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Session 1: Word List

moan

v. to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something

synonym: groan, sigh, lament

(1) **moan** the current situation, (2) **moan** with pleasure

She **moaned** in pain as the doctor examined her injury.

rap

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

synonym: hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**

The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

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.

association

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

synonym : affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**
His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

depressed

adj. sad and without any hope

synonym : despondent, despairing, sad

(1) **depressed** feeling, (2) the market is **depressed**
After his mother died, he got **depressed**.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**
As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

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.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym : title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**
The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

default

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to

choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym : fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

gloom

n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

synonym : darkness, depression, melancholy

(1) a sense of **gloom**, (2) **gloom-filled** room

The **gloom** of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym : conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

omnipresent

adj. present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places

synonym : ubiquitous, pervasive, everywhere

(1) **omnipresent** influence, (2) **omnipresent** threat

The internet has made information access **omnipresent**.

commonplace

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

synonym: ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

annoying

adj. making someone feel slightly angry

synonym: aggravating, bothersome, irksome

(1) **annoying** banner ad, (2) **annoying** habit

The phone call is an **annoying** interruption.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym: hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

obstruction

n. something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress

synonym: barrier, obstacle, hindrance

(1) airway **obstruction**, (2) **obstruction** of justice

The tree branch in the middle of the walking path created an **obstruction** for pedestrians.

harbor

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

synonym: port, dock, pier

(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment

The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

fond

adj. having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time

synonym : liking, enjoying, affectionate

(1) very **fond** of, (2) **fond** memories of the birthday

He is excessively **fond** of alcohol.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym : longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

daydreaming

n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

synonym : reverie, cloud-castle, imagination

(1) stimulate **daydreaming**, (2) the mental process of **daydreaming**

I often waste a lot of time **daydreaming**.

ancient

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

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

playwright

n. a person who writes plays

synonym : dramatist, scribe, librettist

(1) acclaimed **playwright**, (2) a **playwright** attached to the theatre

The **playwright's** work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

patron

n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

synonym: contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**

They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

goddess

n. a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

synonym: deity, divinity, idol

(1) a **goddess** of beauty, (2) winged **goddess** of victory

The festival was held in honor of the harvest **goddess**.

idle

adj. not working hard or not having a job; useless

synonym: inactive, jobless, inoperative

(1) live an **idle** life, (2) **idle** capital

There are several **idle** machines in the factory because of the decreased orders.

fellow

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

synonym: buddy, mate, affiliate

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

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

reluctant

adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears

synonym: hesitant, unwilling, unenthusiastic

(1) slowly becoming more **reluctant**, (2) **reluctant** readers

He was **reluctant** to share his thoughts on the matter.

indulgence

n. the state or act of allowing oneself or another person to enjoy the pleasure of something that is considered to be a pleasure or luxury

synonym: luxury, treat, pampering

(1) plenary **indulgence**, (2) selfish **indulgence**

He allowed himself a few small **indulgences** during his diet.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy
Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

drift

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

synonym: float, wander, freewheel

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

breeze

n. a gentle wind that is not very strong or forceful, typically cool and refreshing

synonym: wind, gust, puff

(1) a **breeze** from an open window, (2) fresh ocean **breeze**
The summer **breeze** was refreshing after the hot day.

pity

n. a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain

synonym: sympathy, compassion, mercy

(1) allow self- **pity**, (2) **pity** speech
It is a **pity** that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**
Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

sunlight

n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun

synonym: daylight, rays, sunshine

(1) a glare of **sunlight**, (2) in direct **sunlight**
Radiation from **sunlight** has a different wavelength.

salsa

n. a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients,

commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions

synonym : sauce, dip, condiment

(1) **salsa** music, (2) homemade **salsa** dip

We brought chips and **salsa** to the party as a tasty appetizer.

puffy

adj. swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;

synonym : swollen, distended, inflated

(1) **puffy** off-shore winds, (2) **puffy** eyes

His cheeks looked **puffy** after he overate junk food.

abominable

adj. causing disgust, hatred, or intense dislike; extremely unpleasant, detestable, or repugnant

synonym : hateful, detestable, loathsome

(1) **abominable** behavior, (2) **abominable** conditions

The smell from the garbage dump was **abominable**, causing everyone to cover their noses.

snowman

n. a figure like a person made of packed snow

(1) melting **snowman**, (2) a picture of a **snowman**

They built a **snowman** in the garden.

blot

v. to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper

synonym : stain, smudge, mar

(1) **blot** my eyes, (2) **blot** anything out of existence

She tried to **blot** out the unpleasant memory with alcohol.

