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Session 1: Word List

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent
I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller
Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

untangle

v. to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain

synonym: disentangle, unravel, decipher

(1) **untangle** a situation, (2) **untangle** a problem
I need to **untangle** this knot before using this rope piece.

knot

n. a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread

synonym: tangle, entanglement, snarl

(1) a hard **knot**, (2) a **knot** of people

The boy scout showed us how to tie a **knot** that wouldn't come undone.

bunch

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

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

diagram

n. a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something

synonym: chart, figure, graph

(1) 3D **diagram**, (2) in a **diagram**

He is drawing a **diagram** illustrating how the equipment operates.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

liminal

adj. relating to a transitional or intermediate state or position; occupying the threshold between two different conditions or worlds

synonym: transitional, intermediate, threshold

(1) **liminal** position, (2) **liminal** zone

The **liminal** space between childhood and adulthood can be difficult to navigate.

counselor

n. a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems

synonym: advisor, consultant, therapist

(1) **counselor** office, (2) admissions **counselor**

She is a school **counselor** dedicated to helping students navigate academic and personal challenges.

dribble

v. to allow a liquid or substance to flow slowly and steadily in small drops; to move a ball or object in a series of small bounces or taps, often while running or maneuvering around other players

synonym : trickle, drizzle, drop

(1) **dribble** the ball, (2) **dribble** from my mouth

The coffee from your cup is starting to **dribble** down your shirt.

cone

n. a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end

(1) traffic **cone**, (2) ice cream **cone**

Cone-shaped cells in the eye's retina are responsible for color vision and visual acuity.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

spy

n. a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

synonym : agent, undercover operative

(1) **spy** cameras, (2) digital **spy** tools

The government recruited a **spy** to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym : fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

svelte

adj. having a slender or graceful figure; characterized by elegance, finesse, or a polished appearance, often used to describe a person or object with a sleek and well-proportioned design

synonym : slender, lean, slim

(1) **svelte** figure, (2) **svelte** silhouette

The fashion designer showcased her latest collection featuring **svelte** models in sleek outfits.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

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

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

pinnacle

n. the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success

synonym : summit, peak, apex

(1) architectural **pinnacle**, (2) reached the **pinnacle**

Climbing to the **pinnacle** of the mountain is a challenge that many outdoor enthusiasts strive to achieve.

melon

n. large fruit with a thick rind and fleshy, juicy interior, typically sweet and fragrant

(1) ripe **melon**, (2) juicy **melon**

She sliced the honeydew **melon** into small pieces for the fruit salad.

ivy

n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

(1) poison **ivy**, (2) **ivy** plant

The overgrown **ivy** cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

overgrown

adj. covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled

synonym : leafy, lush, verdant

(1) an **overgrown** garden, (2) **overgrown** child

The wooden gate had been damaged, and the hedge had become **overgrown**.

nutrition

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

synonym: alimentation, nourishment, sustenance

(1) **nutrition** condition, (2) **nutrition** intake

This food contains all the **nutrition** your dog requires.

cantaloupe

n. a type of melon with a ribbed, greenish peel and sweet, orange flesh, commonly consumed as a fruit and used in various culinary preparations

synonym: melon, muskmelon

(1) sliced **cantaloupe**, (2) sweet **cantaloupe**

I bought a ripe and juicy **cantaloupe** from the grocery store for a refreshing snack.

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.

trudge

v. to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously

synonym: plod, slog, hike

(1) **trudge** through mud, (2) **trudge** up the hill

The hiker **trudged** through the dense forest, chopping his way with a machete.

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.

trash

n. discarded material, refuse, or waste

synonym : garbage, waste, refuse

(1) **trash** bin, (2) **trash** disposal site

The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of **trash** in the streets.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym : bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

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

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

suspension

n. the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles

synonym : moratorium, abeyance, break

(1) **suspension** of arms, (2) **suspension** bridge

The court ordered a long-term **suspension** of business.

disbelief

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

synonym : doubt, mistrust, incredulity

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

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

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym : literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

semblance

n. the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity

synonym : appearance, facade, imitation

(1) **semblance** of truth, (2) lose **semblance** of identity

There was no **semblance** of order at the chaotic protest.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

novel

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

synonym : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

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

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

wardrobe

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

synonym : clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym : enchanting, occult, supernatural

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

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

convinced

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

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

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

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

fictional

adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

synonym : imaginary, invented, made-up

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

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

closet

n. a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes

synonym : cabinet, cupboard, locker

(1) **closet** full of suits, (2) walk-in **closets**

He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the **closet**.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym : base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency

headquarter

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym: charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

zone

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

synonym: area, region, territory

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

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

retail

n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

synonym: sales, trade, commerce

(1) **retail** store, (2) a **retail** dealer

The **retail** industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

variance

n. the fact or quality that two or more things are different, divergent, or inconsistent; a difference between conflicting facts, claims, or opinions

synonym: difference, conflict, disagreement

(1) **variance** analysis, (2) having no **variance**

The article is at **variance** with the truth.

