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Session 1: Word List

- pat**
- v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
- synonym* : tap, stroke, caress
- (1) **pat** on the back, (2) **pat** a dog
- She **patted** the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.
- 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.
- sector**
- n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
- synonym* : division, department, branch
- (1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**
- The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

evolve

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

synonym : develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym : gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently

Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

sue

v. to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress

synonym : accuse, plead, file

(1) **sue** a company for damages, (2) **sue** my boss for harassment

He planned to **sue** the organization for negligence.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

synonym : candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym : fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

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**.

executive

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

synonym : administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym : fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

backstage

adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as

politics, business, or personal life

synonym: behind-the-scenes, offstage, private

(1) **backstage** access, (2) **backstage** crew

The **backstage** preparations for the concert took hours to complete.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym: stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

relate

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

synonym: connect, link, associate

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

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

chock-full

adj. completely filled or crowded with something; having no space or room for additional things

synonym: full, crowded, jam-packed

(1) **chock-full** schedule, (2) **chock-full** of flavor

The picnic basket was **chock-full** of sandwiches, fruit, and drinks.

chapter

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

synonym: section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party

The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.

matrilineal

adj. (the antonym of "patrilineal") tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from

mother to daughter rather than from father to son
synonym : maternal, motherly, matriarchal

(1) **matrilineal** inheritance, (2) **matrilineal** descent

In **matrilineal** societies, lineages are traced through the mother's side of the family.

tribe

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

synonym : family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

sociology

n. the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form

synonym : anthropology, demography, folklore

(1) **sociology** professor, (2) animal **sociology**

She studied **sociology** in college, learning about different societies and how they function.

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym : excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time

I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym : certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

belong

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

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

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

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

guilty

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

synonym : culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym : skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

striking

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

synonym : arresting, astonishing, exceptional

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

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

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.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

hurdle

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

synonym: obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym: border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta

for dinner.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
synonym: decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error
This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym: boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior
The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

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.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company
synonym: business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment
The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury
She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place
synonym: go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service
We must **attend** to this matter.

physician

n. a medical doctor who practices medicine

synonym : doctor, practitioner, medic

(1) the advice of the **physician**, (2) consult with a **physician**

She visited the local **physician** to seek treatment for her persistent headache.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym : uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

cold-call

v. to make an unsolicited phone call or visit to a potential customer or client who has not expressed any prior interest or given permission for such contact to offer a product or service

synonym : prospect, canvass, phone

(1) **cold-call** potential leads, (2) **cold-call** companies in the area

I had to **cold-call** potential clients to promote my new business.

evenly

adv. in equal amounts or shares; in a balanced or impartial way

synonym : constantly, smoothly, equally

(1) **evenly** colored, (2) almost **evenly** divided

This product can spread the cement **evenly**.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

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.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops
The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym : thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression
She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**
Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**
Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

assertive

adj. characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner

synonym : confident, self-assured, decisive

(1) **assertive** behavior, (2) an **assertive** approach

She was **assertive** and confident in her negotiation tactics during the business meeting.

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

synonym : assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym : glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

exhibit

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

synonym : display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent

Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym : accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help

He never **acknowledged** his fault.

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.

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.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym : conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

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.

spouse

n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

synonym : partner, mate, wife

(1) **spouse** tax deduction, (2) **spouse** visa

The **spouse** of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

governor

n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

synonym: administrator, executive, leader

(1) **governor** general, (2) a prefectural **governor**

The state **governor** visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym: agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

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.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

anticipate

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

synonym: forecast, predict, expect

(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

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.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

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.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

slash

v. to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement

synonym: cut, gash

(1) **slash** a person with a knife, (2) price **slash**

The government had to **slash** national defense spending due to the recession.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

statistics

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

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

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

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

rescue

v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

synonym : save, extricate, retrieve

(1) **rescue** a dying dog, (2) **rescue** a company from bankruptcy

The fire department arrived just in time to **rescue** the family from the burning building.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym : change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

pimp

n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

synonym : pandar, procurer, hustler

(1) **pimp** lifestyle, (2) **pimp** culture

The lazy **pimp** controlled and exploited the women working for him.

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.

- quo** *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
synonym: status, condition, state
(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto
The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.
- census** *n.* an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels
synonym: count, survey, enumeration
(1) **census** data, (2) population **census**
The government conducted a **census** of the population to gather data on demographics.
- wage** *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
synonym: payment, compensation, salary
(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**
His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.
- gap** *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
synonym: opening, lacuna, spread
(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**
Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.
- Latina** *n.* a female person of Latin American origin or descent; a term used to refer to women from Latin American countries or with Latin American heritage
synonym: Hispanic woman
(1) **Latina** community, (2) **Latina** actress
She is the first **Latina** senator in the country's history.
- stagnate** *v.* to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a

lack of circulation or movement

synonym : stall, halt, idle

(1) **stagnate** economy, (2) **stagnate** due to problems

If you don't exercise regularly, your fitness levels may **stagnate**.

