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Session 1: Word List

verb

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

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

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

noun

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

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

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

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym: common, broad, worldwide

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

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

thread

n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

synonym: filament, string, yarn

(1) **thread** a catheter, (2) start a new **thread**

The detective followed a **thread** of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym: sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

neurological

adj. of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system

synonym: nervous, neural, brain-related

(1) fever with **neurological** signs, (2) **neurological** symptoms

The patient was diagnosed with a **neurological** disorder affecting their motor skills.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

encompass

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

synonym: surround, encircle, include

(1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy

The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

comparison

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

synonym: equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

turkey

n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

(1) swell like a **turkey**, (2) **turkey** breast meat

They prepared a stuffed **turkey** for Thanksgiving.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

sanity

n. the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational

synonym : mental health, rationality, soundness

(1) **sanity** check, (2) have a **sanity** hearing

Her job's long hours and high pressure started affecting her **sanity**.

rank

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

synonym : position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

lottery

n. a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing

synonym : raffle, sweepstakes, drawing

(1) national **lottery**, (2) scratch-off **lottery**

The odds of winning the **lottery** are extremely low, but millions still buy tickets hoping to hit the jackpot.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym : idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

currency

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country
synonym : money, tender, cash

(1) **currency** exchange, (2) digital **currency**

The **currency** used in this country is the Euro.

fender

n. a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact

synonym : cover, bumper, cushion

(1) front **fender**, (2) vehicle **fender**

He had a **fender** bender last night.

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.

intense

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

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

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

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

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym : compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym : conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym : enchanting, occult, supernatural

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

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

emotion

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

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

fluid

n. a substance that can flow and is not solid

synonym : liquid, aqua, sap

(1) plenty of **fluids**, (2) **fluid** assets

She was diagnosed with a **fluid** buildup in her lungs.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym : actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

definition

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

synonym : description, connotation, meaning

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

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

miniature

adj. being on a very small scale

synonym : mini, scaled-down, pint-sized

(1) **miniature** camera, (2) **miniature** version

He did complicated pen-and-ink drawings like medieval **miniatures**.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

dynamic

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

synonym: energetic, active, vital

(1) a **dynamic** market, (2) **dynamic** person

The sprinter has a **dynamic** way of running.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

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

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

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym: show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

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

divorce

n. the legal dissolution of a marriage

synonym: separation, dissolution, breakup

(1) **divorce** settlement, (2) a consensual **divorce**

The couple decided to get a **divorce** after many years of marriage.

opposition

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

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler

has yet to be solved by authorities.

neural

adj. of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain

synonym: sensory, neuronic, nervous

(1) **neural** stem cells, (2) **neural** networks in AI

There was a disturbance of **neural** function.

pathway

n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

synonym: route, footpath, trail

(1) **pathway** to understanding, (2) cellular signaling

pathways

When the first molecule in the **pathway** receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym: neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

addictive

adj. causing a strong desire or compulsion to use or consume repeatedly, often to the point of dependency or harm; habit-forming

synonym: habit-forming, captivating, compelling

(1) highly **addictive**, (2) **addictive** substance

The new video game was so **addictive** that he stayed up all night playing it.

temporary

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

synonym : provisional, short-term, interim

(1) a **temporary** permit, (2) **temporary** housing

He managed to get **temporary** jobs during the recession.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym : lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

addiction

n. the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym : dependence

(1) alcohol **addiction**, (2) **addiction** to foreign oil

He is now fighting his **addiction** to drugs.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym : devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

edgy

adj. being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality

synonym : tense, nervous, anxious

(1) **edgy** haircut, (2) **edgy** fashion

I always feel **edgy** when I have to give a speech in front of a large crowd.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

stimming

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

synonym: self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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?

physiological

adj. relating to the normal functioning of living organisms and their organs and systems; concerning the physical or biochemical processes and activities that occur within the body

synonym: biological, organic, bodily

(1) **physiological** response, (2) **physiological** activity

The doctor explained the various **physiological** changes that occur during pregnancy.

craving

n. a strong desire of wanting something

synonym: desire, appetite, longing

(1) **craving** for revenge, (2) curb our **cravings**

I have a **craving** for nicotine.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

tolerance

n. the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant

synonym: acceptance, patience, forbearance

(1) religious **tolerance**, (2) **tolerance** for risk

The school's diversity program aimed to promote **tolerance** and understanding among the students.

