, 125. Academy, 126. banished, 127. attitude, 128. prefix