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym : bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

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.

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.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

Session 2: Spelling

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v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
8. ba_____ge access
adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

ANSWERS: 1. movement, 2. develop, 3. amazing, 4. encouraging, 5. apologize, 6. assume, 7. decide, 8. backstage

9. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
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16. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
17. development of the ne____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

ANSWERS: 9. peer, 10. process, 11. sue, 12. census, 13. universal, 14. bias, 15. cling, 16. inspire, 17. nervous

18. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
19. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
20. sh____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
21. ant_____te a black future *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
22. La___a community *n.* a female person of Latin American origin or descent; a term used to refer to women from Latin American countries or with Latin American heritage
23. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
24. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
25. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
26. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
27. ev___y colored *adv.* in equal amounts or shares; in a balanced or impartial way
28. ob_____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
29. get ne____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

ANSWERS: 18. rural, 19. trait, 20. shyness, 21. anticipate, 22. Latina, 23. resonate, 24. trait, 25. relation, 26. rid, 27. evenly, 28. observe, 29. nervous

30. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
31. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
32. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
33. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
34. almost ev___y divided *adv.* in equal amounts or shares; in a balanced or impartial way
35. mat_____al inheritance *adj.* (the antonym of "patrilineal") tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son
36. feel a bit gu___y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
37. pu_____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
38. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
39. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

ANSWERS: 30. confident, 31. bunch, 32. relation, 33. pursue, 34. evenly, 35. matrilineal, 36. guilty, 37. publicly, 38. judge, 39. cling

40. p__p lifestyle *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
41. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
42. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
43. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
44. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
45. aboriginal tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
46. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
47. co_____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
48. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

ANSWERS: 40. pimp, 41. transition, 42. relate, 43. doe, 44. represent, 45. tribe, 46. pursue, 47. complain, 48. transition

49. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
50. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
51. a convex l__s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
52. an as_____ve approach *adj.* characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner
53. l__n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
54. 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

ANSWERS: 49. rural, 50. gender, 51. lens, 52. assertive, 53. lean, 54. feminist

55. the gr____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
56. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
57. call and co_____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
58. sp___e visa *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
59. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
60. 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
61. 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
62. sc___d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
63. La___a actress *n.* a female person of Latin American origin or descent; a term used to refer to women from Latin American countries or with Latin American heritage
64. ex_____t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

ANSWERS: 55. grocery, 56. invite, 57. complain, 58. spouse, 59. negative, 60. launch, 61. develop, 62. scared, 63. Latina, 64. exhibit

65. put a gr____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
66. p_t on the back *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
67. dual ge____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
68. re____e a company from bankruptcy *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
69. abs____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
70. p_t a dog *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
71. at____d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
72. ev____e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
73. re____e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
74. re____e a dying dog *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

ANSWERS: 65. grateful, 66. pat, 67. gender, 68. rescue, 69. absolutely, 70. pat, 71. attend, 72. evolve, 73. refuse, 74. rescue

75. su_____e a plane crash
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
76. ex_____ve vice president
n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
77. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
78. the form of a di_____ue
n. a conversation in a book, play, or film
79. hu_____e race
n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
80. be_____g to a group
v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
81. status q_o politician
n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
82. pu_____ly accessible record
adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
83. a prefectural go_____or
n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
84. co_____te right
adj. of or relating to a large company
85. a br__d mind
adj. very wide; general

ANSWERS: 75. survive, 76. executive, 77. opportune, 78. dialogue, 79. hurdle, 80. belong, 81. quo, 82. publicly, 83. governor, 84. corporate, 85. broad

86. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
87. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
88. lose some of my sh____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
89. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
90. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
91. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
92. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
93. so_____gy professor *n.* the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form
94. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

ANSWERS: 86. judge, 87. perspective, 88. shyness, 89. define, 90. define, 91. introduction, 92. aggressive, 93. sociology, 94. promote

95. cho_____ll schedule *adj.* completely filled or crowded with something; having no space or room for additional things
96. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
97. a gr_____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
98. st_____te due to problems *v.* to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement
99. be____g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
100. industrial se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
101. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
102. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 95. chock-full, 96. lens, 97. grateful, 98. stagnate, 99. belong, 100. sector, 101. ridiculous, 102. movement

