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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### romantic

*adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

*synonym*: idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

### medal

*n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

*synonym*: award, decoration, badge

(1) gold **medal**, (2) a prize **medal**

She was proud to receive a **medal** for her hard work and dedication to the sport.

### charm

*n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

*synonym*: allure, appeal, beauty

(1) masculine **charm**, (2) **charm** against bad luck

These are significantly more exquisite than typical **charm** bracelets.

### polish

*n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

*synonym*: shine, buff, gloss

(1) **polish** finishing, (2) surface **polish**

I used a special **polish** to make my car's paint shine.

## poet

*n.* a person who writes poetry

*synonym*: versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym*: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

## poem

*n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

*synonym*: ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

## suspect

*v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

*synonym*: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

## elevator

*n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

*synonym*: lift, hoist

(1) **elevator** ride, (2) modern **elevator**

The hotel's **elevator** was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

- flirt**
- v. to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
- synonym* : tease
- (1) **flirt** with him, (2) **flirt** like a schoolgirl
- My husband never **flirts** with other women.
- bug**
- n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
- synonym* : insect, bacterium, microbe
- (1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes
- I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.
- rive**
- v. to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force
- synonym* : split, cleave, rip
- (1) **rive** the sails of the ship, (2) **rive** the stone into precise shapes
- The lumberjack used a strong axe to **rive** the logs into smaller pieces.
- omen**
- n. a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence
- synonym* : portent, sign, prediction
- (1) bad **omen**, (2) prophetic **omen**
- The alignment of the planets was considered an **omen** of major changes in people's lives.
- trilogy**
- n. a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme
- synonym* : triple, triptych
- (1) **trilogy** series, (2) **trilogy** format
- The Lord of the Rings **trilogy** is a classic in the fantasy genre.

## damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

*synonym*: curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise  
The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

## demigod

n. a being with traits that are partly divine and partly human; a person who is highly regarded or celebrated, often with extraordinary abilities or achievements

*synonym*: half-god, superhuman

(1) ancient **demigod**, (2) musical **demigod**  
The founder was treated like a tech **demigod** in the startup ecosystem because of his successful ventures.

## coincidence

n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

*synonym*: co-occurrence, concurrency, accident

(1) the **coincidence** of an opinion, (2) by a strange **coincidence**

It was a pure **coincidence** that we met her in the library.

## mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

*synonym*: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

## 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.

## recognize

*v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

*synonym* : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

## groin

*n.* the area of the body where the thigh meets the abdomen; the outer edge of the body where the lower abdomen and inner thigh come together; a curved masonry construction used to support an arch or vault

*synonym* : groove, crotch, junction

(1) pulled **groin**, (2) strained **groin**

The athlete felt a sharp pain in his **groin** after pulling a muscle during the game.

## injury

*n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

*synonym* : wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

## assume

*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

*synonym* : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

## eventually

*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

*synonym* : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

## invite

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

*synonym* : ask, request, summon

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

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

## multimedia

*adj.* relating to or involving the use or combination of several different media or communication formats, such as text, graphics, audio, and video

*synonym* : interactive, mixed media

(1) **multimedia** presentation, (2) **multimedia** design

I love using **multimedia** tools to create engaging presentations and projects.

## topic

*n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about

*synonym* : subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

## niche

*n.* a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it

*synonym* : role, position, habitat

(1) **niche** market, (2) every **niche** of society

The species occupies a unique **niche** in the ecosystem as a top predator.

## inconsequential

*adj.* of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible

*synonym* : insignificant, trivial, minor

(1) **inconsequential** details, (2) **inconsequential** effect

The mistake was **inconsequential** and did not significantly impact the outcome.

## fellow

*adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

*synonym* : buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

## 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.

## autobiography

*n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person

*synonym* : bio, life story, biography

(1) **autobiography** of his early life, (2) fictionalized **autobiography**

She wrote an **autobiography** detailing her journey from poverty to success.

## matte

*adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

*synonym* : dull, flat, lusterless

(1) **matte** coating, (2) photo with a **matte** finish

The body of his car has a **matte** finish.

## session

*n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

*synonym* : conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

## mock

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

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

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

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

mistakes.

## conspiracy

*n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

*synonym*: plot, collaboration, scheme

(1) political **conspiracy**, (2) **conspiracy** theory

There was a **conspiracy** of silence about illegal police interrogation.

## canny

*adj.* shrewd, astute, and clever in practical matters; showing good judgment and resourcefulness, especially in financial or business situations

*synonym*: shrewd, astute, smart

(1) **canny** negotiation skills, (2) **canny** decision

The **canny** investor always knows when to buy and sell stocks for maximum profit.

## assemble

*v.* to collect in one place as a single group

*synonym*: gather, congregate, collect

(1) **assemble** your colleagues, (2) **assemble** a jigsaw puzzle

The president began to **assemble** an army.

## contrived

*adj.* created or arranged in an artificial, forced, or deliberate way; not natural or spontaneous

*synonym*: artificial, forced, fabricated

(1) **contrived** situation, (2) **contrived** laughter

The storyline of the movie seemed **contrived** and needed more authenticity.

## sentimental

*adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

*synonym*: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.



## curator

*n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

*synonym*: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

## typhoid

*n.* a severe bacterial infection that is typically spread through contaminated food or water; symptoms include fever, headache, muscle aches, and gastrointestinal problems

*synonym*: typhus, enteric fever

(1) **typhoid** outbreak, (2) **typhoid** vaccination

The doctor prescribed antibiotics to treat her **typhoid** symptoms.

## infect

*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

*synonym*: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

## contagious

*adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

*synonym*: infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

## confirm

*v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

*synonym*: affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

## hallmark

*n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

*synonym*: symbol, authentication, indication

(1) the **hallmark** of a good scientist, (2) the **hallmark** of modern life

A clear and simple expression is the **hallmark** of good writing.

## 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.

## scan

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

*synonym*: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF  
She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

## greet

*v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

*synonym*: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

## hooked

*adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak

*synonym*: caught, captivated, addicted

(1) **hooked** hair, (2) **hooked** on drugs

My son was **hooked** on the Internet.

## phrase

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

*synonym*: expression, idiom, term

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

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

## slightly

*adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

*synonym* : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

## overlap

*v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge

*synonym* : overlay, cover, bespread

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

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

## 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**.

## pickle

*n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

*synonym* : jam, predicament, quagmire

(1) **pickle** a cucumber, (2) **pickle** barrel

The **pickle** must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

## disgruntled

*adj.* displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices

*synonym* : dissatisfied, resentful, unhappy

(1) become **disgruntled** at work, (2) **disgruntled** customer

The **disgruntled** employee quit her job after being passed over for a promotion.

## overlook

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym* : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## classic

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

*synonym* : definitive, traditional, typical

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

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

## accident

*n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

*synonym* : calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

## encounter

*v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

*synonym* : meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

## alien

*n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

*synonym* : foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

**Alien** species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

## earthling

*n.* a human being; a person who inhabits the planet Earth, often used in science fiction or in a humorous context to refer to humans in comparison to beings from other planets

*synonym* : human, terrestrial, inhabitant

(1) **earthling** species, (2) lonely **earthling**

The aliens visited Earth to observe the behavior of the **earthlings**.

## solid

*adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality  
*synonym* : stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures  
The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

## scapegoat

*v.* to unfairly blame or punish someone for the misdeeds or mistakes of others, often to deflect attention or avoid accountability; (noun) a person or group that is unfairly blamed for the problems or misfortunes of others, typically to divert attention or responsibility from the actual cause

*synonym* : blame, accuse, fault

(1) **scapegoat** the new employee, (2) political **scapegoat**  
Some politicians try to **scapegoat** specific groups of people to distract from their shortcomings.

## dramatic

*adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

*synonym* : striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea  
The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

## allegedly

*adv.* according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly

*synonym* : supposedly, reputedly

(1) **allegedly** guilty, (2) **allegedly** behind the plot  
He **allegedly** stole money from the company.