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.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

psychoanalysis

n. a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind

(1) freudian **psychoanalysis**, (2) **psychoanalysis** technique

She sought **psychoanalysis** to understand her childhood traumas.

opposition

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

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym: throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

angst

n. a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general

synonym: anxiety, worry, stress

(1) an endless stream of **angst**, (2) with no **angst**

He felt a sense of **angst** about the future and wasn't sure

what would happen.

mortality

n. the quality or state of being subject to death

synonym : fatality

(1) **mortality** due to cancer, (2) lower infant **mortality**

This disease has a high **mortality**.

grim

adj. looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

synonym : fierce, harsh, gloomy

(1) **grim** reality, (2) a **grim-featured** man

The result presented a **grim** picture of inefficiency and corruption.

reaper

n. a person or machine that harvests crops; death personified as a figure in art or literature

synonym : harvester, cutter, mower

(1) Grim **Reaper**, (2) a skillful **reaper**

The **reaper** machine harvested the crops in the field.

topless

adj. lacking a top or covering, typically used to refer to clothing, vehicles, or establishments that do not have an upper part

synonym : sleeveless, bare-chested

(1) **topless** car, (2) **topless** pool

The beachgoers were surprised to see a **topless** sunbather on the otherwise family-friendly beach.

bathe

v. to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air

synonym : cleanse, soak, immerse

(1) **bathe** in the sea, (2) **bathe** the baby

I always **bathe** my dog after she swims in the lake.

unfair

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

synonym : wrongful, biased, dishonest

(1) **unfair** employment practices, (2) have an **unfair** advantage

In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making **unfair** decisions.

appreciation

n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

synonym: recognition, admiration, esteem

(1) express my **appreciation**, (2) **appreciation** for diversity
The artist received a lot of **appreciation** for his latest work.

photograph

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

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories
I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym: manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents
New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

evocative

adj. tending to evoke or bring something to mind

synonym: suggestive, stimulating, provocative

(1) **evocative** memories, (2) **evocative** language
The music was **evocative** of a bygone era.

poetic

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

synonym: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

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

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

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

cirrus

n. a type of high-altitude cloud characterized by thin, wispy strands or filaments, usually composed of ice crystals

synonym: cloud, wisp, streak

(1) **cirrus** streaks, (2) **cirrus** formation

The sky was painted with wispy **cirrus** clouds during the sunset.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym: compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

crystal

n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

synonym: quartz

(1) liquid **crystal**, (2) **crystal** analyses

A vast **crystal** chandelier glittered brightly above us.

cascade

n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
synonym : waterfall, watercourse, step

(1) **cascade** connection, (2) transistor **cascade**

The **cascade** of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.

troposphere

n. the lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from the surface to about 7 to 20 kilometers, where the majority of weather occurs

synonym : weather layer, lower atmosphere

(1) Arctic **troposphere**, (2) **troposphere** pollution

Most of the weather we experience occurs in the **troposphere**.

brushstroke

n. the mark or stroke made by a painter's brush on a canvas or surface; a single movement or action toward a larger project or goal

synonym : stroke, line, mark

(1) artistic **brushstroke**, (2) a **brushstroke** of genius

The artist made a beautiful **brushstroke** on the canvas.

streak

n. a long, narrow mark or band, typically one of a different color or texture from the surrounding surface; a brief period or run of success, luck, or behavior; a consistent pattern of behavior or a distinguishing characteristic of an individual

synonym : strip, band, dash

(1) **streak** of luck, (2) gold **streak**

He had a **streak** of stubbornness that made him difficult to work with.

fierce

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

synonym : ferocious, convulsive, forceful

(1) **fierce** competition, (2) a **fierce** animal

The **fierce** thunders echoed across the plain.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym: missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

grace

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

synonym: charm, poise, elegance

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

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

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

meditation

n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

synonym: contemplation, reflection, introspection

(1) **meditation** training, (2) religious **meditation**

The **meditation** instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

lenticular

adj. having the shape or form of a lens or lentil; flat and usually circular with rounded edges, often referring to cloud formations that resemble lenses or smooth, saucer-like objects

synonym: lens-shaped, saucer-shaped, disk-shaped

(1) **lenticular** animation, (2) **lenticular** lens

The hiker witnessed a beautiful display of **lenticular** clouds forming over the mountain peaks.