compliance

n. the act of following rules or regulations, often willingly or voluntarily; the act of conforming to a set of standards or guidelines

synonym: obedience, submission, conformity

(1) **compliance** audit, (2) regulatory **compliance**

Conservation groups praised the company's **compliance** with environmental regulations.

pirate

n. (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea

synonym: buccaneer, corsair, privateer

(1) **pirate** treasure, (2) video **pirate**

The **pirate** captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.

citrus

n. a group of fruits that belong to the citrus family, including oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruits; the trees that bear these fruits

synonym: orange, lemon, lime

(1) **citrus** trees, (2) **citrus** scent

Citrus fruits like oranges and lemons are high in vitamin C.

scurvy

n. a disease resulting from a lack of vitamin C, characterized by swollen bleeding gums and the opening of previously healed wounds; (adjective) deserving to be despised

synonym: scorbutus

(1) prevent **scurvy**, (2) a **scurvy** trick

Conditions like **scurvy** and rickets are the result of vitamin deficiencies.

patch

n. a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

synonym: mend, repair, fix

(1) **patch** of grass, (2) software **patch**

I need to sew a **patch** onto my jeans that ripped.

springtime

n. the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather

synonym: spring, heyday, budtime

(1) **springtime** blooms, (2) **springtime** breeze
I love going for walks in the park during **springtime**.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
synonym: dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

pastel

n. a soft and pale shade of a color, often used in art or fashion design; a type of crayon or pencil made of powdered pigment and binder, used for drawing or coloring

synonym: chalk, crayon, color stick

(1) **pastel** drawing, (2) **pastel** palette

Her artwork features soft **pastel** colors and dreamy landscapes.

instruction

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

synonym: education, direction, guidance

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

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

echo

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

synonym: reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**

A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

sunset

n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

synonym : evening, sundown, dusk

(1) **sunset** this function, (2) spectacular **sunset** views
He is in the **sunset** of his life.

boulevard

n. a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade

synonym : avenue, street, road

(1) tree-lined **boulevard**, (2) residential **boulevard**
The new shopping center is on a bustling **boulevard** in the city's heart.

era

n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

synonym : epoch, age, period

(1) dawn of a new **era**, (2) the **era** of the Renaissance
Political corruption was common throughout the postwar **era**.

employee

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

synonym : worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation
The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym : position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**
He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

pharmacy

n. a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's

synonym : drugstore, chemist's, apothecary

(1) **pharmacy** chain, (2) online **pharmacy**

I need to go to the hospital **pharmacy** to pick up my prescription.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

patent

n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

synonym : copyright, trademark, license

(1) **patent** application, (2) **patent** law

The company has filed for a **patent** to protect its new invention.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

jar

n. a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

synonym : container, vessel, pot

(1) a **jar** of jam, (2) a water **jar**

He placed the coins in a **jar** to save for a trip.

communist

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

synonym : socialist, marxist, leninist

(1) **communist** party, (2) **communist** activist
During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of **communist** ideology.

slush

n. partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice

(1) ice **slush**, (2) illicit **slush** funds

The streets and sidewalks were covered in snow and **slush**.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

syrup

n. a sweet, thick liquid made by dissolving sugar in water, often flavored with fruit, spices, or other ingredients

synonym: nectar, sap, honey

(1) maple **syrup**, (2) **syrup** bottle

She mixed the **syrup** with water to make a sweet drink.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

mammoth

adj. exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene

synonym:

huge, large

(1) woolly **mammoth**, (2) a **mammoth** ship

The minister decided to review its **mammoth** public works projects.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

synonym: spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

repellent

adj. serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust

synonym: disgusting, repulsive, offensive

(1) **repellent** odor, (2) **repellent** properties

She avoided the used car salesman because she found his pushy behavior **repellent**.

potpourri

n. a mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant materials; a mixture or medley of different things, especially a collection or assortment of various pleasant or interesting elements, such as smells, colors, or ideas

synonym : mixture, blend, assortment

(1) aromatic **potpourri**, (2) floral **potpourri**

The gift basket was filled with a delightful **potpourri** of scented candles, bath bombs, and chocolates.

scent

n. a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one

synonym : fragrance, aroma, perfume

(1) natural **scent**, (2) **scent** memory

The **scent** of freshly baked bread filled the bakery.

toenail

n. the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

synonym : nail, claw, hoof

(1) **toenail** fungus, (2) ingrown **toenail**

I accidentally stubbed my toe and broke my **toenail**.

sweat

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

synonym : perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

pyre

n. a ceremonial pile of combustible materials, usually wood, used for the burning of a dead body as part of a funeral rite or cremation; a bonfire

synonym : bonfire, cremation fire

(1) pile of **pyres**, (2) ceremonial **pyre**

The deceased warrior was honored with a funeral **pyre**.

