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Session 1: Word List

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym : proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

keyboard

n. device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work

synonym : console, piano

(1) numeric **keyboard**, (2) **keyboard** instruments

Please strike the "enter" on the **keyboard**.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym : purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

gremlin

n. a mischievous or troublesome creature, often depicted in folklore as causing malfunctions or problems, especially in mechanical or technological systems

synonym : imp, goblin, sprite

(1) **gremlin** behavior, (2) mischievous **gremlin**

The mechanic found and fixed the **gremlin** causing the car's engine trouble.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym : decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

electron

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

synonym : negatron

(1) flow of **electrons**, (2) beam of **electrons**

The outermost **electron** shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym : shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

detect

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

synonym : catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders

The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or

emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

optical

adj. of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light

synonym : visual, ocular

(1) new **optical** glasses, (2) **optical** fiber

The **optical** illusion made it appear like the building was floating in midair.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym : scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

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.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym : control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

subsystem

n. a part or component of a larger system that performs a specific function or functions interdependent with other subsystems to accomplish the overall function of the larger system

synonym : division, branch, element

(1) control **subsystem**, (2) heating **subsystem**

The computer's **subsystem** failed and caused the entire system to shut down.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

buffer

n. a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage

synonym: cushion, shield, insulation

(1) a **buffer** between the quarreling parents, (2) use a **buffer** to reduce noise

Using a password manager can act as a **buffer** against hackers who try to steal your personal information.

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.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public

opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

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.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym : disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

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.

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**.

fetch

v. to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something

synonym : retrieve, bring, get

(1) **fetch** the mail, (2) **fetch** a ball

Could you help me **fetch** the ball from the other side of the

field?

instruction

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

synonym: education, direction, guidance

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

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

execute

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

synonym: direct, conduct, enforce

(1) **execute** a bold strategy, (2) **execute** a double play

The mafioso who collaborated with the police was **executed**.

widget

n. a small device or component of a larger system or software that performs a specific function or provides information or control, often displayed on a computer screen or mobile device

synonym: gadget, device, tool

(1) calendar **widget**, (2) social media **widget**

You can easily add a **widget** to your blog by following these steps

desktop

n. a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities

synonym: computer, workstation, PC

(1) **desktop** software, (2) **desktop** wallpaper

I need to upgrade my **desktop** computer since it's become quite slow.

edit

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

synonym: revise, modify, adjust

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

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

multitasking

n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

synonym: juggling, multihandling, parallelism

(1) computer **multitasking**, (2) **multitasking** ability

She could finish all her work on time because of her **multitasking** skills.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym: originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

python

n. a nonvenomous snake found in Africa, Asia, and Australia, known for its ability to squeeze and suffocate its prey before swallowing it whole; a high-level programming language used for various purposes, often in scientific computing and data analysis

synonym: anaconda, boa, serpent

(1) **python** species, (2) **Python** programming

The African rock **python** can eat prey as large as antelopes and crocodiles.

unnecessary

adj. not needed or required; not essential or important

synonym: redundant, extra, superfluous

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

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

compile

v. to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.

synonym: assemble, collect, gather

(1) **compile** a biography, (2) **compile** the data

We are attempting to **compile** a list of qualified candidates for the position.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or

electronic

synonym : gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

duly

adv. in a manner that is proper, appropriate, or expected; following the correct procedures, rules, or protocols

synonym : properly, rightfully, appropriately

(1) **duly** authorized, (2) **duly** notified

The documents were **duly** signed and submitted to the authorities for approval.

cursor

n. a visual representation on a computer screen that is controlled by a mouse or other pointing device and is used to indicate where the next action or input will occur, typically in the form of an arrow or other icon

synonym : pointer, indicator, marker

(1) **cursor** movement, (2) blinking **cursor**

The **cursor** on a map app shows your location and allows you to navigate.

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.

involve

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

synonym : implicate, include, engage

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

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

critic

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

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym: element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

peripheral

adj. relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential

synonym: outer, minor, secondary

(1) **peripheral** vision, (2) **peripheral** devices

The city's **peripheral** areas should be given more attention regarding infrastructure and resources.