## cliche

*n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

*synonym* : truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**  
Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

## taxonomy

- n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

*synonym*: classification, categorization, hierarchy

(1) **taxonomy** system, (2) biological **taxonomy**

The **taxonomy** of insects is incredibly complex due to the huge number of species.

## trail

- n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

*synonym*: footpath, track, course

(1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**

The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.

## meme

- n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

*synonym*: buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

## launch

- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

*synonym*: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

## citation

- n.* words or lines taken from speech, written passages, legal precedent, etc.; an official or formal notice of a

person's good conduct or work, given as a recognition  
*synonym* : commendation, accolade, tribute

(1) a **citation** of the gratitude awarded, (2) **citation** in the text

He received a **citation** for his bravery during the fire.

## 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.

## planet

*n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

*synonym* : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

## juvenile

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of youth or young people; immature

*synonym* : youthful, boyish, childlike

(1) exhibit **juvenile** behavior, (2) **juvenile** justice

The detective suspected that the vandalism was the work of **juvenile** delinquents.

## diabetes

*n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood

(1) juvenile **diabetes**, (2) **diabetes** patient

My father was tested for **diabetes**.

## grill

*n.* a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill

*synonym* : barbecue, broiler, griddle

(1) gas **grill**, (2) **grill** a steak

The restaurant is famous for its **grill**, where they serve the best steaks.

## subscribe

*v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

*synonym*: sign up, enroll, register

(1) **subscribe** to the service, (2) **subscribe** a petition

I want to **subscribe** to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.

## crochet

*n.* a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique

*synonym*: knitting, needlework, lacework

(1) **crochet** pattern, (2) **crochet** kit

She passed the time on the plane by doing some **crochet** work.

## delight

*n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

*synonym*: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

## gang

*n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

*synonym*: crew, posse, group

(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member

The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.

## photograph

*n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

*synonym*: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories



I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

## 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.

## graphic

*adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

*synonym*: illustrative, picturesque, visual

(1) **graphic** design, (2) a **graphic** description of an accident

The **graphic** novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

## cartoon

*n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

*synonym*: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

## flip

*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

*synonym*: throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

## timeline

*n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom

*synonym*: agenda, timetable, chronology

(1) **timeline** of science history, (2) lay out a **timeline**

He imposed a **timeline** on the project.

## announcer

*n.* a person who introduces and speaks on television or radio programs or provides commentary or information

at a live event

*synonym*: emcee, broadcaster, commentator

(1) public address **announcer**, (2) radio **announcer**

The sports **announcer** provided live commentary during the game.

## spectrum

*n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

*synonym*: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

## dismal

*adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

*synonym*: gloomy, depressing, dreary

(1) **dismal** failure, (2) **dismal** performance

The weather was so **dismal** that we decided to stay indoors all day.

## playlist

*n.* a curated list of songs or audio recordings that can be played in a specific order or shuffled randomly, often created for a specific purpose or event

*synonym*: tracklist, music list

(1) personal **playlist**, (2) curated **playlist**

I created a **playlist** of my favorite songs for my road trip.

## modern

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

*synonym*: contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

## commerce

*n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

*synonym*: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of

## commerce

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

## sampler

*n.* a piece of fabric or other material that has a variety of different stitches or designs worked into it, used as a reference or example of different embroidery techniques; a selection or collection of different samples or examples of something, such as music, food, or products

(1) **sampler** album, (2) electronic **sampler**

The artist made a **sampler** of different paint textures and colors to help her decide what to use for her next project.

## montage

*n.* a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion  
*synonym*: collage, mosaic, compilation

(1) **montage** sequence, (2) photographic **montage**

The film used a **montage** of images to show the progress of the character's journey over time.

## crowdsourcing

*n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

## clip

*n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

*synonym*: buckle, hook, pin

(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**

He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

## secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym* : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

## confirmation

*n.* a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite

*synonym* : validation, verification, affirmation

(1) **confirmation** of purchase, (2) **confirmation** bias

The **confirmation** of his appointment as CEO was met with mixed reactions.

## bias

*n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

*synonym* : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

## literature

*n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value

*synonym* : writing, prose, fiction

(1) popular **literature**, (2) review of the **literature**

The **literature** of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.

## dire

*adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous

*synonym* : serious, critical, desperate

(1) suffer **dire** poverty, (2) **dire** situation

The **dire** economic straits called for immediate action.

## executioner

*n.* a person who carries out the orders of a legal authority or a court to put someone to death

(1) **executioner's** axe, (2) brutal **executioner**

He was an **executioner** of justice, making sure all those who broke the law faced their deserved punishments.

## insomnia

*n.* the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one

*synonym*: sleeplessness, wakefulness, restlessness

(1) medication for **insomnia**, (2) alcohol-dependent

### **insomnia**

He suffered **insomnia** and loss of appetite after he began taking that medication.

## pivotal

*adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

*synonym*: crucial, essential, important

(1) **pivotal** moment, (2) **pivotal** role

The CEO's decision was **pivotal** in the success of the company's expansion plans.

## creepy

*adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

*synonym*: eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

## dialect

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

*synonym*: accent, language, vernacular

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

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

## invisible

*adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see

*synonym*: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

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

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

## metamorphosis

*n.* a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation

*synonym*: transformation, change, evolution

(1) **metamorphosis** process, (2) undergo a **metamorphosis**

The butterfly's **metamorphosis** from a caterpillar to a winged creature is a wonder of nature.

## paragraph

*n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

*synonym*: section, chapter, indentation

(1) an editorial **paragraph**, (2) first **paragraph**

Article VII, **Paragraph** 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.

## transform

*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

*synonym*: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

## giant

*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

*synonym*: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

## cockroach

*n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

*synonym*: roach

(1) **cockroach** killer, (2) have a **cockroach** phobia

**Cockroaches** sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

## notwithstanding

*adv.* despite anything to the contrary; nevertheless;  
(preposition) despite or in spite of

*synonym* : although, however, (preposition) in spite of

(1) **notwithstanding** the preceding provisions,

(2) **notwithstanding** my protests

**Notwithstanding** his disapproval, the decree was passed.

## alarm

*n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

*synonym* : notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock

The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

## asleep

*adj.* in a state of sleep

*synonym* : sleeping, fallen, at rest

(1) **asleep** at the wheel, (2) dead **asleep**

He lay down and fell **asleep** immediately.

## comfy

*adj.* a casual, informal way of describing something comfortable or cozy, often associated with relaxation or leisure activities

*synonym* : cozy, comfortable, snug

(1) a **comfy** place to live, (2) **comfy** couch

I love wearing my **comfy** slippers on a lazy Sunday morning.

## rocky

*adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock

*synonym* : stony, boulder-strewn, rough

(1) **rocky** terrain, (2) **rocky** relationship

The **rocky** road made it difficult to drive on.

## combine

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

*synonym* : coalesce, cohere, blend

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

(2) **combine** augmented reality

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

- hell** *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place  
*synonym*: inferno, agony, misery  
(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose  
The battlefield became **hell** on earth.
- database** *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily  
(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**  
Each country's officials can access the central **database**.
- polar** *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites  
*synonym*: opposing, contrary, contrasting  
(1) **polar** bears, (2) **polar** regions  
**Polar** animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.
- embrace** *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection  
*synonym*: grasp, hold tightly, accept  
(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**  
The woods **embrace** the house.
- download** *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device  
*synonym*: load, save, transfer  
(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website  
I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.



## illegal

*adj.* not allowed by law

*synonym* : banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

## grab

*v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

*synonym* : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

## arch

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

*synonym* : turn, bow, arc

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

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

## eclectic

*adj.* deriving ideas, styles, or features from a diverse range of sources; representing a broad or diverse range of ideas or interests

*synonym* : diverse, assorted, varied

(1) **eclectic** style, (2) **eclectic** approach

Her **eclectic** taste in music ranges from classical to hip-hop.

## queue

*n.* a line of people or vehicles, especially one that forms outside a place of entertainment or a public building, waiting for something to become available

*synonym* : range, sequence, waiting line

(1) form a **queue**, (2) **queue** system

There was a long **queue** at the popular attraction.