lee

n. the side or part that is sheltered or facing away from the wind or the direction from which the wind is blowing; a position or location protected from the full force or effects of something, particularly the wind

synonym: shelter, refuge, hideout

(1) a natural **lee**, (2) the **lee** of the building

The hiker found a calm spot in the **lee** of the mountain to set up camp.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym: summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

synonym: hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

crest

n. a peak or ridge, especially on a mountain or wave; a decorative tuft or topknot

synonym: summit, peak, pinnacle

(1) **crest** length, (2) a large textile **crest**

The surfer rode the **crest** of the wave to the shore.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

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

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

saucer

n. a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings

synonym : dish, plate, salver

(1) tea **saucer**, (2) flying **saucer**

She sipped her tea from a delicate **saucer**.

droplet

n. a small drop of liquid

synonym : bead, drip, dewdrop

(1) **droplet** size, (2) **droplet** formation

A single **droplet** of water can reflect the entire world upside down.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym : series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym : response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

outward

adj. relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible

synonym : external, surface, exterior

(1) an **outward** journey, (2) **outward** cheerfulness

The **outward** appearance of the building was impressive, but the inside was in dire need of repairs.

jellyfish

n. a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging

synonym : medusa, sea nettle, moon jelly

(1) spineless **jellyfish**, (2) **jellyfish** sting

The beach was filled with hundreds of **jellyfish**, so swimming was not recommended.

tendrils

n. a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function

synonym: vine, creeper

(1) **tendrils** of hair, (2) creeping **tendrils**

The plant's delicate **tendrils** curled around the trellis as it began to climb.

snappy

adj. lively or energetic; smart and fashionable

synonym: quick, speedy, brisk

(1) **snappy** weather, (2) **snappy** performance

I particularly enjoyed the old sitcom references and the **snappy** dialogue.

rebrand

v. to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability

synonym: reintroduce, relaunch, reintegrate

(1) **rebrand** product, (2) **rebrand** company

The clothing brand decided to **rebrand** its image to attract a younger audience.

shear

v. to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal

synonym: clip, cut, crop

(1) **shear** a hedge, (2) **shear** force

I need to **shear** the wool off of the sheep before winter.

undulating

adj. having a rising and falling motion or appearance like waves; marked by a smooth, wavelike movement

synonym : rolling, rippling, waving

(1) **undulating** roads, (2) **undulating** waves

The **undulating** hills of Tuscany are a beautiful sight to see.

undulate

v. to move with a smooth wavelike motion; to have a wavy form or outline

synonym : roll, ripple, wave

(1) **undulate** waves, (2) **undulate** in the wind

The snake **undulated** its way through the underbrush, silently stalking its prey.

curl

v. to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles

synonym : coil, curve, spiral

(1) **curl** around street corners, (2) a **curl** of smoke

The cat **curled** into a ball and went to sleep.

vortex

n. a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind

synonym : whirlpool, whirlwind, maelstrom

(1) **vortex** formation, (2) blow in a **vortex**

The **vortex** of the tornado was massive and destructive.

dramatic

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

synonym : striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea

The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

egalitarian

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

synonym : equalitarian, democratic, fair

(1) **egalitarian** society, (2) **egalitarian** principles

The company prides itself on being an **egalitarian** workplace with equal employment opportunities.

display

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

synonym: show, exhibit, present

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

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

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

exotic

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

synonym: foreign, alien, unfamiliar

(1) **exotic** species, (2) **exotic** vacation

I love trying **exotic** foods from different cultures.

nourishing

adj. providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth

synonym: nutritious, healthy, sustaining

(1) **nourishing** broth, (2) **nourishing** ingredients

My mother always made sure she had a **nourishing** breakfast before school.

stimming

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

synonym: self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

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

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as

rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

inquire

v. to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding

synonym: ask, question, query

(1) **inquire** at reception, (2) **inquire** into the matter
I need to **inquire** about the details of the job interview.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone
The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym: ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects
After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

cumulonimbus

n. a large, dense, and vertically developed thundercloud characterized by its towering shape, often associated with thunderstorms, heavy precipitation, lightning, and strong winds

synonym: storm cloud, thundercloud

(1) **cumulonimbus** formation, (2) towering **cumulonimbus** clouds

The dark clouds overhead signaled the approach of a powerful **cumulonimbus** storm.

thunder

n. the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise

synonym: detonation, rumble, roar

(1) **thunder** cloud, (2) deafening **thunder** of applause
The roaring **thunder** was so loud that it woke me from sleep.

lightning

n. a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

synonym : bolt, electrical discharge

(1) streaks of **lightning**, (2) **lightning** air strike

The human eye is **lightning-fast** in recognizing objects.

hail

v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

synonym : greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast

People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

anvil

n. a heavy iron block with a flat top and a horn-like projection used as a working surface for forging, shaping, and hammering hot metal

synonym : forge, block, base

(1) the hot metal on the **anvil**, (2) **anvil** stone

The sound of the hammer hitting the **anvil** echoed through the workshop.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym : style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym : lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

synonym : air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

majestic

adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

synonym : grand, stately, regal

(1) a **majestic** figure, (2) a **majestic** sense of purpose

The **majestic** mountain range was a sight to behold.