103. price sl__h	<i>v.</i> to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement
104. con_____ce as a teacher	<i>n.</i> the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
105. less fo_____te person	<i>adj.</i> having good luck or lucky
106. in___e guests	<i>v.</i> to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
107. q_o warranto	<i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
108. co_____ll companies in the area	<i>v.</i> to make an unsolicited phone call or visit to a potential customer or client who has not expressed any prior interest or given permission for such contact to offer a product or service
109. cho_____ll of flavor	<i>adj.</i> completely filled or crowded with something; having no space or room for additional things
110. st_____te economy	<i>v.</i> to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement
111. pr_____e bad behavior	<i>v.</i> to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
112. official sta_____cs	<i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 103. slash, 104. confidence, 105. fortunate, 106. invite, 107. quo, 108. cold-call, 109. chock-full, 110. stagnate, 111. promote, 112. statistics

113. 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
114. sc___d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
115. at___d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
116. information ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
117. mountain tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
118. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
119. sl__h a person with a knife *v.* to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement
120. re____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
121. ch____r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
122. sta____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
123. cir____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 113. launch, 114. scared, 115. attend, 116. barrier, 117. tribe, 118. broad, 119. slash, 120. resonate, 121. chapter, 122. statistics, 123. circumstance

124. 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
125. unpaid w___es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
126. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
127. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
128. mat_____al descent *adj.* (the antonym of "patrilineal") tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son
129. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
130. re_____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
131. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
132. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 124. assume, 125. wage, 126. doe, 127. encouraging, 128. matrilineal, 129. universal, 130. resolve, 131. negative, 132. process

133. increase in the minimum w__e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
134. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
135. 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
136. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
137. run a gr_____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
138. consult with a ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
139. the advice of the ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
140. 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
141. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
142. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
143. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

ANSWERS: 133. wage, 134. perspective, 135. embrace, 136. corporate, 137. grocery, 138. physician, 139. physician, 140. recognize, 141. represent, 142. lean, 143. acknowledge

144. animal so_____gy *n.* the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form
145. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
146. co_____ll potential leads *v.* to make an unsolicited phone call or visit to a potential customer or client who has not expressed any prior interest or given permission for such contact to offer a product or service
147. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
148. overcome hu___es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
149. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
150. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
151. go_____or general *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
152. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 144. sociology, 145. relate, 146. cold-call, 147. confidence, 148. hurdle, 149. inspire, 150. evolve, 151. governor, 152. bunch

153. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
154. 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
155. Platonic di_____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
156. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
157. ba_____ge crew *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
158. s_e a company for damages *v.* to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
159. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
160. ce___s data *n.* an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels
161. st_____ng innovation *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
162. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

ANSWERS: 153. resolve, 154. bias, 155. dialogue, 156. ridiculous, 157. backstage, 158. sue, 159. refuse, 160. census, 161. striking, 162. stereotype

163. 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
164. avoid ste_____pe
n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
165. fo_____te situation
adj. having good luck or lucky
166. ob_____e a tradition
v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
167. ack_____ge the deed
v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
168. an agg_____ve war
adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
169. cost ba_____r
n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
170. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 163. embrace, 164. stereotype, 165. fortunate, 166. observe, 167. acknowledge, 168. aggressive, 169. barrier, 170. opportune

171. as_____ve behavior *adj.* characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner
172. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
173. 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
174. ant_____te your kind cooperation *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
175. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
176. 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
177. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
178. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
179. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

ANSWERS: 171. assertive, 172. confident, 173. feminist, 174. anticipate, 175. roughly, 176. recognize, 177. apologize, 178. amazing, 179. peer

180. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
181. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
182. ex_____t a great talent *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
183. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
184. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
185. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
186. ex_____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
187. st_____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

ANSWERS: 180. absolutely, 181. introduction, 182. exhibit, 183. decide, 184. circumstance, 185. gap, 186. executive, 187. striking

188. gu___y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
189. ro____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
190. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
191. sp___e tax deduction *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
192. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
193. private se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
194. p__p culture *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
195. an introductory ch____r *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
196. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 188. guilty, 189. roughly, 190. rid, 191. spouse, 192. gap, 193. sector, 194. pimp, 195. chapter, 196. survive

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
n. a particular feature of your nature
2. The two plays have many _____ parallels.
adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
3. I _____ for neglecting your email.
v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
4. She was _____ for the help he provided.
adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
5. 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
6. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.
n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
7. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 1. traits, 2. striking, 3. apologize, 4. grateful, 5. develop, 6. lens, 7. perspective

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

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

9. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

10. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

11. The _____ preparations for the concert took hours to complete.

adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

12. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

13. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

14. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

15. He finally overcame his _____.

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

ANSWERS: 8. universal, 9. barrier, 10. guilty, 11. backstage, 12. broad, 13. ridiculous, 14. complaining, 15. shyness