Session 2: Spelling

1. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
2. heating su_____em *n.* a part or component of a larger system that performs a specific function or functions interdependent with other subsystems to accomplish the overall function of the larger system
3. de____t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
4. abruptly in_____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
5. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
6. computer mul_____ing *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
7. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
8. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
9. ex_____e a double play *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
10. Py____n programming *n.* a nonvenomous snake found in Africa, Asia, and Australia, known for its ability to squeeze and suffocate its prey before swallowing it whole; a high-level programming language used for various purposes, often in scientific computing and data analysis

ANSWERS: 1. instruction, 2. subsystem, 3. detect, 4. interrupt, 5. architecture, 6. multitasking, 7. rub, 8. intention, 9. execute, 10. python

11. d__y notified *adv.* in a manner that is proper, appropriate, or expected; following the correct procedures, rules, or protocols
12. beam of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
13. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
14. use a bu___r to reduce noise *n.* a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage
15. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
16. mo_____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
17. control su_____em *n.* a part or component of a larger system that performs a specific function or functions interdependent with other subsystems to accomplish the overall function of the larger system
18. unn_____ry hassle *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important
19. op_____l fiber *adj.* of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light
20. numeric ke_____rd *n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work

ANSWERS: 11. duly, 12. electron, 13. architecture, 14. buffer, 15. component, 16. monitor, 17. subsystem, 18. unnecessary, 19. optical, 20. keyboard

21. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
22. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
23. mul_____ing ability *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
24. ex_____e a bold strategy *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
25. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
26. blinking cu____r *n.* a visual representation on a computer screen that is controlled by a mouse or other pointing device and is used to indicate where the next action or input will occur, typically in the form of an arrow or other icon
27. in_____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
28. per_____al devices *adj.* relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential
29. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
30. gr_____n behavior *n.* a mischievous or troublesome creature, often depicted in folklore as causing malfunctions or problems, especially in mechanical or technological systems

ANSWERS: 21. capture, 22. involve, 23. multitasking, 24. execute, 25. environment, 26. cursor, 27. interrupt, 28. peripheral, 29. initially, 30. gremlin

31. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
32. pr_____s improvement *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
33. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
34. r_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
35. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
36. mischievous gr_____n *n.* a mischievous or troublesome creature, often depicted in folklore as causing malfunctions or problems, especially in mechanical or technological systems
37. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
38. new op_____l glasses *adj.* of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light

ANSWERS: 31. intention, 32. process, 33. environment, 34. rub, 35. initially, 36. gremlin, 37. distance, 38. optical

39. di____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
40. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
41. in____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
42. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
43. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
44. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
45. social media wi____t *n.* a small device or component of a larger system or software that performs a specific function or provides information or control, often displayed on a computer screen or mobile device
46. flow of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
47. cu____r movement *n.* a visual representation on a computer screen that is controlled by a mouse or other pointing device and is used to indicate where the next action or input will occur, typically in the form of an arrow or other icon
48. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

ANSWERS: 39. distract, 40. component, 41. interact, 42. concept, 43. overwhelm, 44. critic, 45. widget, 46. electron, 47. cursor, 48. edit

49. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
50. py___n species *n.* a nonvenomous snake found in Africa, Asia, and Australia, known for its ability to squeeze and suffocate its prey before swallowing it whole; a high-level programming language used for various purposes, often in scientific computing and data analysis
51. de_____p software *n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities
52. a bu___r between the quarreling parents *n.* a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage
53. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
54. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
55. fe__h the mail *v.* to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something
56. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
57. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 49. critic, 50. python, 51. desktop, 52. buffer, 53. associate, 54. decide, 55. fetch, 56. brain, 57. device

58. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
59. de_____p wallpaper *n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities
60. 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
61. fe__h a ball *v.* to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something
62. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
63. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
64. d__y authorized *adv.* in a manner that is proper, appropriate, or expected; following the correct procedures, rules, or protocols
65. 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

ANSWERS: 58. edit, 59. desktop, 60. process, 61. fetch, 62. capture, 63. involve, 64. duly, 65. overwhelm

66. in_____ct directly with customers	<i>v.</i>	to communicate or react with somebody
67. individual ins_____on	<i>n.</i>	detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
68. unn_____ry expense	<i>adj.</i>	not needed or required; not essential or important
69. basic br__n function	<i>n.</i>	the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
70. ha___ed the incident	<i>v.</i>	to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
71. as_____te alcohol with gambling	<i>v.</i>	to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
72. in___t a personal opinion into a debate	<i>v.</i>	to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
73. mo_____r an exam	<i>v.</i>	to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
74. ha___e a precious object	<i>v.</i>	to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
75. per_____al vision	<i>adj.</i>	relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential
76. ke_____rd instruments	<i>n.</i>	device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work