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.

embodiment

n. someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea

synonym : image, avatar, incarnation

(1) **embodiment** of evil, (2) illustrative **embodiment**

The devil is the **embodiment** of wicked ideas.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym : being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists

had ever seen before.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym : settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym : down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

visceral

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

synonym : instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

antidote

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym : remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging

Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

zone

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

synonym : area, region, territory

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

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

cumulus

n. a type of dense, white, fluffy cloud with a rounded shape and a flat base, often associated with fair weather but can also develop into larger, more towering clouds (cumulonimbus) that bring thunderstorms

synonym : heap, pile, stack

(1) **cumulus** cloudscape, (2) **cumulus** formation

The sky was filled with fluffy **cumulus** clouds on a sunny day.

crisp

adj. hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating

synonym : breakable, brittle, flaky

(1) the **crisp** air of winter, (2) **crisp** manner

Every day he wears a **crisp** white shirt to the office.

outline

v. to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something

synonym : recap, summarize, digest

(1) **outlined** the plan, (2) **outline** the findings

This page **outlines** our response planning for an emergency.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym : aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

gaze

v. to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else

synonym : stare, gawk, look

(1) **gaze** steadily at his face, (2) **gaze** absently out a window

The youngster was **gazed** at by the beast.

pointless

adj. having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

synonym : meaningless, purposeless, worthless

(1) **pointless** argument, (2) **pointless** task

The meeting was considered **pointless** since nothing was accomplished.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym : accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs
The content is **precise** and informative for me.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

conspire

v. to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

synonym : plot, scheme, collude

(1) **conspire** his ruin, (2) **conspire** to corner the market

The group of friends **conspired** to pull a prank on their teacher.

eternal

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

synonym : endless, everlasting, undying

(1) the hope of **eternal** life, (2) **eternal** quarreling

In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain **eternal** life.

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym : enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

tradition

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

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

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

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving

dinner with all their relatives.

contend

v. to struggle to win or surmount something

synonym: compete, oppose, argue

(1) **contend** that tobacco is nonaddictive, (2) **contend** for a championship

Tobacco companies have long **contended** that their product is not addictive.

unanswered

adj. not responded to or explained

synonym: ignored, unrequited, undecided

(1) **unanswered** love, (2) **unanswered** e-mail

Pardon me for leaving some of your questions **unanswered**.

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym: lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question

Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

ephemeral

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

synonym: temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. Grim Re___r *n.* a person or machine that harvests crops; death personified as a figure in art or literature
2. a sheltered ha___r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
3. re____d company *v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
4. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
5. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
6. de____t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

ANSWERS: 1. reaper, 2. harbor, 3. rebrand, 4. chain, 5. grace, 6. default

7. ev_____ve memories *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
8. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
9. cu_____s cloudscape *n.* a type of dense, white, fluffy cloud with a rounded shape and a flat base, often associated with fair weather but can also develop into larger, more towering clouds (cumulonimbus) that bring thunderstorms
10. st_____ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
11. a convivial atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
12. dr__t away on a raft *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
13. ci___s streaks *n.* a type of high-altitude cloud characterized by thin, wispy strands or filaments, usually composed of ice crystals
14. r_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

ANSWERS: 7. evocative, 8. horizon, 9. cumulus, 10. stimming, 11. atmosphere, 12. drift, 13. cirrus, 14. rap

15. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
16. obs_____on of justice *n.* something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress
17. an ou_____d journey *adj.* relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
18. dr__t down the stream *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
19. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
20. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
21. tro_____re pollution *n.* the lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from the surface to about 7 to 20 kilometers, where the majority of weather occurs
22. express my app_____ion *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
23. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
24. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
25. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

ANSWERS: 15. sight, 16. obstruction, 17. outward, 18. drift, 19. shrink, 20. negative, 21. troposphere, 22. appreciation, 23. fellow, 24. creative, 25. sight