- ash**
- n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation
- synonym* : cinder, soot, dust
- (1) **ash** tree, (2) soda **ash**
- The volcanic **ash** covered the island after the eruption.
- ax**
- n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
- synonym* : hatchet, chopper, tomahawk
- (1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox
- He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.
- spray**
- n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
- synonym* : mist, aerosol, atomizer
- (1) a **spray** of mist, (2) an insect **spray**
- The artist used a **spray** paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.
- battlefield**
- n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
- synonym* : warzone, front line, combat area
- (1) **battlefield** casualties, (2) tactics on the **battlefield**
- The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the **battlefield**.
- emotion**
- n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
- synonym* : feeling, sentiment, passion
- (1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**
- Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym: flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

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

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

quarterly

adj. happening every three months

synonym: every three months, three-monthly

(1) **quarterly** publication, (2) **quarterly** review

The company released its **quarterly** earnings report.

champagne

n. a type of sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, or any similar wine produced elsewhere

synonym: sparkling wine, prosecco, cava

(1) **champagne** toast, (2) **champagne** celebration

They opened a bottle of **champagne** to celebrate their success.

seam

n. a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil

synonym: stitch, seam, joint

(1) uneven **seam**, (2) the **seam** on the shoulder

She took the dress to the tailor to fix the torn **seam**.

colon

n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

(1) **colon** examination, (2) the **colon** at the end of the sentence

Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of **colon** cancer.

dimension

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

synonym: extent, measurement, size

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

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

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

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

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

rafter

n. one of several internal beams in a roof that support the covering

synonym: beam, joist, timber

(1) built-up **rafter**, (2) **rafter** support

The construction workers strengthened the roof by adding extra **rafters** to support the weight.

supposedly

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

synonym: seemingly, allegedly, purportedly

(1) **supposedly** identical, (2) neckless **supposedly** made of pure gold

He is **supposedly** nominated for a Nobel Prize.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

foreground

n. the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer

(1) **foreground** segmentation, (2) **foreground** galaxy

A happy group of friends occupies the **foreground** of the picture.

prefer

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

synonym: choose, like, favor

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

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

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

whale

n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

synonym : porpoise, giant

(1) a bull **whale**, (2) **whale** watching

Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a **whale**.

pet *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**

I have a parrot as a **pet**.

punishment *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

synonym : penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

overnight *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym : all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

premium *n.* an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value

synonym : dividend, bonus, (adjective) expensive

(1) insurance **premium**, (2) **premium** quality

Some people are willing to pay a **premium** for a rare and valuable collectible.

crazy *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

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

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

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym : wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

buck

n. a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

synonym : dollar, money, currency

(1) **buck** the trend, (2) extra **buck**

I spotted a majestic **buck** with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

fjord

n. a long, narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or hills, often with a shallow, rocky shoreline, found especially in Norway

synonym : inlet, estuary, bay

(1) spectacular **fjord**, (2) **fjord** tour

The beautiful **fjord** landscape was breathtaking to behold from the ship's deck.

digress

v. to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing

synonym: deviate, meander, stray

(1) **digress** into my personal opinions, (2) **digress** from the main subject

The professor always **digresses** when he gives a lecture.

outgoing

adj. friendly and energetic in talking to others; tending to go out or away

synonym: extroverted, sociable, friendly

(1) **outgoing** attitude, (2) **outgoing** mail

She was an **outgoing** person and loved meeting new people and trying new things.

beep

v. to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning

synonym: bleep, honk, buzz

(1) **beep** out a warning, (2) **beep** the horn

The timer **beeped**, reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.