## tango

*n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music

(1) passionate **tango**, (2) sensual **tango**

We took a **tango** lesson to prepare for our upcoming dance competition.

## pornography

*n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

*synonym*: obscenity, indecency, smut

(1) **pornography** addiction, (2) violent **pornography**

The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of **pornography** easier than ever before.

## legend

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

*synonym*: fable, fiction, myth

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

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

## bump

*v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

*synonym*: collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

## feminist

*adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

*synonym*: egalitarian

(1) **feminist** movement, (2) **feminist** perspective

The **feminist** ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

## trivia

*n.* details or information that are unimportant

*synonym*: minutiae, trifles

(1) **trivia** question, (2) a useful piece of **trivia**

She has a wide variety of knowledge of pop **trivia**.

## inadvertent

*adj.* unintentional or accidental; happening without premeditation or planning

*synonym*: unintentional, accidental, fortuitous

(1) **inadvertent** mistake, (2) **inadvertent** error

His **inadvertent** comment offended many people at the party.

## scholar

*n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

*synonym*: professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

## tradition

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

*synonym*: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

## random

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

*synonym*: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

## snippet

*n.* a small piece or brief extract of something

*synonym*: fragment, excerpt, brief

(1) **snippet** of wisdom, (2) code **snippet**

The journalist saved a **snippet** of the interview for later reference.

## drift

*v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

*synonym* : float, wander, freewheel

(1) **drift** down the stream, (2) **drift** away on a raft  
I **drifted** around for years in Europe before going to university.

## satisfy

*v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

*synonym* : please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs  
Did this response **satisfy** your request?

## globe

*n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

*synonym* : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**  
His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

## grace

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

*synonym* : charm, poise, elegance

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

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

## poignant

*adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

*synonym* : touching, moving, emotional

(1) **poignant** moment, (2) **poignant** memories

The movie's **poignant** ending left most of the audience in tears.

## tweet

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

*synonym* : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

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

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

## ancient

*adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

*synonym* : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

## tap

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

*synonym* : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

## pseudonym

*n.* a name someone, especially a writer, uses instead of their real name; a pen name

*synonym* : anonym, alias, nickname

(1) hide behind a **pseudonym**, (2) digital **pseudonym**

The author published these writings under a **pseudonym**.

## pseudo

*adj.* (meaning "false" or "not genuine") indicating something that is similar to or resembling something else but is not that thing

*synonym* : quasi, false, fake

(1) **pseudo** code, (2) **pseudo** name

His story was full of **pseudo-philosophical** jargon meant to impress rather than inform.

## initial

*adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

*synonym* : basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

## immediately

*adv.* now or without delay

*synonym*: directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

## degrade

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

*synonym*: demean, disgrace, impair

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

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

## grad

*n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university

*synonym*: graduate, alumnus, alumni

(1) high school **grad**, (2) **grad** student

He was proud to be a **grad** of the prestigious university.

## depart

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

*synonym*: go away, leave, vacate

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

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

## librarian

*n.* a person who works in a library and is responsible for organizing and managing the collection of books and other materials

*synonym*: curator

(1) academic **librarian**, (2) the chief **librarian**

The **librarian's** duties included organizing and cataloging the library's collection.

### suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym* : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

### graduated

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

*synonym* : completed, finished, earned

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

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

### Congress

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

*synonym* : legislature, parliament, assembly

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

**Congress** must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

### clue

*n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

*synonym* : hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

### cassette

*n.* a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings

*synonym* : tape, cartridge, recording

(1) **cassette** tape, (2) **cassette** player

I found an old **cassette** with my favorite songs from the 80s.

## saddle

*n.* a seat for a rider on the back of a horse or other animal;  
(verb) to burden someone with responsibility or task

*synonym* : seat, perch, mount

(1) **stride** a **saddle**, (2) **saddle** his company with so much debt

He put the **saddle** on the horse before going for a ride.

## cobalt

*n.* a lustrous, hard, silver-white element with the symbol Co that is often used in alloys, batteries, and pigments and is essential for certain biological processes in humans and other organisms

*synonym* : Co

(1) **cobalt** steel, (2) **cobalt** blue

The blades of gas turbine engines are often coated with a **cobalt** layer to improve their durability.

## vintage

*adj.* denoting something from the past, especially from the recent past

*synonym* : old, classic, retro

(1) **vintage** wine, (2) a poor **vintage**

The **vintage** car collection was worth millions of dollars.

## cotton

*n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

## earbud

*n.* a small electronic device that fits into the ear canal and is used for listening to music or for communication, especially when attached to a portable audio player or mobile phone

*synonym* : earphone, headphone

(1) wireless **earbud**, (2) sport **earbuds**

He bought noise-canceling **earbuds** to help him concentrate while working in a noisy environment.



## extravagance

*n.* excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action

*synonym*: excess, luxury, waste

(1) luxury **extravagance**, (2) financial **extravagance**

The **extravagance** of the decorations marked the wedding ceremony.

## grant

*v.* to agree to give or allow somebody

*synonym*: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

## extravagant

*adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

*synonym*: excessive, lavish, indulgent

(1) **extravagant** expenses, (2) **extravagant** lifestyle

The wedding was an **extravagant** affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

## appreciate

*v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

*synonym*: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. su\_\_\_\_\_be to the service  
*v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
2. suffer d\_\_e poverty  
*adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous
3. ext\_\_\_\_\_nt lifestyle  
*adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
4. inc\_\_\_\_\_ial details  
*adj.* of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible
5. le\_\_\_d of King Arthur  
*n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
6. po\_\_r bears  
*adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
7. vi\_\_\_\_\_e wine  
*adj.* denoting something from the past, especially from the recent past
8. personal pl\_\_\_\_\_st  
*n.* a curated list of songs or audio recordings that can be played in a specific order or shuffled randomly, often created for a specific purpose or event
9. a warm tr\_\_l  
*n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

ANSWERS: 1. subscribe, 2. dire, 3. extravagant, 4. inconsequential, 5. legend, 6. polar, 7. vintage, 8. playlist, 9. trail

10. ro\_\_y relationship *adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock
11. il\_\_\_\_l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
12. ob\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
13. t\_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
14. a useful piece of tr\_\_\_a *n.* details or information that are unimportant
15. ready-made ph\_\_\_es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
16. injury in a car ac\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
17. ro\_\_y terrain *adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock
18. a poor vi\_\_\_\_e *adj.* denoting something from the past, especially from the recent past
19. ca\_\_\_\_n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
20. inc\_\_\_\_\_ial effect *adj.* of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible
21. interstate co\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
22. as\_\_\_e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 10. rocky, 11. illegal, 12. obvious, 13. tap, 14. trivia, 15. phrase, 16. accident, 17. rocky, 18. vintage, 19. cartoon, 20. inconsequential, 21. commerce, 22. assume

23. a prize me\_\_l                      *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
24. fl\_\_t like a schoolgirl           *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
25. t\_p a new market                   *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
26. ps\_\_\_o code                         *adj.* (meaning "false" or "not genuine") indicating something that is similar to or resembling something else but is not that thing
27. wireless ea\_\_\_d                     *n.* a small electronic device that fits into the ear canal and is used for listening to music or for communication, especially when attached to a portable audio player or mobile phone
28. popular lit\_\_\_\_\_re             *n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
29. ps\_\_\_o name                         *adj.* (meaning "false" or "not genuine") indicating something that is similar to or resembling something else but is not that thing
30. la\_\_\_h a big attack                 *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 23. medal, 24. flirt, 25. tap, 26. pseudo, 27. earbud, 28. literature, 29. pseudo, 30. launch

31. public address an\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who introduces and speaks on television or radio programs or provides commentary or information at a live event
32. con\_\_\_\_\_us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
33. b\_\_p against a wall *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
34. ov\_\_\_\_\_p in many areas *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
35. religious m\_\_e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
36. h\_\_l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
37. hide behind a ps\_\_\_\_\_ym *n.* a name someone, especially a writer, uses instead of their real name; a pen name
38. say a gr\_\_e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