16. We must _____ to this matter.
v. to be present at an event, to go to a place
17. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.
n. a conversation in a book, play, or film
18. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
19. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.
n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
20. Other technology industries _____ similarly explosive growth.
v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
21. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
22. The _____ of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.
n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
23. The picnic basket was _____ of sandwiches, fruit, and drinks.
adj. completely filled or crowded with something; having no space or room for additional things

ANSWERS: 16. attend, 17. dialogue, 18. observe, 19. wages, 20. exhibit, 21. movement, 22. spouse, 23. chock-full

24. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

25. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

26. The _____ had distinctly defined gender roles.

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

27. 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

28. 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

29. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

30. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

31. He planned to _____ the organization for negligence.

v. to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress

ANSWERS: 24. opportune, 25. publicly, 26. tribe, 27. relations, 28. assumes, 29. Lean, 30. introduction, 31. sue

32. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

33. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

34. In _____ societies, lineages are traced through the mother's side of the family.

adj. (the antonym of "patrilineal") tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son

35. This product can spread the cement _____.

adv. in equal amounts or shares; in a balanced or impartial way

36. The final _____ provides a summary of the discussion.

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

37. 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

38. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

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

39. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.

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

ANSWERS: 32. judge, 33. inspired, 34. matrilineal, 35. evenly, 36. chapter, 37. embrace, 38. nervous, 39. gap

40. She studied _____ in college, learning about different societies and how they function.
- n.* the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form
41. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
- adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
42. The lazy _____ controlled and exploited the women working for him.
- n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
43. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.
- n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
44. If you don't exercise regularly, your fitness levels may _____.
- v.* to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement
45. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
46. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 40. sociology, 41. roughly, 42. pimp, 43. executive, 44. stagnate, 45. evolved, 46. bunch

47. This company _____ its battery problem completely.

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

48. He _____ to the hope that he will find a job soon.

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

49. She _____ the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

50. 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

51. 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

52. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

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

53. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

ANSWERS: 47. resolves, 48. clings, 49. patted, 50. feminist, 51. launch, 52. relate, 53. sector

54. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.

- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

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

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

56. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.

- n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

57. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

58. 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

59. The company has been successful in maintaining the status ____.

- n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

60. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

- n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

61. The sound _____ well in this theater.

- v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

ANSWERS: 54. doe, 55. belong, 56. transition, 57. decide, 58. invite, 59. quo, 60. circumstances, 61. resonates

62. I had to _____ potential clients to promote my new business.
- v. to make an unsolicited phone call or visit to a potential customer or client who has not expressed any prior interest or given permission for such contact to offer a product or service
63. 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
64. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
65. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
66. We must _____ ourselves of pollution.
- v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
67. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
68. She is the first _____ senator in the country's history.
- n.* a female person of Latin American origin or descent; a term used to refer to women from Latin American countries or with Latin American heritage
69. He never _____ his fault.
- v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

ANSWERS: 62. cold-call, 63. recognize, 64. define, 65. amazing, 66. rid, 67. gender, 68. Latina, 69. acknowledged

70. The state _____ visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.
n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
71. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
72. The fire department arrived just in time to _____ the family from the burning building.
v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
73. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.
n. a shop that sells food and other household items
74. The government conducted a _____ of the population to gather data on demographics.
n. an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels
75. My initial reaction was to _____.
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
76. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.
adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
77. I'm not _____ in our victory.
adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

ANSWERS: 70. governor, 71. stereotypes, 72. rescue, 73. grocery, 74. census, 75. refuse, 76. encouraging, 77. confident

78. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.

adj. of or relating to the countryside

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

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

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

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

81. I'm _____ of insects.

adj. afraid or frightened

82. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

83. We _____ heavy snowfall tomorrow.

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

84. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

85. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 78. rural, 79. statistics, 80. process, 81. scared, 82. confidence, 83. anticipate, 84. peer, 85. represent

86. She visited the local _____ to seek treatment for her persistent headache.
n. a medical doctor who practices medicine
87. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
adj. having good luck or lucky
88. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.
adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
89. 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
90. She intends to _____ a political career.
v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
91. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
92. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
93. The company faced several _____ in the development of its new product.
n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
94. The government had to _____ national defense spending due to the recession.
v. to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement

ANSWERS: 86. physician, 87. fortunate, 88. aggressive, 89. bias, 90. pursue, 91. promote, 92. survive, 93. hurdles, 94. slash

95. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

96. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

97. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

adj. of or relating to a large company

98. She was _____ and confident in her negotiation tactics during the business meeting.

adj. characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 95. negative, 96. absolutely, 97. corporate, 98. assertive