26. illustrative emb_____nt
n. someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea
27. in_____le stars
adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see
28. transistor ca_____e
n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
29. pe_____al struggle
adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
30. a dr_____ic rescue at sea
adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
31. len_____ar lens
adj. having the shape or form of a lens or lentil; flat and usually circular with rounded edges, often referring to cloud formations that resemble lenses or smooth, saucer-like objects
32. te_____l of hair
n. a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function
33. ega_____an principles
adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
34. a di_____l watch
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 26. embodiment, 27. invisible, 28. cascade, 29. perpetual, 30. dramatic, 31. lenticular, 32. tendril, 33. egalitarian, 34. digital

35. co_____re his ruin *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
36. ou_____d cheerfulness *adj.* relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
37. technical ma_____l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
38. a warm no_____ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
39. po____c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
40. a pla_____ht attached to the theatre *n.* a person who writes plays
41. towering cum_____bus clouds *n.* a large, dense, and vertically developed thundercloud characterized by its towering shape, often associated with thunderstorms, heavy precipitation, lightning, and strong winds
42. po_____ss argument *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
43. 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

ANSWERS: 35. conspire, 36. outward, 37. marvel, 38. nostalgia, 39. poetic, 40. playwright, 41. cumulonimbus, 42. pointless, 43. process

44. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
45. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
46. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
47. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
48. dr_____t formation *n.* a small drop of liquid
49. sh__r force *v.* to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal
50. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
51. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
52. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
53. th_____r cloud *n.* the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise
54. c__l around street corners *v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles

ANSWERS: 44. opposition, 45. digital, 46. architecture, 47. entirely, 48. droplet, 49. shear, 50. enormous, 51. doom, 52. atmosphere, 53. thunder, 54. curl

65. und_____ng roads *adj.* having a rising and falling motion or appearance like waves; marked by a smooth, wavelike movement
66. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
67. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
68. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
69. a c__l of smoke *v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
70. make dr_____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
71. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
72. homemade sa__a dip *n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions
73. cu_____s formation *n.* a type of dense, white, fluffy cloud with a rounded shape and a flat base, often associated with fair weather but can also develop into larger, more towering clouds (cumulonimbus) that bring thunderstorms

ANSWERS: 65. undulating, 66. calm, 67. excuse, 68. precise, 69. curl, 70. dramatic, 71. fantastic, 72. salsa, 73. cumulus

74. ep_____al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
75. b__t my eyes *v.* to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
76. end of the gr__e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
77. sn___y performance *adj.* lively or energetic; smart and fashionable
78. an__l stone *n.* a heavy iron block with a flat top and a horn-like projection used as a working surface for forging, shaping, and hammering hot metal
79. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
80. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
81. a sense of gl__m *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
82. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
83. li_____ng air strike *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

ANSWERS: 74. ephemeral, 75. blot, 76. grace, 77. snappy, 78. anvil, 79. aim, 80. amaze, 81. gloom, 82. bomb, 83. lightning

84. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
85. pu__y off-shore winds *adj.* swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
86. a go____s of beauty *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
87. gold st___k *n.* a long, narrow mark or band, typically one of a different color or texture from the surrounding surface; a brief period or run of success, luck, or behavior; a consistent pattern of behavior or a distinguishing characteristic of an individual
88. re_____nt readers *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
89. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
90. a leg_____te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
91. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
92. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
93. the hope of et_____l life *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
94. the an_____te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

ANSWERS: 84. lift, 85. puffy, 86. goddess, 87. streak, 88. reluctant, 89. peak, 90. legitimate, 91. creature, 92. enormous, 93. eternal, 94. antidote

95. a large textile cr__t *n.* a peak or ridge, especially on a mountain or wave; a decorative tuft or topknot
96. to ____s pool *adj.* lacking a top or covering, typically used to refer to clothing, vehicles, or establishments that do not have an upper part
97. slowly becoming more re____nt *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
98. me ____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
99. abo____le conditions *adj.* causing disgust, hatred, or intense dislike; extremely unpleasant, detestable, or repugnant
100. len____ar animation *adj.* having the shape or form of a lens or lentil; flat and usually circular with rounded edges, often referring to cloud formations that resemble lenses or smooth, saucer-like objects
101. freudian psy_____sis *n.* a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind
102. 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: 95. crest, 96. topless, 97. reluctant, 98. metaphor, 99. abominable, 100. lenticular, 101. psychoanalysis, 102. process

103. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
104. una_____ed e-mail *adj.* not responded to or explained
105. in_____e into the matter *v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding
106. fresh ocean br___e *n.* a gentle wind that is not very strong or forceful, typically cool and refreshing
107. with no an__t *n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
108. business ho_____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
109. de_____ed feeling *adj.* sad and without any hope
110. mu_____e affairs *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
111. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
112. psy_____sis technique *n.* a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind

ANSWERS: 103. ancient, 104. unanswered, 105. inquire, 106. breeze, 107. angst, 108. horizon, 109. depressed, 110. mundane, 111. patient, 112. psychoanalysis

113. abo_____le behavior *adj.* causing disgust, hatred, or intense dislike; extremely unpleasant, detestable, or repugnant
114. m__n the current situation *v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something
115. a ma_____ic sense of purpose *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
116. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
117. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
118. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
119. omn_____nt influence *adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places
120. nou_____ng ingredients *adj.* providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
121. a picture of a sn_____n *n.* a figure like a person made of packed snow
122. un_____te in the wind *v.* to move with a smooth wavelike motion; to have a wavy form or outline
123. deafening th_____r of applause *n.* the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise

ANSWERS: 113. abominable, 114. moan, 115. majestic, 116. stretch, 117. invisible, 118. tradition, 119. omnipresent, 120. nourishing, 121. snowman, 122. undulate, 123. thunder

124. vo___x formation *n.* a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind
125. allow self-p__y *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
126. fr_____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
127. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
128. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
129. ou_____ed the plan *v.* to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something
130. sh__r a hedge *v.* to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal

ANSWERS: 124. vortex, 125. pity, 126. frustrate, 127. patient, 128. photograph, 129. outline, 130. shear

131. liquid cr____l *n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
132. et____l quarreling *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
133. di____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
134. absolutely fa____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
135. the mental process of day____ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
136. g__m reality *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
137. a person of di____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
138. b__t anything out of existence *v.* to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
139. a scholarship ass____on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
140. st____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 131. crystal, 132. eternal, 133. display, 134. fantastic, 135. daydreaming, 136. grim, 137. diverse, 138. blot, 139. association, 140. stretch

141. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
142. flying sa___r *n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
143. a glare of su_____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
144. st___k of luck *n.* a long, narrow mark or band, typically one of a different color or texture from the surrounding surface; a brief period or run of success, luck, or behavior; a consistent pattern of behavior or a distinguishing characteristic of an individual
145. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
146. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
147. the p__k___ current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
148. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

ANSWERS: 141. excuse, 142. saucer, 143. sunlight, 144. streak, 145. creature, 146. creative, 147. peak, 148. fashion

159. mo_____ty due to cancer *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
160. ega_____an society *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
161. re_____d product *v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
162. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
163. very f__d of *adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time
164. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
165. una_____ed love *adj.* not responded to or explained
166. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
167. po_____ss task *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
168. ho__r around the table *v.* to stay in one place in the air

ANSWERS: 159. mortality, 160. egalitarian, 161. rebrand, 162. reaction, 163. fond, 164. fashion, 165. unanswered, 166. reaction, 167. pointless, 168. hover

169. ex___c vacation *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
170. vi_____al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
171. p__y speech *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
172. the l_e of the building *n.* the side or part that is sheltered or facing away from the wind or the direction from which the wind is blowing; a position or location protected from the full force or effects of something, particularly the wind
173. dr_____t size *n.* a small drop of liquid
174. fi___e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
175. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
176. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
177. plenary ind_____ce *n.* the state or act of allowing oneself or another person to enjoy the pleasure of something that is considered to be a pleasure or luxury
178. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

ANSWERS: 169. exotic, 170. visceral, 171. pity, 172. lee, 173. droplet, 174. fierce, 175. entirely, 176. shrink, 177. indulgence, 178. bomb

179. ho__r between life and death *v.* to stay in one place in the air
180. omn_____nt threat *adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places
181. g__e steadily at his face *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
182. artistic bru_____ke *n.* the mark or stroke made by a painter's brush on a canvas or surface; a single movement or action toward a larger project or goal
183. di_____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
184. med_____on training *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
185. stimulate day_____ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
186. je_____sh sting *n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging
187. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
188. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
189. the cr__p air of winter *adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating

ANSWERS: 179. hover, 180. omnipresent, 181. gaze, 182. brushstroke, 183. diverse, 184. meditation, 185. daydreaming, 186. jellyfish, 187. calm, 188. amaze, 189. crisp

190. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
191. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
192. the ground be_____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
193. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
194. app_____ion for diversity *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
195. und_____ng waves *adj.* having a rising and falling motion or appearance like waves; marked by a smooth, wavelike movement
196. a g__m-featured man *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
197. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
198. sa__a music *n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions
199. pu__y eyes *adj.* swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
200. spineless je_____sh *n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging

ANSWERS: 190. nostalgia, 191. inhabit, 192. beneath, 193. zone, 194. appreciation, 195. undulating, 196. grim, 197. headline, 198. salsa, 199. puffy, 200. jellyfish

201. ca____e connection *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
202. airway obs_____on *n.* something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress
203. the hot metal on the an__l *n.* a heavy iron block with a flat top and a horn-like projection used as a working surface for forging, shaping, and hammering hot metal
204. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
205. an endless stream of an__t *n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
206. cr__t length *n.* a peak or ridge, especially on a mountain or wave; a decorative tuft or topknot
207. autistic st_____ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
208. the an_____te for aging *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

ANSWERS: 201. cascade, 202. obstruction, 203. anvil, 204. display, 205. angst, 206. crest, 207. stimming, 208. antidote

209. visual me____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
210. m__n with pleasure *v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something
211. ex___c species *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
212. vi_____al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
213. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
214. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
215. co_____d for a championship *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
216. in_____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
217. get a r_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
218. ba__e in the sea *v.* to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air

ANSWERS: 209. metaphor, 210. moan, 211. exotic, 212. visceral, 213. imaginary, 214. ancient, 215. contend, 216. inhabit, 217. rap, 218. bathe

219. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
220. to_____s car *adj.* lacking a top or covering, typically used to refer to clothing, vehicles, or establishments that do not have an upper part
221. cr__p manner *adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
222. creeping te_____l *n.* a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function
223. cr_____l analyses *n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
224. co_____d that tobacco is nonaddictive *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
225. mu_____e objects *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
226. nontechnical as____ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
227. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
228. un____r employment practices *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

ANSWERS: 219. architecture, 220. topless, 221. crisp, 222. tendril, 223. crystal, 224. contend, 225. mundane, 226. aspect, 227. negative, 228. unfair

229. nou_____ng broth *adj.* providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
230. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
231. a bru_____ke of genius *n.* the mark or stroke made by a painter's brush on a canvas or surface; a single movement or action toward a larger project or goal
232. selfish ind_____ce *n.* the state or act of allowing oneself or another person to enjoy the pleasure of something that is considered to be a pleasure or luxury
233. ci___s formation *n.* a type of high-altitude cloud characterized by thin, wispy strands or filaments, usually composed of ice crystals
234. an_____ng banner ad *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
235. d__p hazardous waste *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
236. leg_____te question *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
237. ev_____ve language *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
238. com_____ce event *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
239. cum_____bus formation *n.* a large, dense, and vertically developed thundercloud characterized by its towering shape, often associated with thunderstorms, heavy precipitation, lightning, and strong winds

ANSWERS: 229. nourishing, 230. doom, 231. brushstroke, 232. indulgence, 233. cirrus, 234. annoying, 235. dump, 236. legitimate, 237. evocative, 238. commonplace, 239. cumulonimbus

240. ha___r a resentment *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
241. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
242. religious med_____on *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
243. word ass_____ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
244. h__l the victorious team with cheers *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
245. sn___y weather *adj.* lively or energetic; smart and fashionable
246. become a com_____ce sight *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
247. emb_____nt of evil *n.* someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea
248. lower infant mo_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death

ANSWERS: 240. harbor, 241. headline, 242. meditation, 243. association, 244. hail, 245. snappy, 246. commonplace, 247. embodiment, 248. mortality

249. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
250. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
251. un_____te waves *v.* to move with a smooth wavelike motion; to have a wavy form or outline
252. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
253. g__e absently out a window *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
254. a ma_____ic figure *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
255. ep_____al joys *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
256. blow in a vo___x *n.* a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind
257. h__l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
258. gl__m-filled room *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

ANSWERS: 249. zone, 250. poetic, 251. undulate, 252. fellow, 253. gaze, 254. majestic, 255. ephemeral, 256. vortex, 257. hail, 258. gloom

259. have an un___r advantage *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
260. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
261. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
262. f__d memories of the birthday *adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time
263. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
264. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
265. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
266. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
267. i__e capital *adj.* not working hard or not having a job; useless

ANSWERS: 259. unfair, 260. photograph, 261. tradition, 262. fond, 263. frustrate, 264. aim, 265. marvel, 266. beneath, 267. idle