ANSWERS: 31. announcer, 32. contagious, 33. bump, 34. overlap, 35. meme, 36. hell, 37. pseudonym, 38. grace

39. short video c\_\_p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
40. juvenile di\_\_\_\_es *n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
41. fe\_\_\_\_st perspective *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
42. gold me\_\_l *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
43. ty\_\_\_\_d outbreak *n.* a severe bacterial infection that is typically spread through contaminated food or water; symptoms include fever, headache, muscle aches, and gastrointestinal problems
44. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
45. lonely ea\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a human being; a person who inhabits the planet Earth, often used in science fiction or in a humorous context to refer to humans in comparison to beings from other planets

ANSWERS: 39. clip, 40. diabetes, 41. feminist, 42. medal, 43. typhoid, 44. obvious, 45. earthling

46. con\_\_\_\_\_us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
47. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
48. culture of co\_\_\_\_n *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
49. in\_\_\_\_t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
50. gr\_\_l a steak *n.* a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill
51. con\_\_\_\_\_ion of purchase *n.* a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite
52. bombs fell at ra\_\_\_\_m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
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54. in\_\_\_\_\_l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
55. in\_\_\_\_t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
56. his latest tw\_\_ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 46. contagious, 47. eventually, 48. cotton, 49. infect, 50. grill, 51. confirmation, 52. random, 53. grant, 54. initial, 55. infect, 56. tweet

57. review of the lit\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
58. ca\_\_\_\_\_te tape *n.* a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings
59. tie c\_\_p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
60. the to\_\_c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
61. as\_\_\_e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
62. f\_\_p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
63. ci\_\_\_\_\_on in the text *n.* words or lines taken from speech, written passages, legal precedent, etc.; an official or formal notice of a person's good conduct or work, given as a recognition
64. 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

ANSWERS: 57. literature, 58. cassette, 59. clip, 60. topic, 61. assume, 62. flip, 63. citation, 64. stick



65. ju\_\_\_\_le justice *adj.* relating to or characteristic of youth or young people; immature
66. terrestrial gl\_\_e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
67. the coi\_\_\_\_\_ce of an opinion *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
68. junior fe\_\_\_w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
69. sc\_\_\_\_\_r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
70. Chinese cl\_\_\_\_c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
71. pre-Christian an\_\_\_\_t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
72. brutal exe\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who carries out the orders of a legal authority or a court to put someone to death
73. co\_\_\_t steel *n.* a lustrous, hard, silver-white element with the symbol Co that is often used in alloys, batteries, and pigments and is essential for certain biological processes in humans and other organisms

ANSWERS: 65. juvenile, 66. globe, 67. coincidence, 68. fellow, 69. scholar, 70. classic, 71. ancient, 72. executioner, 73. cobalt

74. en\_\_\_\_\_er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
75. age-old cl\_\_\_e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
76. re\_\_\_\_\_ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
77. photographic mo\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion
78. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
79. gr\_\_t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
80. die su\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
81. p\_\_m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
82. become dis\_\_\_\_\_ed at work *adj.* displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices
83. with de\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

ANSWERS: 74. encounter, 75. cliché, 76. recognize, 77. montage, 78. transform, 79. greet, 80. suddenly, 81. poem, 82. disgruntled, 83. delight

84. peace co\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
85. luxury ext\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action
86. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
87. dr\_\_t down the stream *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
88. po\_\_\_h finishing *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
89. infrared sp\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
90. do\_\_\_\_\_ad files from the Internet *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
91. mul\_\_\_\_\_ia presentation *adj.* relating to or involving the use or combination of several different media or communication formats, such as text, graphics, audio, and video
92. app\_\_\_\_\_te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 84. congress, 85. extravagance, 86. overlook, 87. drift, 88. polish, 89. spectrum, 90. download, 91. multimedia, 92. appreciate

93. cause an ac\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
94. con\_\_\_\_\_cy theory *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
95. 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
96. dis\_\_\_\_\_ed customer *adj.* displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices
97. co\_\_\_\_t blue *n.* a lustrous, hard, silver-white element with the symbol Co that is often used in alloys, batteries, and pigments and is essential for certain biological processes in humans and other organisms
98. academic li\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who works in a library and is responsible for organizing and managing the collection of books and other materials
99. gr\_\_t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
100. sa\_\_\_\_\_r album *n.* a piece of fabric or other material that has a variety of different stitches or designs worked into it, used as a reference or example of different embroidery techniques; a selection or collection of different samples or examples of something, such as music, food, or products

ANSWERS: 93. accident, 94. conspiracy, 95. novel, 96. disgruntled, 97. cobalt, 98. librarian, 99. grant, 100. sampler

101. the local chamber of co\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
102. al\_\_n fungi      *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
103. pi\_\_\_e a cucumber      *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
104. gas gr\_\_l      *n.* a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill
105. en\_\_\_\_\_er a crisis      *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
106. financial ext\_\_\_\_\_nce      *n.* excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action
107. cr\_\_\_y atmosphere      *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
108. sport ea\_\_\_ds      *n.* a small electronic device that fits into the ear canal and is used for listening to music or for communication, especially when attached to a portable audio player or mobile phone
109. the gr\_\_\_\_\_y business      *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items

ANSWERS: 101. commerce, 102. alien, 103. pickle, 104. grill, 105. encounter, 106. extravagance, 107. creepy, 108. earbud, 109. grocery

110. a co\_\_y place to live *adj.* a casual, informal way of describing something comfortable or cozy, often associated with relaxation or leisure activities
111. ni\_\_e market *n.* a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it
112. the morning se\_\_\_\_n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
113. cu\_\_\_\_r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
114. em\_\_\_\_e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
115. without in\_\_\_\_y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
116. gr\_\_\_\_ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
117. masculine ch\_\_m *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
118. b\_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

ANSWERS: 110. comfy, 111. niche, 112. session, 113. curator, 114. embrace, 115. injury, 116. graduated, 117. charm, 118. bug

119. co\_\_\_\_e chemically with another substance      *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
120. por\_\_\_\_hy addiction      *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
121. a c\_\_e to the diagnosis      *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
122. ho\_\_\_\_d hair      *adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak
123. so\_\_d employment measures      *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
124. digital ps\_\_\_\_ym      *n.* a name someone, especially a writer, uses instead of their real name; a pen name
125. di\_\_\_\_l failure      *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
126. ma\_\_e coating      *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
127. sl\_\_\_\_ly alkaline soils      *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
128. an editorial pa\_\_\_\_ph      *n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
129. biological ta\_\_\_\_my      *n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

ANSWERS: 119. combine, 120. pornography, 121. clue, 122. hooked, 123. solid, 124. pseudonym, 125. dismal, 126. matte, 127. slightly, 128. paragraph, 129. taxonomy

130. employee da\_\_\_\_se *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
131. imm\_\_\_\_\_ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
132. the a\_\_h of a person's foot *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
133. ta\_\_\_\_\_my system *n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area
134. pho\_\_\_\_\_ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
135. ca\_\_\_\_\_te player *n.* a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings
136. pho\_\_\_\_\_ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 130. database, 131. immediately, 132. arch, 133. taxonomy, 134. photograph, 135. cassette, 136. photograph



137. a p\_\_t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
138. a bu\_\_h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
139. basketball le\_\_\_d *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
140. time z\_\_e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
141. end of the gr\_\_e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
142. by a strange coi\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
143. a broad sp\_\_\_\_\_um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
144. gr\_\_\_\_\_ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
145. cro\_\_\_\_\_ing in climate policy *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
146. modern el\_\_\_\_or *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

ANSWERS: 137. poet, 138. bunch, 139. legend, 140. zone, 141. grace, 142. coincidence, 143. spectrum, 144. graduated, 145. crowdsourcing, 146. elevator

147. resident al\_\_ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
148. sa\_\_\_\_y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
149. se\_\_\_\_ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
150. every ni\_\_e of society *n.* a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it
151. so\_\_d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
152. f\_\_p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
153. m\_\_k at his misfortune *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
154. co\_\_\_\_ed laughter *adj.* created or arranged in an artificial, forced, or deliberate way; not natural or spontaneous
155. not\_\_\_\_\_ing my protests *adv.* despite anything to the contrary; nevertheless; (preposition) despite or in spite of
156. s\_\_n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