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.

crossword

n. a word puzzle consisting of a grid of black and white squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues

(1) do a **crossword** puzzle, (2) good at **crossword** puzzles

He sat frowning over a **crossword** puzzle.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

merry

adj. cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood

synonym: jolly, happy, cheerful

(1) **merry-making**, (2) **merry** laughter

We had a **merry** time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.

babysitter

n. a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

synonym: childcare provider, nanny, nurse

(1) need a trustworthy **babysitter**, (2) experienced **babysitter**

Our regular **babysitter** was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

Session 2: Spelling

1. prevent sc___y *n.* a disease resulting from a lack of vitamin C, characterized by swollen bleeding gums and the opening of previously healed wounds; (adjective) deserving to be despised
2. com_____ce audit *n.* the act of following rules or regulations, often willingly or voluntarily; the act of conforming to a set of standards or guidelines
3. ask in di_____ef *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
4. pa___l palette *n.* a soft and pale shade of a color, often used in art or fashion design; a type of crayon or pencil made of powdered pigment and binder, used for drawing or coloring
5. fa_____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
6. to_____l fungus *n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance
7. dr_____e the ball *v.* to allow a liquid or substance to flow slowly and steadily in small drops; to move a ball or object in a series of small bounces or taps, often while running or maneuvering around other players

ANSWERS: 1. scurvy, 2. compliance, 3. disbelief, 4. pastel, 5. fantasy, 6. toenail, 7. dribble

8. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
9. sweet can_____pe *n.* a type of melon with a ribbed, greenish peel and sweet, orange flesh, commonly consumed as a fruit and used in various culinary preparations
10. sw__t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
11. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
12. pa__h of grass *n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
13. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
14. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
15. co_____st activist *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
16. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
17. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

ANSWERS: 8. boom, 9. cantaloupe, 10. sweat, 11. underneath, 12. patch, 13. suppose, 14. prefer, 15. communist, 16. instruction, 17. zone

18. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
19. pa___l drawing *n.* a soft and pale shade of a color, often used in art or fashion design; a type of crayon or pencil made of powdered pigment and binder, used for drawing or coloring
20. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
21. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
22. ice cream c___e *n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
23. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
24. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
25. ph_____cy chain *n.* a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's
26. ingrown to_____l *n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

ANSWERS: 18. storytelling, 19. pastel, 20. suppose, 21. fantasy, 22. cone, 23. firm, 24. employee, 25. pharmacy, 26. toenail

27. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
28. neckless sup_____ly made of pure gold *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
29. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
30. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
31. good at cr_____rd puzzles *n.* a word puzzle consisting of a grid of black and white squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues
32. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
33. 3D di_____m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
34. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
35. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
36. maple sy__p *n.* a sweet, thick liquid made by dissolving sugar in water, often flavored with fruit, spices, or other ingredients
37. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 27. crazy, 28. supposedly, 29. opposition, 30. instruction, 31. crossword, 32. technique, 33. diagram, 34. pound, 35. descend, 36. syrup, 37. argue

38. for_____nd segmentation *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
39. re____l store *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
40. do a cr_____rd puzzle *n.* a word puzzle consisting of a grid of black and white squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues
41. a ma_____h ship *adj.* exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene
42. un_____le a problem *v.* to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain
43. regulatory com_____ce *n.* the act of following rules or regulations, often willingly or voluntarily; the act of conforming to a set of standards or guidelines
44. a_h tree *n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation
45. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 38. foreground, 39. retail, 40. crossword, 41. mammoth, 42. untangle, 43. compliance, 44. ash, 45. emotion

46. traffic c__e *n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
47. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
48. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
49. ci___s scent *n.* a group of fruits that belong to the citrus family, including oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruits; the trees that bear these fruits
50. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
51. spr_____me breeze *n.* the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather
52. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
53. fi_____al character *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
54. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 46. cone, 47. highlight, 48. faith, 49. citrus, 50. puzzle, 51. springtime, 52. overnight, 53. fictional, 54. motto

55. co____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
56. ou____ng attitude *adj.* friendly and energetic in talking to others; tending to go out or away
57. architectural pi____le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
58. having no va____ce *n.* the fact or quality that two or more things are different, divergent, or inconsistent; a difference between conflicting facts, claims, or opinions
59. juicy me__n *n.* large fruit with a thick rind and fleshy, juicy interior, typically sweet and fragrant
60. pun____nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
61. di____s into my personal opinions *v.* to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing
62. 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
63. tr____e through mud *v.* to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously

ANSWERS: 55. convince, 56. outgoing, 57. pinnacle, 58. variance, 59. melon, 60. punishment, 61. digress, 62. belong, 63. trudge

64. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
65. qu_____ly review *adj.* happening every three months
66. qu_____ly publication *adj.* happening every three months
67. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
68. sy__p bottle *n.* a sweet, thick liquid made by dissolving sugar in water, often flavored with fruit, spices, or other ingredients
69. dr_____e from my mouth *v.* to allow a liquid or substance to flow slowly and steadily in small drops; to move a ball or object in a series of small bounces or taps, often while running or maneuvering around other players
70. s_y cameras *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
71. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
72. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

ANSWERS: 64. novel, 65. quarterly, 66. quarterly, 67. fiction, 68. syrup, 69. dribble, 70. spy, 71. argue, 72. novel