ANSWERS: 66. interact, 67. instruction, 68. unnecessary, 69. brain, 70. handle, 71. associate, 72. inject, 73. monitor, 74. handle, 75. peripheral, 76. keyboard

77. driving di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
78. tracking de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
79. co____e a biography *v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
80. di____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
81. in____t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
82. co____e the data *v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
83. calendar wi____t *n.* a small device or component of a larger system or software that performs a specific function or provides information or control, often displayed on a computer screen or mobile device
84. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
85. learn new co____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 77. distance, 78. device, 79. compile, 80. distract, 81. inject, 82. compile, 83. widget, 84. decide, 85. concept

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The African rock _____ can eat prey as large as antelopes and crocodiles.
n. a nonvenomous snake found in Africa, Asia, and Australia, known for its ability to squeeze and suffocate its prey before swallowing it whole; a high-level programming language used for various purposes, often in scientific computing and data analysis

2. Could you help me _____ the ball from the other side of the field?
v. to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something

3. I need to upgrade my _____ computer since it's become quite slow.
n. a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities

4. The documents were _____ signed and submitted to the authorities for approval.
adv. in a manner that is proper, appropriate, or expected; following the correct procedures, rules, or protocols

5. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.
v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

6. The _____ illusion made it appear like the building was floating in midair.
adj. of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light

7. The mechanic found and fixed the _____ causing the car's engine trouble.
n. a mischievous or troublesome creature, often depicted in folklore as causing malfunctions or problems, especially in mechanical or technological systems

ANSWERS: 1. python, 2. fetch, 3. desktop, 4. duly, 5. interrupted, 6. optical, 7. gremlin

8. The city's _____ areas should be given more attention regarding infrastructure and resources.

adj. relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential

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

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

10. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.

adv. at the beginning; at first

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

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

12. Please strike the "enter" on the _____.

n. device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work

13. The _____ on a map app shows your location and allows you to navigate.

n. a visual representation on a computer screen that is controlled by a mouse or other pointing device and is used to indicate where the next action or input will occur, typically in the form of an arrow or other icon

14. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

15. The security camera has _____ four intruders.

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

ANSWERS: 8. peripheral, 9. edit, 10. initially, 11. critics, 12. keyboard, 13. cursor, 14. monitor, 15. detected

16. Using a password manager can act as a _____ against hackers who try to steal your personal information.
- n.* a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage
17. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
18. She could finish all her work on time because of her _____ skills.
- n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
19. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
- n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
20. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
- v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
21. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
22. 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
23. 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

ANSWERS: 16. buffer, 17. device, 18. multitasking, 19. distance, 20. inject, 21. concept, 22. overwhelm, 23. brain

24. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
25. The outermost _____ shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.
- n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
26. 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
27. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
- v.* to communicate or react with somebody
28. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
- n.* something you want to do and are going to do
29. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.
- v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
30. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
- n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
31. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
- v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
32. The extra steps in the process were deemed _____ and removed to streamline production.
- adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important

ANSWERS: 24. environment, 25. electron, 26. decide, 27. interact, 28. intentions, 29. rubbed, 30. instruction, 31. capture, 32. unnecessary

33. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
- v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
34. The mafioso who collaborated with the police was _____.
- v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
35. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
- v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
36. The computer's _____ failed and caused the entire system to shut down.
- n. a part or component of a larger system that performs a specific function or functions interdependent with other subsystems to accomplish the overall function of the larger system
37. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
38. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.
- n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
39. 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

ANSWERS: 33. distract, 34. executed, 35. associate, 36. subsystem, 37. involves, 38. component, 39. process

40. We all should learn how to _____ stress.

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

41. This shirt will _____ in the wash.

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

42. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

43. You can easily add a _____ to your blog by following these steps

n. a small device or component of a larger system or software that performs a specific function or provides information or control, often displayed on a computer screen or mobile device

44. We are attempting to _____ a list of qualified candidates for the position.

v. to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 40. handle, 41. shrink, 42. architecture, 43. widget, 44. compile