ANSWERS: 147. alien, 148. satisfy, 149. secondly, 150. niche, 151. solid, 152. flip, 153. mock, 154. contrived, 155. notwithstanding, 156. scan

157. a dr\_\_\_\_ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
158. in a sen\_\_\_\_\_al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
159. nice fe\_\_\_w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
160. write him an answer imm\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* now or without delay
161. cr\_\_\_\_t pattern *n.* a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique
162. a serious to\_\_c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
163. ro\_\_\_\_ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
164. pre-mo\_\_\_n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
165. b\_\_s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
166. the court se\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
167. mul\_\_\_\_\_ia design *adj.* relating to or involving the use or combination of several different media or communication formats, such as text, graphics, audio, and video

ANSWERS: 157. dramatic, 158. sentimental, 159. fellow, 160. immediately, 161. crochet, 162. topic, 163. romantic, 164. modern, 165. bias, 166. session, 167. multimedia

168. noted sc\_\_\_\_r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
169. around the gl\_\_e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
170. em\_\_\_\_ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
171. gr\_\_t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
172. bestride a sa\_\_\_\_e *n.* a seat for a rider on the back of a horse or other animal; (verb) to burden someone with responsibility or task
173. co\_\_\_\_ed situation *adj.* created or arranged in an artificial, forced, or deliberate way; not natural or spontaneous
174. as\_\_\_\_le a jigsaw puzzle *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
175. pl\_\_\_\_t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
176. ina\_\_\_\_nt mistake *adj.* unintentional or accidental; happening without premeditation or planning
177. an\_\_\_\_t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
178. the chief li\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who works in a library and is responsible for organizing and managing the collection of books and other materials

ANSWERS: 168. scholar, 169. globe, 170. employee, 171. greet, 172. saddle, 173. contrived, 174. assemble, 175. planet, 176. inadvertent, 177. ancient, 178. librarian

179. exhibit ju\_\_\_\_\_le behavior *adj.* relating to or characteristic of youth or young people; immature
180. con\_\_\_\_\_ion bias *n.* a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite
181. sa\_\_\_\_\_y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
182. have a whole m\_\_s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
183. have a co\_\_\_\_\_ch phobia *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
184. m\_\_k his accent *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
185. tr\_\_\_\_\_y format *n.* a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme
186. undergo a met\_\_\_\_\_sis *n.* a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation
187. b\_\_p up prices *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
188. surface po\_\_\_h *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

ANSWERS: 179. juvenile, 180. confirmation, 181. satisfy, 182. mess, 183. cockroach, 184. mock, 185. trilogy, 186. metamorphosis, 187. bump, 188. polish

189. minority di\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
190. ty\_\_\_\_d vaccination      *n.* a severe bacterial infection that is typically spread through contaminated food or water; symptoms include fever, headache, muscle aches, and gastrointestinal problems
191. get into a m\_\_s      *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
192. gr\_\_\_\_c design      *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
193. musical de\_\_\_\_d      *n.* a being with traits that are partly divine and partly human; a person who is highly regarded or celebrated, often with extraordinary abilities or achievements
194. ca\_\_y decision      *adj.* shrewd, astute, and clever in practical matters; showing good judgment and resourcefulness, especially in financial or business situations
195. ina\_\_\_\_nt error      *adj.* unintentional or accidental; happening without premeditation or planning
196. form a qu\_\_e      *n.* a line of people or vehicles, especially one that forms outside a place of entertainment or a public building, waiting for something to become available

ANSWERS: 189. dialect, 190. typhoid, 191. mess, 192. graphic, 193. demigod, 194. canny, 195. inadvertent, 196. queue

197. code sn\_\_\_\_t *n.* a small piece or brief extract of something
198. a ra\_\_\_m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
199. tr\_\_\_\_y series *n.* a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme
200. an al\_\_m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
201. pi\_\_\_\_l role *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
202. alcohol-dependent in\_\_\_\_ia *n.* the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one
203. a tr\_\_\_\_\_on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
204. ch\_\_m against bad luck *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
205. lay out a ti\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom
206. a local di\_\_\_\_t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

ANSWERS: 197. snippet, 198. random, 199. trilogy, 200. alarm, 201. pivotal, 202. insomnia, 203. tradition, 204. charm, 205. timeline, 206. dialect

207. di\_\_\_l performance *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
208. sn\_\_\_\_\_t of wisdom *n.* a small piece or brief extract of something
209. first pa\_\_\_\_\_ph *n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
210. a tremor of de\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
211. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
212. de\_\_\_t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
213. de\_\_\_\_\_e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
214. ti\_\_\_\_\_ne of science history *n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom
215. ancient de\_\_\_\_\_d *n.* a being with traits that are partly divine and partly human; a person who is highly regarded or celebrated, often with extraordinary abilities or achievements
216. al\_\_\_\_\_ly behind the plot *adv.* according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly

ANSWERS: 207. dismal, 208. snippet, 209. paragraph, 210. delight, 211. overlook, 212. depart, 213. degrade, 214. timeline, 215. demigod, 216. allegedly



217. a c\_\_e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
218. pulled gr\_\_n *n.* the area of the body where the thigh meets the abdomen; the outer edge of the body where the lower abdomen and inner thigh come together; a curved masonry construction used to support an arch or vault
219. g\_\_g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
220. radio an\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who introduces and speaks on television or radio programs or provides commentary or information at a live event
221. el\_\_\_\_or ride *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
222. met\_\_\_\_sis process *n.* a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation
223. ca\_\_y negotiation skills *adj.* shrewd, astute, and clever in practical matters; showing good judgment and resourcefulness, especially in financial or business situations

ANSWERS: 217. clue, 218. groin, 219. gang, 220. announcer, 221. elevator, 222. metamorphosis, 223. canny

224. strained gr\_\_n *n.* the area of the body where the thigh meets the abdomen; the outer edge of the body where the lower abdomen and inner thigh come together; a curved masonry construction used to support an arch or vault
225. r\_\_e the sails of the ship *v.* to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force
226. ca\_\_\_\_\_n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
227. feel cr\_\_\_y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
228. mo\_\_\_n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
229. give the al\_\_m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
230. di\_\_\_\_\_es patient *n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
231. g\_\_b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
232. app\_\_\_\_\_te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
233. gi\_\_t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 224. groin, 225. rive, 226. cartoon, 227. creepy, 228. modern, 229. alarm, 230. diabetes, 231. grab, 232. appreciate, 233. giant

234. a motorcycle g\_\_g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
235. qu\_\_e system *n.* a line of people or vehicles, especially one that forms outside a place of entertainment or a public building, waiting for something to become available
236. arrive and de\_\_\_t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
237. as\_\_\_\_\_le your colleagues *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
238. po\_\_r regions *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
239. de\_\_\_\_\_e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
240. medication for in\_\_\_\_\_ia *n.* the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one
241. run a gr\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
242. d\_\_n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
243. save the pl\_\_\_\_t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 234. gang, 235. queue, 236. depart, 237. assemble, 238. polar, 239. degrade, 240. insomnia, 241. grocery, 242. damn, 243. planet

244. cl\_\_\_e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
245. ho\_\_\_d on drugs *adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak
246. co\_\_\_\_\_m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
247. child of il\_\_\_\_\_l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
248. gi\_\_t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
249. a fatal in\_\_\_y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
250. s\_\_n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
251. a ci\_\_\_\_\_on of the gratitude awarded *n.* words or lines taken from speech, written passages, legal precedent, etc.; an official or formal notice of a person's good conduct or work, given as a recognition
252. tr\_\_\_a question *n.* details or information that are unimportant
253. co\_\_\_\_\_e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
254. make dr\_\_\_\_\_ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

ANSWERS: 244. cliché, 245. hooked, 246. confirm, 247. illegal, 248. giant, 249. injury, 250. scan, 251. citation, 252. trivia, 253. combine, 254. dramatic