73. a sp__y of mist *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
74. minimalist wa____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
75. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
76. ceremonial p__e *n.* a ceremonial pile of combustible materials, usually wood, used for the burning of a dead body as part of a funeral rite or cremation; a bonfire
77. ripe me__n *n.* large fruit with a thick rind and fleshy, juicy interior, typically sweet and fragrant
78. afraid to show em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
79. pr___r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
80. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
81. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 73. spray, 74. wardrobe, 75. highlight, 76. pyre, 77. melon, 78. emotion, 79. prefer, 80. bet, 81. sect

82. soda a_h *n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation
83. i_y plant *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
84. dawn of a new e_a *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
85. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
86. ice sl__h *n.* partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice
87. ou_____ng mail *adj.* friendly and energetic in talking to others; tending to go out or away
88. sliced can_____pe *n.* a type of melon with a ribbed, greenish peel and sweet, orange flesh, commonly consumed as a fruit and used in various culinary preparations
89. po___c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
90. uneven s__m *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
91. cl___t full of suits *n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes

ANSWERS: 82. ash, 83. ivy, 84. era, 85. emotional, 86. slush, 87. outgoing, 88. cantaloupe, 89. poetic, 90. seam, 91. closet

92. pa___t law *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
93. ch_____ne toast *n.* a type of sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, or any similar wine produced elsewhere
94. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
95. spectacular fj__d *n.* a long, narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or hills, often with a shallow, rocky shoreline, found especially in Norway
96. all in a sw__t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
97. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
98. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
99. tr__h disposal site *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
100. ra___r support *n.* one of several internal beams in a roof that support the covering
101. re_____nt odor *adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
102. insurance pr_____m *n.* an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value

ANSWERS: 92. patent, 93. champagne, 94. storytelling, 95. fjord, 96. sweat, 97. exciting, 98. dimension, 99. trash, 100. rafter, 101. repellent, 102. premium

103. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
104. admissions co_____or *n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems
105. ch_____ne celebration *n.* a type of sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, or any similar wine produced elsewhere
106. co_____or office *n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems
107. bo___g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
108. sc__t memory *n.* a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one
109. an ov_____wn garden *adj.* covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled
110. b__p the horn *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
111. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
112. fj__d tour *n.* a long, narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or hills, often with a shallow, rocky shoreline, found especially in Norway
113. wh__e watching *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

ANSWERS: 103. rank, 104. counselor, 105. champagne, 106. counselor, 107. boring, 108. scent, 109. overgrown, 110. beep, 111. obsess, 112. fjord, 113. whale

123. the co__n at the end of the sentence
124. the e_a of the Renaissance
125. f__m grip
126. se_____ce of truth
127. de_____e respect
128. de_____d by elevator
129. built-up ra____r
130. the te_____ue applied to construction
131. we__h a cargo
- n.* the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
- n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
- adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
- n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
- v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
- v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
- n.* one of several internal beams in a roof that support the covering
- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
- v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

ANSWERS: 123. colon, 124. era, 125. firm, 126. semblance, 127. deserve, 128. descend, 129. rafter, 130. technique, 131. weigh

132. sus_____on bridge *n.* the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles
133. walk-in wa_____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
134. a p_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
135. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
136. an insect sp__y *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
137. tree-lined bo_____rd *n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade
138. a bull wh__e *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
139. di_____s from the main subject *v.* to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing
140. en_____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase

ANSWERS: 132. suspension, 133. wardrobe, 134. pet, 135. release, 136. spray, 137. boulevard, 138. whale, 139. digress, 140. envelop

141. a hard k__t *n.* a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread
142. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
143. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
144. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
145. woolly ma_____h *adj.* exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene
146. non-fi_____al text *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
147. pi___e treasure *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
148. un_____le a situation *v.* to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain
149. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
150. va_____ce analysis *n.* the fact or quality that two or more things are different, divergent, or inconsistent; a difference between conflicting facts, claims, or opinions

ANSWERS: 141. knot, 142. puzzle, 143. underneath, 144. echo, 145. mammoth, 146. fictional, 147. pirate, 148. untangle, 149. nonprofit, 150. variance

151. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
152. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
153. lose se_____ce of identity *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
154. tactics on the bat_____ld *n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
155. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
156. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
157. co__n examination *n.* the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
158. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
159. residential bo_____rd *n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade

ANSWERS: 151. convinced, 152. rank, 153. semblance, 154. battlefield, 155. bunch, 156. zone, 157. colon, 158. architect, 159. boulevard

160. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
161. b__k the trend *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
162. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
163. 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
164. nu_____on intake *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
165. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
166. need a trustworthy bab_____er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
167. nu_____on condition *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

ANSWERS: 160. boom, 161. buck, 162. chip, 163. stick, 164. nutrition, 165. magical, 166. babysitter, 167. nutrition