proliferate

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

synonym: multiply, spread, propagate

(1) **proliferate** cells, (2) **proliferate** weeds

The number of COVID cases continued to **proliferate** in many countries worldwide.

optimal

adj. the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous

synonym: optimum, desirable, favorable

(1) achieve **optimal** health, (2) **optimal** for intellectual growth

Wild animals need to go forward with the **optimal** action to survive.

evolutionary

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

synonym:

developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process

Evolutionary algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

crush

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

synonym: destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt

The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym: parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym: affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

convince

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

synonym: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent

I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

chemistry

n. the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions

(1) professor of **chemistry**, (2) the **chemistry** of soil
He is familiar with **chemistry** and biology.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym: innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions
There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

dimension

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

synonym: extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**
Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress
Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader
The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sa____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
2. get ne____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
3. unsolved my____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
4. co____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
5. a dy____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
6. a ch____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
7. op____l for intellectual growth *adj.* the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
8. ma____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
9. freedom of re____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
10. di____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

ANSWERS: 1. satisfy, 2. nervous, 3. mystery, 4. concept, 5. dynamic, 6. chemical, 7. optimal, 8. magical, 9. religion, 10. display

11. ro____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
12. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
13. co_____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
14. phy_____cal activity *adj.* relating to the normal functioning of living organisms and their organs and systems; concerning the physical or biochemical processes and activities that occur within the body
15. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
16. alcohol ad_____on *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
17. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
18. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
19. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
20. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

ANSWERS: 11. romantic, 12. overwhelm, 13. countless, 14. physiological, 15. reward, 16. addiction, 17. cult, 18. obsession, 19. rank, 20. concrete

21. fever with neu_____cal signs *adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
22. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
23. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
24. plenty of fl__ds *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
25. ro_____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
26. vehicle fe____r *n.* a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact
27. autistic st_____ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
28. e__y haircut *adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality
29. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
30. ad_____on to foreign oil *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

ANSWERS: 21. neurological, 22. historic, 23. rank, 24. fluid, 25. romantic, 26. fender, 27. stimming, 28. edgy, 29. construct, 30. addiction

31. to_____ce for risk *n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
32. ad_____ve substance *adj.* causing a strong desire or compulsion to use or consume repeatedly, often to the point of dependency or harm; habit-forming
33. th____d a catheter *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
34. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
35. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
36. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
37. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
38. mi_____re camera *adj.* being on a very small scale

ANSWERS: 31. tolerance, 32. addictive, 33. thread, 34. cult, 35. weird, 36. fake, 37. sibling, 38. miniature

39. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
40. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
41. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
42. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
43. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
44. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
45. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
46. the ch_____ry of soil *n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
47. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
48. pro_____te cells *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
49. professor of ch_____ry *n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions

ANSWERS: 39. spiritual, 40. argument, 41. biology, 42. accurate, 43. contrast, 44. relative, 45. religion, 46. chemistry, 47. associate, 48. proliferate, 49. chemistry

50. co____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
51. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
52. ne____l networks in AI *adj.* of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain
53. en____ss a broad range *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
54. the evo____ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
55. pa____y to understanding *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
56. st____ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
57. cellular signaling pa____ys *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
58. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
59. opp____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 50. convince, 51. relation, 52. neural, 53. encompass, 54. evolutionary, 55. pathway, 56. stimming, 57. pathway, 58. argue, 59. opposition

60. have a sa___y hearing *n.* the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational
61. a consensual di_____e *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
62. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
63. curb our cr_____gs *n.* a strong desire of wanting something
64. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
65. front fe___r *n.* a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact
66. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
67. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
68. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
69. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
70. dy_____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

ANSWERS: 60. sanity, 61. divorce, 62. weird, 63. craving, 64. discuss, 65. fender, 66. discuss, 67. march, 68. nervous, 69. accurate, 70. dynamic

71. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
72. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
73. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
74. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
75. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
76. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
77. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
78. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
79. sa_____y check *n.* the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational
80. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
81. complex v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
82. cr__h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

ANSWERS: 71. define, 72. relation, 73. relative, 74. emotional, 75. phenomenon, 76. intense, 77. develop, 78. comparison, 79. sanity, 80. define, 81. verb, 82. crush