255. g\_\_b an opportunity      *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
256. 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
257. sc\_\_\_\_\_at the new employee      *v.* to unfairly blame or punish someone for the misdeeds or mistakes of others, often to deflect attention or avoid accountability; (noun) a person or group that is unfairly blamed for the problems or misfortunes of others, typically to divert attention or responsibility from the actual cause
258. ec\_\_\_\_\_ic style      *adj.* deriving ideas, styles, or features from a diverse range of sources; representing a broad or diverse range of ideas or interests
259. a cl\_\_\_\_\_c experiment      *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
260. ov\_\_\_\_\_p one another      *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
261. fl\_\_t with him      *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
262. dead as\_\_\_p      *adj.* in a state of sleep

ANSWERS: 255. grab, 256. novel, 257. scapegoat, 258. eclectic, 259. classic, 260. overlap, 261. flirt, 262. asleep

263. d\_\_e situation *adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous
264. su\_\_\_\_t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
265. high school g\_\_d *n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
266. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
267. photo with a ma\_\_e finish *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
268. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
269. fictionalized aut\_\_\_\_\_phy *n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
270. in\_\_\_e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
271. a chick's tw\_\_t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
272. political con\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
273. an international co\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

ANSWERS: 263. dire, 264. suspect, 265. grad, 266. eventually, 267. matte, 268. transform, 269. autobiography, 270. invite, 271. tweet, 272. conspiracy, 273. congress

274. an in\_\_\_\_\_le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
275. mo\_\_\_\_\_e sequence *n.* a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion
276. the ha\_\_\_\_\_rk of a good scientist *n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
277. sen\_\_\_\_\_al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
278. aut\_\_\_\_\_phy of his early life *n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
279. z\_\_e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
280. an a\_\_h-shaped stone structure *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
281. em\_\_\_\_\_ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
282. pi\_\_\_\_\_e barrel *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
283. re\_\_\_\_\_ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
284. bad o\_\_n *n.* a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence

ANSWERS: 274. invisible, 275. montage, 276. hallmark, 277. sentimental, 278. autobiography, 279. zone, 280. arch, 281. employee, 282. pickle, 283. recognize, 284. omen

285. d\_\_n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
286. cro\_\_\_\_\_ing apps *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
287. as\_\_\_p at the wheel *adj.* in a state of sleep
288. cr\_\_\_\_\_t kit *n.* a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique
289. a bu\_\_h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
290. al\_\_\_\_\_ly guilty *adv.* according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly
291. po\_\_\_\_\_nt moment *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
292. su\_\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
293. 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
294. violent por\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

ANSWERS: 285. damn, 286. crowdsourcing, 287. asleep, 288. crochet, 289. bunch, 290. allegedly, 291. poignant, 292. suddenly, 293. stick, 294. pornography



295. increase sl\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
296. in\_\_\_e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
297. do\_\_\_\_\_ad the assignment from the website *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
298. co\_\_\_\_\_m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
299. co\_\_\_\_\_ch killer *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
300. a warm em\_\_\_\_\_e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
301. co\_\_\_n cloth *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
302. prophetic o\_\_n *n.* a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence
303. in\_\_\_\_\_le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
304. sensual ta\_\_o *n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music

ANSWERS: 295. slightly, 296. invite, 297. download, 298. confirm, 299. cockroach, 300. embrace, 301. cotton, 302. omen, 303. invisible, 304. tango

305. curated pl\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a curated list of songs or audio recordings that can be played in a specific order or shuffled randomly, often created for a specific purpose or event
306. exe\_\_\_\_\_er's axe *n.* a person who carries out the orders of a legal authority or a court to put someone to death
307. la\_\_\_\_h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
308. follow the tr\_\_l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
309. dr\_\_t away on a raft *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
310. pi\_\_\_\_\_l moment *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
311. se\_\_\_\_\_ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
312. ro\_\_\_\_\_ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
313. interim cu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

ANSWERS: 305. playlist, 306. executioner, 307. launch, 308. trail, 309. drift, 310. pivotal, 311. secondly, 312. romantic, 313. curator

314. not\_\_\_\_\_ing the preceding provisions  
*adv.* despite anything to the contrary; nevertheless; (preposition) despite or in spite of
315. ec\_\_\_\_\_ic approach  
*adj.* deriving ideas, styles, or features from a diverse range of sources; representing a broad or diverse range of ideas or interests
316. a gr\_\_\_\_\_c description of an accident  
*adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
317. ext\_\_\_\_\_nt expenses  
*adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
318. pronounce m\_\_e  
*n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
319. da\_\_\_\_\_se administrator  
*n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
320. political sc\_\_\_\_\_at  
*v.* to unfairly blame or punish someone for the misdeeds or mistakes of others, often to deflect attention or avoid accountability; (noun) a person or group that is unfairly blamed for the problems or misfortunes of others, typically to divert attention or responsibility from the actual cause

ANSWERS: 314. notwithstanding, 315. eclectic, 316. graphic, 317. extravagant, 318. meme, 319. database, 320. scapegoat

321. su\_\_\_\_t that he is sick      *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
322. run like h\_\_l      *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
323. a narrative p\_\_m      *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
324. g\_\_d student      *n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
325. electronic sa\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a piece of fabric or other material that has a variety of different stitches or designs worked into it, used as a reference or example of different embroidery techniques; a selection or collection of different samples or examples of something, such as music, food, or products
326. an in\_\_\_\_l letter      *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
327. noun ph\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
328. fe\_\_\_\_st movement      *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

ANSWERS: 321. suspect, 322. hell, 323. poem, 324. grad, 325. sampler, 326. initial,

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327. phrase, 328. feminist

329. have a b\_\_s toward socialism      *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
330. number of b\_g fixes      *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
331. co\_\_y couch      *adj.* a casual, informal way of describing something comfortable or cozy, often associated with relaxation or leisure activities
332. the ha\_\_\_\_\_rk of modern life      *n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
333. against tr\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
334. a court p\_\_t      *n.* a person who writes poetry
335. ea\_\_\_\_\_ng species      *n.* a human being; a person who inhabits the planet Earth, often used in science fiction or in a humorous context to refer to humans in comparison to beings from other planets
336. passionate ta\_\_o      *n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music
337. su\_\_\_\_\_be a petition      *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

ANSWERS: 329. bias, 330. bug, 331. comfy, 332. hallmark, 333. tradition, 334. poet, 335. earthling, 336. tango, 337. subscribe

338. r\_\_e the stone into precise shapes      *v.* to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force
339. sa\_\_\_e his company with so much debt      *n.* a seat for a rider on the back of a horse or other animal; (verb) to burden someone with responsibility or task
340. po\_\_\_\_nt memories      *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

ANSWERS: 338. rive, 339. saddle, 340. poignant

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The Lord of the Rings \_\_\_\_\_ is a classic in the fantasy genre.  
*n.* a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme
2. My accidental \_\_\_\_\_ got better right away.  
*n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
3. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.  
*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.  
*n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ around for years in Europe before going to university.  
*v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
6. The president began to \_\_\_\_\_ an army.  
*v.* to collect in one place as a single group
7. I found a stink \_\_\_\_ crawling across the ceiling.  
*n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
8. She was a \_\_\_\_\_ student of a prestigious university.  
*adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

ANSWERS: 1. trilogy, 2. injury, 3. modern, 4. delight, 5. drifted, 6. assemble, 7. bug, 8. graduated



9. Mercury is the closest \_\_\_\_\_ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
10. The founder was treated like a tech \_\_\_\_\_ in the startup ecosystem because of his successful ventures.
- n.* a being with traits that are partly divine and partly human; a person who is highly regarded or celebrated, often with extraordinary abilities or achievements
11. She wrote an \_\_\_\_\_ detailing her journey from poverty to success.
- n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ investor always knows when to buy and sell stocks for maximum profit.
- adj.* shrewd, astute, and clever in practical matters; showing good judgment and resourcefulness, especially in financial or business situations
13. \_\_\_\_\_ sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.
- n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.
- n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
15. The storm left a \_\_\_\_\_ of destruction behind it.
- n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ of insects is incredibly complex due to the huge number of species.
- n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

ANSWERS: 9. planet, 10. demigod, 11. autobiography, 12. canny, 13. Cockroaches, 14. dialect, 15. trail, 16. taxonomy

17. The CEO's decision was \_\_\_\_\_ in the success of the company's expansion plans.

*adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

18. Did this response \_\_\_\_\_ your request?

*v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

19. He \_\_\_\_\_ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

*v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

20. 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

21. The sports \_\_\_\_\_ provided live commentary during the game.

*n.* a person who introduces and speaks on television or radio programs or provides commentary or information at a live event

22. The \_\_\_\_\_ car collection was worth millions of dollars.

*adj.* denoting something from the past, especially from the recent past

23. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your strengths and weaknesses.