168. video pi___e *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
169. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
170. sv___e figure *adj.* having a slender or graceful figure; characterized by elegance, finesse, or a polished appearance, often used to describe a person or object with a sleek and well-proportioned design
171. floral po_____ri *n.* a mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant materials; a mixture or medley of different things, especially a collection or assortment of various pleasant or interesting elements, such as smells, colors, or ideas
172. a k__t of people *n.* a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread
173. the gr_____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
174. bat_____ld casualties *n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
175. pr_____m quality *n.* an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value
176. run a gr_____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
177. sup_____ly identical *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

ANSWERS: 168. pirate, 169. obsess, 170. svelte, 171. potpourri, 172. knot, 173. grocery, 174. battlefield, 175. premium, 176. grocery, 177. supposedly

178. chop wood with an ax *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
179. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
180. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
181. pile of p__es *n.* a ceremonial pile of combustible materials, usually wood, used for the burning of a dead body as part of a funeral rite or cremation; a bonfire
182. a re___l dealer *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
183. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
184. bo___g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
185. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
186. a j_r of jam *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

ANSWERS: 178. ax, 179. crazy, 180. murder, 181. pyre, 182. retail, 183. ruin, 184. boring, 185. poetic, 186. jar

187. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
188. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
189. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
190. aromatic po_____ri *n.* a mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant materials; a mixture or medley of different things, especially a collection or assortment of various pleasant or interesting elements, such as smells, colors, or ideas
191. pa___t application *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
192. spr_____me blooms *n.* the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather
193. no_____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
194. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
195. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
196. co_____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 187. murder, 188. motto, 189. weird, 190. potpourri, 191. patent, 192. springtime, 193. nonprofit, 194. ruin, 195. magical, 196. convince

197. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
198. online ph_____cy *n.* a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's
199. li_____l position *adj.* relating to a transitional or intermediate state or position; occupying the threshold between two different conditions or worlds
200. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
201. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
202. humiliating pun_____nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
203. su____t this function *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
204. tr____e up the hill *v.* to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously
205. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
206. co_____st party *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

ANSWERS: 197. dimension, 198. pharmacy, 199. liminal, 200. exciting, 201. rot, 202. punishment, 203. sunset, 204. trudge, 205. headquarter, 206. communist

207. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
208. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
209. a water j_r *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
210. b__p out a warning *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
211. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
212. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
213. 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
214. extra b__k *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
215. experienced bab_____er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

ANSWERS: 207. emotional, 208. opposition, 209. jar, 210. beep, 211. convinced, 212. faith, 213. stick, 214. buck, 215. babysitter

216. natural sc__t *n.* a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one
217. sound e__o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
218. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
219. di_____ef in the authority *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
220. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
221. en_____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
222. the s__m on the shoulder *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
223. ov_____wn child *adj.* covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled
224. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
225. tr__h bin *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
226. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
227. an ax in the toolbox *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

ANSWERS: 216. scent, 217. echo, 218. pet, 219. disbelief, 220. headquarter, 221. envelop, 222. seam, 223. overgrown, 224. weird, 225. trash, 226. bet, 227. ax

228. software pa__h *n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
229. poison i_y *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
230. sus_____on of arms *n.* the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles
231. in a di_____m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
232. illicit sl__h funds *n.* partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice
233. aim a b__b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
234. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
235. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
236. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 228. patch, 229. ivy, 230. suspension, 231. diagram, 232. slush, 233. barb, 234. fiction, 235. medicinal, 236. medicinal

237. em_____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
238. for_____nd galaxy *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
239. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
240. li_____l zone *adj.* relating to a transitional or intermediate state or position; occupying the threshold between two different conditions or worlds
241. me__y laughter *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
242. reached the pi_____le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
243. re_____nt properties *adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
244. spectacular su____t views *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
245. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 237. employee, 238. foreground, 239. overnight, 240. liminal, 241. merry, 242. pinnacle, 243. repellent, 244. sunset, 245. sect

246. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
247. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
248. re____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
249. ar____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
250. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
251. b__b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
252. a sc____y trick *n.* a disease resulting from a lack of vitamin C, characterized by swollen bleeding gums and the opening of previously healed wounds; (adjective) deserving to be despised

ANSWERS: 246. pound, 247. chip, 248. release, 249. architect, 250. weigh, 251. barb, 252. scurvy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I need to go to the hospital _____ to pick up my prescription.
n. a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's
2. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.
adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
3. The _____ captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.
n. (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
4. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.
adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
5. She took the dress to the tailor to fix the torn _____.
n. a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
6. 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
7. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.
n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