83. e__y fashion *adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality
84. phy_____cal response *adj.* relating to the normal functioning of living organisms and their organs and systems; concerning the physical or biochemical processes and activities that occur within the body
85. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
86. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
87. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
88. scratch-off lo_____y *n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing
89. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
90. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
91. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority

ANSWERS: 83. edgy, 84. physiological, 85. definition, 86. construct, 87. concrete, 88. lottery, 89. phenomenon, 90. precise, 91. conquer

92. n__n phrase *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
93. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
94. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
95. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
96. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
97. proper n__n *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
98. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
99. di_____e settlement *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
100. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
101. ne___l stem cells *adj.* of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain
102. a te_____ry permit *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
103. cu_____cy exchange *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
104. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

ANSWERS: 92. noun, 93. march, 94. emotion, 95. contrast, 96. dimension, 97. noun, 98. spiritual, 99. divorce, 100. permanent, 101. neural, 102. temporary, 103. currency, 104. dimension

105. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
106. Internet ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
107. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
108. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
109. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
110. re____d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
111. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
112. basic br____n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
113. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
114. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
115. start a new th____d *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or

stitching

ANSWERS: 105. permanent, 106. addict, 107. mystery, 108. develop, 109. precise, 110. regard, 111. concept, 112. brain, 113. fake, 114. suddenly, 115. thread

116. religious to_____ce *n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
117. mi_____re version *adj.* being on a very small scale
118. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
119. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
120. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
121. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
122. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
123. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
124. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
125. swell like a tu____y *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
126. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 116. tolerance, 117. miniature, 118. associate, 119. universal, 120. historic, 121. biology, 122. comparison, 123. argue, 124. definition, 125. turkey, 126. magical

127. national lo____y *n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing
128. co____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
129. principles of un____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
130. develop in____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
131. en____ss the enemy *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
132. te____ry housing *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
133. toxic ch____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
134. di____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
135. the ar____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
136. anti-air raid sh____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

ANSWERS: 127. lottery, 128. convince, 129. universal, 130. intense, 131. encompass, 132. temporary, 133. chemical, 134. display, 135. argument, 136. shelter

137. pro_____te weeds *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
138. cr__h coffee beans *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
139. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
140. rainproof sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
141. ecology and evo_____ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
142. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
143. highly ad_____ve *adj.* causing a strong desire or compulsion to use or consume repeatedly, often to the point of dependency or harm; habit-forming
144. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
145. a drug ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
146. tu____y breast meat *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

ANSWERS: 137. proliferate, 138. crush, 139. suddenly, 140. shelter, 141. evolutionary, 142. emotional, 143. addictive, 144. obsession, 145. addict, 146. turkey

147. have a si_____g quarrel	<i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
148. shopping re____ds cards	<i>n.</i> a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
149. meet with opp_____on	<i>n.</i> the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
150. neu_____cal symptoms	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
151. control my em_____n	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
152. answer co_____ss questions	<i>adj.</i> too numerous to be counted or very many
153. cr_____g for revenge	<i>n.</i> a strong desire of wanting something
154. achieve op_____l health	<i>adj.</i> the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
155. an auxiliary v__b	<i>n.</i> a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
156. digital cu_____cy	<i>n.</i> a system of money in general use in a particular country
157. re____d him as an enemy	<i>v.</i> to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
158. sa_____y a user's needs	<i>v.</i> to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
159. ov_____lm opponents by numbers	<i>v.</i> to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
160. co_____r fatal disease	<i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority

ANSWERS: 147. sibling, 148. reward, 149. opposition, 150. neurological, 151. emotion, 152. countless, 153. craving, 154. optimal, 155. verb, 156. currency, 157. regard, 158. satisfy, 159. overwhelm, 160. conquer

161. fl__d assets *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
162. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 161. fluid, 162. brain

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The detective followed a _____ of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.
 - n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

2. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it.
 - adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

3. Who answers _____ knows little.
 - adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

4. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
 - adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

5. He is familiar with _____ and biology.
 - n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions

6. They need food and _____.
 - n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

7. Did this response _____ your request?
 - v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

ANSWERS: 1. thread, 2. faked, 3. suddenly, 4. intense, 5. chemistry, 6. shelter, 7. satisfy

8. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
9. The patient was diagnosed with a _____ disorder affecting their motor skills.
adj. of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
10. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
11. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.
v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
12. The _____ used in this country is the Euro.
n. a system of money in general use in a particular country
13. She is searching for a _____ residence.
adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
14. They prepared a stuffed _____ for Thanksgiving.
n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
15. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.
n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
16. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.
adj. correct and exact in all details

ANSWERS: 8. religion, 9. neurological, 10. universal, 11. convince, 12. currency, 13. permanent, 14. turkey, 15. dimensions, 16. accurate

17. I always feel _____ when I have to give a speech in front of a large crowd.

adj. being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality

18. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

19. The couple decided to get a _____ after many years of marriage.

n. the legal dissolution of a marriage

20. She was diagnosed with a _____ buildup in her lungs.

n. a substance that can flow and is not solid

21. The optimal solution that would _____ all these elements has yet to be proposed.

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

22. The number of COVID cases continued to _____ in many countries worldwide.

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

23. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

24. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 17. edgy, 18. display, 19. divorce, 20. fluid, 21. encompass, 22. proliferate, 23. chemical, 24. weird

25. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

26. The president asked for a more _____ plan.

- adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

27. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

28. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

29. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

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

- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

31. The content is _____ and informative for me.

- adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

ANSWERS: 25. develop, 26. concrete, 27. cult, 28. siblings, 29. discuss, 30. magical, 31. precise

32. It was his first _____ love.

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

33. There was a disturbance of _____ function.

adj. of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain

34. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

35. He is now fighting his _____ to drugs.

n. the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

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

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

37. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

38. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

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

39. I have a _____ for nicotine.

n. a strong desire of wanting something

40. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

ANSWERS: 32. romantic, 33. neural, 34. regarded, 35. addiction, 36. definition, 37. mystery, 38. define, 39. craving, 40. rewards

41. Her job's long hours and high pressure started affecting her _____.
n. the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational
42. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
43. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory;
a verbal or physical fight or dispute
44. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
45. When the first molecule in the _____ receives a signal, it activates other molecules.
n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
46. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.
adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
47. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
48. He managed to get _____ jobs during the recession.
adj. not lasting or be used for a very long
49. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.
v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

ANSWERS: 41. sanity, 42. historic, 43. argument, 44. emotions, 45. pathway, 46. nervous, 47. concept, 48. temporary, 49. overwhelm

50. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

51. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

52. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

53. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

54. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

55. I've included the two designs for a _____.

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

56. Autistic children may engage in _____ behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

57. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

ANSWERS: 50. contrast, 51. associate, 52. obsession, 53. biology, 54. brain, 55. comparison, 56. stimming, 57. dynamic

58. The odds of winning the _____ are extremely low, but millions still buy tickets hoping to hit the jackpot.
- n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing
59. Wild animals need to go forward with the _____ action to survive.
- adj.* the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
60. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
61. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.
- n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
62. The school's diversity program aimed to promote _____ and understanding among the students.
- n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
63. A rainbow is a natural _____.
- n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
64. _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.
- adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
65. The new video game was so _____ that he stayed up all night playing it.
- adj.* causing a strong desire or compulsion to use or consume repeatedly, often to the point of dependency or harm; habit-forming

ANSWERS: 58. lottery, 59. optimal, 60. opposition, 61. addicts, 62. tolerance, 63. phenomenon, 64. Evolutionary, 65. addictive

66. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

67. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.

v. to bring under control by force or authority

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

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

69. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

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

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

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

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

72. The car was completely _____ in the accident.

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

73. The doctor explained the various _____ changes that occur during pregnancy.

adj. relating to the normal functioning of living organisms and their organs and systems; concerning the physical or biochemical processes and activities that occur within the body

ANSWERS: 66. spiritual, 67. conquer, 68. verb, 69. countless, 70. relatives, 71. rank, 72. crushed, 73. physiological

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

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

75. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

76. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

77. He had a _____ bender last night.

n. a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact

78. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

79. He did complicated pen-and-ink drawings like medieval _____.

adj. being on a very small scale

80. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

81. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

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

ANSWERS: 74. nouns, 75. marched, 76. constructs, 77. fender, 78. emotional, 79. miniatures, 80. relations, 81. argue