*v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

24. It was his first \_\_\_\_\_ love.

*adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

25. I love using \_\_\_\_\_ tools to create engaging presentations and projects.

*adj.* relating to or involving the use or combination of several different media or communication formats, such as text, graphics, audio, and video

ANSWERS: 17. pivotal, 18. satisfy, 19. greeted, 20. zone, 21. announcer, 22. vintage, 23. recognize, 24. romantic, 25. multimedia

26. He is the kind of \_\_\_\_\_ who only works for his success.

*adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

27. Parliament is now in \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

28. His \_\_\_\_\_ comment offended many people at the party.

*adj.* unintentional or accidental; happening without premeditation or planning

29. She was proud to receive a \_\_\_\_\_ for her hard work and dedication to the sport.

*n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

30. These are significantly more exquisite than typical \_\_\_\_\_ bracelets.

*n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

31. \_\_\_\_\_ his disapproval, the decree was passed.

*adv.* despite anything to the contrary; nevertheless; (preposition) despite or in spite of

32. He made a frightful \_\_\_\_\_ in his room.

*n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

33. 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

ANSWERS: 26. fellow, 27. session, 28. inadvertent, 29. medal, 30. charm, 31. Notwithstanding, 32. mess, 33. novel

34. The \_\_\_\_\_ duties included organizing and cataloging the library's collection.
- n.* a person who works in a library and is responsible for organizing and managing the collection of books and other materials
35. I will go to the \_\_\_\_\_ store to buy food for dinner.
- n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
36. He suffered \_\_\_\_\_ and loss of appetite after he began taking that medication.
- n.* the condition of being unable to sleep, usually a chronic one
37. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
38. She accidentally \_\_\_\_\_ into him in the crowded room.
- v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
39. The cops \_\_\_\_\_ him of being the killer.
- v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
40. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the decorations marked the wedding ceremony.
- n.* excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action
41. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself by allowing them to use you.
- v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

ANSWERS: 34. librarian's, 35. grocery, 36. insomnia, 37. bunch, 38. bumped, 39. suspected, 40. extravagance, 41. degrade

42. She researched gender \_\_\_\_\_ in politics.

- n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

43. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

44. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

- n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about

45. My father's death \_\_\_\_\_ my life completely.

- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

46. There was a long \_\_\_\_\_ at the popular attraction.

- n.* a line of people or vehicles, especially one that forms outside a place of entertainment or a public building, waiting for something to become available

47. The following example \_\_\_\_\_ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

48. Stop being \_\_\_\_\_ and always speak the truth.

- adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

49. The customs agents seized the \_\_\_\_\_ shipment.

- adj.* not allowed by law

ANSWERS: 42. bias, 43. scholar, 44. topic, 45. transformed, 46. queue, 47. assumes, 48. sentimental, 49. illegal

50. The corporation \_\_\_\_\_ dominated the entire tobacco business.  
*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
51. \_\_\_\_\_ animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.  
*adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
52. The police couldn't find a \_\_\_\_\_ to her whereabouts.  
*n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
53. The athlete felt a sharp pain in his \_\_\_\_\_ after pulling a muscle during the game.  
*n.* the area of the body where the thigh meets the abdomen; the outer edge of the body where the lower abdomen and inner thigh come together; a curved masonry construction used to support an arch or vault
54. He \_\_\_\_\_ stole money from the company.  
*adv.* according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly
55. I found an old \_\_\_\_\_ of my grandparents from their wedding day.  
*n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
56. The aliens visited Earth to observe the behavior of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a human being; a person who inhabits the planet Earth, often used in science fiction or in a humorous context to refer to humans in comparison to beings from other planets

ANSWERS: 50. eventually, 51. Polar, 52. clue, 53. groin, 54. allegedly, 55. photograph, 56. earthlings

57. The hotel's \_\_\_\_\_ was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

*n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

58. The weather was so \_\_\_\_\_ that we decided to stay indoors all day.

*adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

59. To find drunk drivers, police conduct \_\_\_\_\_ tests.

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

60. The body of his car has a \_\_\_\_\_ finish.

*adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

61. We \_\_\_\_\_ before the temperature fell below zero.

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

62. \_\_\_\_\_ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

*n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

63. He imposed a \_\_\_\_\_ on the project.

*n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom

64. The mistake was \_\_\_\_\_ and did not significantly impact the outcome.

*adj.* of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible

ANSWERS: 57. elevator, 58. dismal, 59. random, 60. matte, 61. departed, 62. Alien, 63. timeline, 64. inconsequential

65. To expand the company, we must \_\_\_\_ new human resources.  
*v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
66. The disease is highly \_\_\_\_\_ and spreads quickly.  
*adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
67. A suspension order from the court is effective \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* now or without delay
68. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.  
*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
69. The journalist saved a \_\_\_\_\_ of the interview for later reference.  
*n.* a small piece or brief extract of something
70. He spent his afternoon watching \_\_\_\_\_ movies on TV.  
*n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
71. The old, abandoned house was \_\_\_\_\_ and gave me the chills.  
*adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
72. The chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ him the right to speak.  
*v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
73. The company is set to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product line next month.  
*v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 65. tap, 66. contagious, 67. immediately, 68. suddenly, 69. snippet, 70. cartoon, 71. creepy, 72. granted, 73. launch



74. We bought a Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ book.

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

75. Article VII, \_\_\_\_\_ 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.

*n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

76. They took the \_\_\_\_\_ step toward reconciliation.

*adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

77. They have been living near water since \_\_\_\_\_ times.

*adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

78. Some politicians try to \_\_\_\_\_ specific groups of people to distract from their shortcomings.

*v.* to unfairly blame or punish someone for the misdeeds or mistakes of others, often to deflect attention or avoid accountability; (noun) a person or group that is unfairly blamed for the problems or misfortunes of others, typically to divert attention or responsibility from the actual cause

79. The storyline of the movie seemed \_\_\_\_\_ and needed more authenticity.

*adj.* created or arranged in an artificial, forced, or deliberate way; not natural or spontaneous

80. The \_\_\_\_\_ employee quit her job after being passed over for a promotion.

*adj.* displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices

ANSWERS: 74. phrase, 75. Paragraph, 76. initial, 77. ancient, 78. scapegoat, 79. contrived, 80. disgruntled

81. He lay down and fell \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.

*adj.* in a state of sleep

82. This device displayed the speech \_\_\_\_\_ spectrographically.

*n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

83. There was no \_\_\_\_\_ between their proposals.

*v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge

84. The movie's \_\_\_\_\_ ending left most of the audience in tears.

*adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

85. She has a wide variety of knowledge of pop \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* details or information that are unimportant

86. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; \_\_\_\_\_ we will go over the schedule.