ANSWERS: 1. pharmacy, 2. firm, 3. pirate, 4. convinced, 5. seam, 6. belong, 7. fantasy

8. The _____ of freshly baked bread filled the bakery.
n. a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one
9. The overgrown ____ cleaved to the ruined castle walls.
n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
10. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
11. I have a parrot as a ____.
n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
12. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
13. The construction workers strengthened the roof by adding extra _____ to support the weight.
n. one of several internal beams in a roof that support the covering
14. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.
v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
15. He kept his robust _____ in his company.
n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
16. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 8. scent, 9. ivy, 10. instruction, 11. pet, 12. motto, 13. rafters, 14. convince, 15. faith, 16. opposition

17. Our regular _____ was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.

n. a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

18. The court ordered a long-term _____ of business.

n. the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles

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

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

20. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

21. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

22. I accidentally stubbed my toe and broke my _____.

n. the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

23. The deceased warrior was honored with a funeral _____.

n. a ceremonial pile of combustible materials, usually wood, used for the burning of a dead body as part of a funeral rite or cremation; a bonfire

ANSWERS: 17. babysitter, 18. suspension, 19. magical, 20. underneath, 21. crazy, 22. toenail, 23. pyre

24. She is a school _____ dedicated to helping students navigate academic and personal challenges.
- n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems
25. Political corruption was common throughout the postwar ____.
- n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
26. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
- n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
27. The _____ industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.
- n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
28. The volcanic ____ covered the island after the eruption.
- n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation
29. We had a _____ time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.
- adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
30. The beautiful _____ landscape was breathtaking to behold from the ship's deck.
- n.* a long, narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or hills, often with a shallow, rocky shoreline, found especially in Norway

ANSWERS: 24. counselor, 25. era, 26. puzzle, 27. retail, 28. ash, 29. merry, 30. fjord

31. I need to sew a _____ onto my jeans that ripped.
- n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
32. The names of the company are entirely _____.
- adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
33. The new shopping center is on a bustling _____ in the city's heart.
- n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade
34. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.
- adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
35. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
- v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
36. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
- v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
37. He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the _____.
- n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
38. The hiker _____ through the dense forest, chopping his way with a machete.
- v.* to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously

ANSWERS: 31. patch, 32. fictional, 33. boulevard, 34. overnight, 35. descended, 36. prefer, 37. closet, 38. trudged

39. Some people are willing to pay a _____ for a rare and valuable collectible.
- n.* an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value
40. Her _____ selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.
- n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
41. Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a _____.
- n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
42. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
43. Conditions like _____ and rickets are the result of vitamin deficiencies.
- n.* a disease resulting from a lack of vitamin C, characterized by swollen bleeding gums and the opening of previously healed wounds; (adjective) deserving to be despised
44. The professor always _____ when he gives a lecture.
- v.* to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing
45. The politician's words were full of _____ designed to hurt his opponent.
- n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
46. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.
- n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

ANSWERS: 39. premium, 40. wardrobe, 41. whale, 42. bunch, 43. scurvy, 44. digresses, 45. barbs, 46. chip

47. The gift basket was filled with a delightful _____ of scented candles, bath bombs, and chocolates.
- n.* a mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant materials; a mixture or medley of different things, especially a collection or assortment of various pleasant or interesting elements, such as smells, colors, or ideas
48. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.
- n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
49. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.
- v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
50. The artist used a _____ paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.
- n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
51. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
- n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
52. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
- adj.* relating to people's feelings
53. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
- v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

ANSWERS: 47. potpourri, 48. headquarters, 49. weighs, 50. spray, 51. employee, 52. emotional, 53. highlighted

54. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

55. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

56. The company released its _____ earnings report.

adj. happening every three months

57. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

58. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

59. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

60. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

61. _____ cells in the eye's retina are responsible for color vision and visual acuity.

n. a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end

ANSWERS: 54. technique, 55. suppose, 56. quarterly, 57. obsessed, 58. ruined, 59. architect, 60. rank, 61. Cone-shaped

62. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

63. He is _____ nominated for a Nobel Prize.

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

64. His reaction was one of complete _____.

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

65. He is drawing a _____ illustrating how the equipment operates.

n. a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something

66. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

67. The fashion designer showcased her latest collection featuring _____ models in sleek outfits.

adj. having a slender or graceful figure; characterized by elegance, finesse, or a polished appearance, often used to describe a person or object with a sleek and well-proportioned design

68. During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of _____ ideology.

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

69. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 62. medicinal, 63. supposedly, 64. disbelief, 65. diagram, 66. boring, 67. svelte, 68. communist, 69. sect

70. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

71. 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

72. The boy scout showed us how to tie a _____ that wouldn't come undone.

n. a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread

73. She avoided the used car salesman because she found his pushy behavior _____.

adj. serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust

74. He placed the coins in a _____ to save for a trip.

n. a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

75. Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of _____ cancer.

n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

76. The streets and sidewalks were covered in snow and _____.

n. partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice

ANSWERS: 70. exciting, 71. stick, 72. knot, 73. repellent, 74. jar, 75. colon, 76. slush

77. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

78. The company has filed for a _____ to protect its new invention.

n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

79. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

80. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

81. I need to _____ this knot before using this rope piece.

v. to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain

82. Climbing to the _____ of the mountain is a challenge that many outdoor enthusiasts strive to achieve.

n. the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success

83. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

ANSWERS: 77. poetic, 78. patent, 79. emotions, 80. weird, 81. untangle, 82. pinnacle, 83. pounds

84. There was no _____ of order at the chaotic protest.
- n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
85. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.
- adj.* not established for commercial profit
86. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
87. Her artwork features soft _____ colors and dreamy landscapes.
- n.* a soft and pale shade of a color, often used in art or fashion design; a type of crayon or pencil made of powdered pigment and binder, used for drawing or coloring
88. _____ fruits like oranges and lemons are high in vitamin C.
- n.* a group of fruits that belong to the citrus family, including oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruits; the trees that bear these fruits
89. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
90. The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the _____.
- n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
91. I bought a ripe and juicy _____ from the grocery store for a refreshing snack.
- n.* a type of melon with a ribbed, greenish peel and sweet, orange flesh, commonly consumed as a fruit and used in various culinary preparations

ANSWERS: 84. semblance, 85. nonprofit, 86. novel, 87. pastel, 88. Citrus, 89. storytelling, 90. battlefield, 91. cantaloupe

92. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

93. I _____ that you know it.

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

94. She sliced the honeydew _____ into small pieces for the fruit salad.

n. large fruit with a thick rind and fleshy, juicy interior, typically sweet and fragrant

95. The _____ space between childhood and adulthood can be difficult to navigate.

adj. relating to a transitional or intermediate state or position; occupying the threshold between two different conditions or worlds

96. Truth is stranger than _____.

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

97. I love going for walks in the park during _____.

n. the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather

98. A happy group of friends occupies the _____ of the picture.

n. the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer

99. I spotted a majestic _____ with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

n. a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

ANSWERS: 92. enveloped, 93. bet, 94. melon, 95. liminal, 96. fiction, 97. springtime, 98. foreground, 99. buck

100. The wooden gate had been damaged, and the hedge had become _____.
adj. covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled
101. She mixed the _____ with water to make a sweet drink.
n. a sweet, thick liquid made by dissolving sugar in water, often flavored with fruit, spices, or other ingredients
102. The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of _____ in the streets.
n. discarded material, refuse, or waste
103. The article is at _____ with the truth.
n. the fact or quality that two or more things are different, divergent, or inconsistent; a difference between conflicting facts, claims, or opinions
104. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.
n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
105. He sat frowning over a _____ puzzle.
n. a word puzzle consisting of a grid of black and white squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues
106. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
107. This food contains all the _____ your dog requires.
n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

ANSWERS: 100. overgrown, 101. syrup, 102. trash, 103. variance, 104. echoed, 105. crossword, 106. rot, 107. nutrition

108. He used an ___ to chop the firewood for the campfire.

n. a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

109. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

110. The minister decided to review its _____ public works projects.

adj. exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene

111. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.

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

112. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

113. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

114. The government recruited a ___ to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

n. a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

115. She wiped the _____ off her forehead with a towel.

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

ANSWERS: 108. ax, 109. boom, 110. mammoth, 111. dimensions, 112. deserved, 113. punishment, 114. spy, 115. sweat

116. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
117. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
- n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally
118. Conservation groups praised the company's _____ with environmental regulations.
- n. the act of following rules or regulations, often willingly or voluntarily; the act of conforming to a set of standards or guidelines
119. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
120. He is in the _____ of his life.
- n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
121. The coffee from your cup is starting to _____ down your shirt.
- v. to allow a liquid or substance to flow slowly and steadily in small drops; to move a ball or object in a series of small bounces or taps, often while running or maneuvering around other players
122. They opened a bottle of _____ to celebrate their success.
- n. a type of sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, or any similar wine produced elsewhere
123. The timer _____ reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.
- v. to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning

ANSWERS: 116. argue, 117. murder, 118. compliance, 119. release, 120. sunset, 121. dribble, 122. champagne, 123. beeped,

124. She was an _____ person and loved meeting new people and trying new things.

adj. friendly and energetic in talking to others; tending to go out or away

125. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

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

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

ANSWERS: 124. outgoing, 125. grocery, 126. zone