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

87. The \_\_\_\_\_ partially destroyed my vehicle.

*n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

88. The species occupies a unique \_\_\_\_\_ in the ecosystem as a top predator.

*n.* a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it

89. The \_\_\_\_\_ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 81. asleep, 82. spectrum, 83. overlap, 84. poignant, 85. trivia, 86. secondly, 87. accident, 88. niche, 89. giant

90. The lumberjack used a strong axe to \_\_\_\_\_ the logs into smaller pieces.

*v.* to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force

91. The \_\_\_\_\_ ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

*adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

92. We would \_\_\_\_\_ an early reply.

*v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

93. The \_\_\_\_\_ of water is called ice.

*adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

94. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

95. My father was tested for \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood

96. His final goal is to sail around the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

97. The alignment of the planets was considered an \_\_\_\_\_ of major changes in people's lives.

*n.* a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence

ANSWERS: 90. rive, 91. feminist, 92. appreciate, 93. solid-state, 94. obvious, 95. diabetes, 96. globe, 97. omen

98. The film used a \_\_\_\_\_ of images to show the progress of the character's journey over time.
- n.* a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion
99. The blades of gas turbine engines are often coated with a \_\_\_\_\_ layer to improve their durability.
- n.* a lustrous, hard, silver-white element with the symbol Co that is often used in alloys, batteries, and pigments and is essential for certain biological processes in humans and other organisms
100. He was proud to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of the prestigious university.
- n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
101. I created a \_\_\_\_\_ of my favorite songs for my road trip.
- n.* a curated list of songs or audio recordings that can be played in a specific order or shuffled randomly, often created for a specific purpose or event
102. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the latest update for my computer's operating system.
- v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
103. The \_\_\_\_\_ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.
- n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
104. He moved his body \_\_\_\_\_ to the left.
- adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

ANSWERS: 98. montage, 99. cobalt, 100. grad, 101. playlist, 102. download, 103. alarm, 104. slightly

105. My son was \_\_\_\_\_ on the Internet.

*adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak

106. She stood on the podium and \_\_\_\_\_ an audience.

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

107. The price of raw \_\_\_\_\_ continued to rise.

*n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

108. The \_\_\_\_\_ bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

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

109. I found an old \_\_\_\_\_ with my favorite songs from the 80s.

*n.* a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings

110. He received a \_\_\_\_\_ for his bravery during the fire.

*n.* words or lines taken from speech, written passages, legal precedent, etc.; an official or formal notice of a person's good conduct or work, given as a recognition

111. The butterfly's \_\_\_\_\_ from a caterpillar to a winged creature is a wonder of nature.

*n.* a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation

ANSWERS: 105. hooked, 106. scanned, 107. cotton, 108. arch, 109. cassette, 110. citation, 111. metamorphosis

112. He bought noise-canceling \_\_\_\_\_ to help him concentrate while working in a noisy environment.

*n.* a small electronic device that fits into the ear canal and is used for listening to music or for communication, especially when attached to a portable audio player or mobile phone

113. I love wearing my \_\_\_\_\_ slippers on a lazy Sunday morning.

*adj.* a casual, informal way of describing something comfortable or cozy, often associated with relaxation or leisure activities

114. He fastens some sheets of paper with a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

115. The street \_\_\_\_\_ was known for its violent behavior.

*n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

116. The museum \_\_\_\_\_ conserved the ancient manuscripts.

*n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

117. This company has invested heavily in Internet \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

118. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity for great success.

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

119. The company used this \_\_\_\_\_ platform to gather ideas for its next product.

*n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

ANSWERS: 112. earbuds, 113. comfy, 114. clip, 115. gang, 116. curator, 117. commerce, 118. overlook, 119. crowdsourcing

120. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.

*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

121. He displayed the \_\_\_\_\_ symptoms of depression.

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

122. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

123. The artist made a \_\_\_\_\_ of different paint textures and colors to help her decide what to use for her next project.

*n.* a piece of fabric or other material that has a variety of different stitches or designs worked into it, used as a reference or example of different embroidery techniques; a selection or collection of different samples or examples of something, such as music, food, or products

124. He put the \_\_\_\_\_ on the horse before going for a ride.

*n.* a seat for a rider on the back of a horse or other animal; (verb) to burden someone with responsibility or task

125. Her \_\_\_\_\_ taste in music ranges from classical to hip-hop.

*adj.* deriving ideas, styles, or features from a diverse range of sources; representing a broad or diverse range of ideas or interests

126. The battlefield became \_\_\_\_\_ on earth.

*n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 120. infect, 121. classic, 122. meme, 123. sampler, 124. saddle, 125. eclectic, 126. hell

127. I'm prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ challenges throughout this adventure.
- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
128. The \_\_\_\_\_ must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.
- n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
129. She is a talented \_\_\_\_\_ who has been recognized for her work.
- n.* a person who writes poetry
130. Many of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.
- n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
131. 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
132. He was an \_\_\_\_\_ of justice, making sure all those who broke the law faced their deserved punishments.
- n.* a person who carries out the orders of a legal authority or a court to put someone to death
133. The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of \_\_\_\_\_ easier than ever before.
- n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

ANSWERS: 127. encounter, 128. pickle, 129. poet, 130. legends, 131. employee, 132. executioner, 133. pornography



134. The \_\_\_\_\_ economic straits called for immediate action.

*adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous

135. \_\_\_\_\_ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

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

136. A great \_\_\_\_\_ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

*n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

137. Shall we \_\_\_\_\_ a bite to eat?

*v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

138. The wedding was an \_\_\_\_\_ affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

*adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

139. A clear and simple expression is the \_\_\_\_\_ of good writing.

*n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

140. We took a \_\_\_\_\_ lesson to prepare for our upcoming dance competition.

*n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music

141. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ of silence about illegal police interrogation.

*n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

ANSWERS: 134. dire, 135. Congress, 136. poem, 137. grab, 138. extravagant, 139. hallmark, 140. tango, 141. conspiracy

142. He \_\_\_\_\_ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.  
*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
143. It is impolite to \_\_\_\_\_ fun of an international student's English mistakes.  
*v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
144. 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
145. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ you to our annual charity event.  
*v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
146. The statement had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on house prices.  
*adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
147. The phenomenon is \_\_\_\_\_ at optical wavelengths.  
*adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
148. The doctor prescribed antibiotics to treat her \_\_\_\_\_ symptoms.  
*n.* a severe bacterial infection that is typically spread through contaminated food or water; symptoms include fever, headache, muscle aches, and gastrointestinal problems
149. Hydrogen and oxygen \_\_\_\_\_ to form water.  
*v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 142. flipped, 143. mock, 144. stick, 145. invite, 146. dramatic, 147. invisible, 148. typhoid, 149. combine

150. My husband never \_\_\_\_\_ with other women.

- v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions;  
(noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

151. His story was full of \_\_\_\_\_ jargon meant to impress rather than inform.

- adj.* (meaning "false" or "not genuine") indicating something that is similar to or resembling something else but is not that thing

152. The woods \_\_\_\_\_ the house.

- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

153. Please write to \_\_\_\_\_ your reservation.

- v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

154. Using the same \_\_\_\_\_ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

- n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

155. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.

- v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

156. It was a pure \_\_\_\_\_ that we met her in the library.

- n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

ANSWERS: 150. flirts, 151. pseudo-philosophical, 152. embrace, 153. confirm, 154. cliché, 155. subscribe, 156. coincidence

157. The \_\_\_\_\_ novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

*adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

158. We could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of baby birds.

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

159. The \_\_\_\_\_ road made it difficult to drive on.

*adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock

160. The old oak tree stood with \_\_\_\_\_ and majesty in the park's center.

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

161. Each country's officials can access the central \_\_\_\_\_.

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

162. The detective suspected that the vandalism was the work of \_\_\_\_\_ delinquents.

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of youth or young people; immature

163. The author published these writings under a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a name someone, especially a writer, uses instead of their real name; a pen name

164. I used a special \_\_\_\_\_ to make my car's paint shine.

*n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

ANSWERS: 157. graphic, 158. tweet, 159. rocky, 160. grace, 161. database, 162. juvenile, 163. pseudonym, 164. polish

165. The restaurant is famous for its \_\_\_\_\_ where they serve the best steaks.
- n.* a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill
166. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
167. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.
- n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
168. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his appointment as CEO was met with mixed reactions.
- n.* a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite
169. She passed the time on the plane by doing some \_\_\_\_\_ work.
- n.* a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique
170. The company's poor financial performance is likely to \_\_\_\_\_ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
- v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

ANSWERS: 165. grill, 166. tradition, 167. literature, 168. confirmation, 169. crochet, 170. damn