268. a br___e from an open window *n.* a gentle wind that is not very strong or forceful, typically cool and refreshing
269. in_____e at reception *v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding
270. ba__e the baby *v.* to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air
271. acclaimed pla_____ht *n.* a person who writes plays
272. co_____re to corner the market *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
273. an_____ng habit *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
274. pe_____al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
275. melting sn_____n *n.* a figure like a person made of packed snow
276. political pa_____n *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
277. winged go_____s of victory *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
278. ou_____e the findings *v.* to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something

ANSWERS: 268. breeze, 269. inquire, 270. bathe, 271. playwright, 272. conspire, 273. annoying, 274. perpetual, 275. snowman, 276. patron, 277. goddess, 278. outline

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The snake _____ its way through the underbrush, silently stalking its prey.
v. to move with a smooth wavelike motion; to have a wavy form or outline

2. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

3. Most of the weather we experience occurs in the _____.
n. the lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from the surface to about 7 to 20 kilometers, where the majority of weather occurs

4. He had a _____ of stubbornness that made him difficult to work with.
n. a long, narrow mark or band, typically one of a different color or texture from the surrounding surface; a brief period or run of success, luck, or behavior; a consistent pattern of behavior or a distinguishing characteristic of an individual

5. Pardon me for leaving some of your questions _____.
adj. not responded to or explained

6. The company _____ him after several years of service.
v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

7. The _____ mountain range was a sight to behold.
adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

ANSWERS: 1. undulated, 2. photograph, 3. troposphere, 4. streak, 5. unanswered, 6. dumped, 7. majestic

8. The group of friends _____ to pull a prank on their teacher.
v. to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
9. The surfer rode the _____ of the wave to the shore.
n. a peak or ridge, especially on a mountain or wave; a decorative tuft or topknot
10. The _____ of the tornado was massive and destructive.
n. a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind
11. Two birds were _____ overhead.
v. to stay in one place in the air
12. Radiation from _____ has a different wavelength.
n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
13. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.
adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
14. The sky was painted with wispy _____ clouds during the sunset.
n. a type of high-altitude cloud characterized by thin, wispy strands or filaments, usually composed of ice crystals
15. He is excessively _____ of alcohol.
adj. having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time
16. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely

ANSWERS: 8. conspired, 9. crest, 10. vortex, 11. hovering, 12. sunlight, 13. legitimate, 14. cirrus, 15. fond, 16. entirely

17. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

18. The cat _____ into a ball and went to sleep.

v. to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles

19. She _____ in pain as the doctor examined her injury.

v. to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something

20. The tsunami swamped every boat in the _____.

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

21. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain _____ life.

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

22. The artist made a beautiful _____ on the canvas.

n. the mark or stroke made by a painter's brush on a canvas or surface; a single movement or action toward a larger project or goal

23. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

24. The plant's delicate _____ curled around the trellis as it began to climb.

n. a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function

ANSWERS: 17. diverse, 18. curled, 19. moaned, 20. harbor, 21. eternal, 22. brushstroke, 23. invisible, 24. tendril

25. Forgetting someone's name is a _____ occurrence.

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

26. That style is no longer in _____.

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

27. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

28. The _____ of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

29. The _____ appearance of the building was impressive, but the inside was in dire need of repairs.

adj. relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible

30. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

31. In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making _____ decisions.

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

32. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

ANSWERS: 25. commonplace, 26. fashion, 27. enormous, 28. gloom, 29. outward, 30. reaction, 31. unfair, 32. calm

33. I particularly enjoyed the old sitcom references and the _____ dialogue.

adj. lively or energetic; smart and fashionable

34. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

35. She sipped her tea from a delicate _____.

n. a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings

36. There are several _____ machines in the factory because of the decreased orders.

adj. not working hard or not having a job; useless

37. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

38. He felt a sense of _____ about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.

n. a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general

39. The _____ work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

n. a person who writes plays

40. The sound of the hammer hitting the _____ echoed through the workshop.

n. a heavy iron block with a flat top and a horn-like projection used as a working surface for forging, shaping, and hammering hot metal

ANSWERS: 33. snappy, 34. atmosphere, 35. saucer, 36. idle, 37. association, 38. angst, 39. playwright's, 40. anvil

41. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
42. The phone call is an _____ interruption.
adj. making someone feel slightly angry
43. The new ____ album is getting a lot of attention.
n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
44. This disease has a high _____.
n. the quality or state of being subject to death
45. A vast _____ chandelier glittered brightly above us.
n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
46. My mother always made sure she had a _____ breakfast before school.
adj. providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
47. I love trying _____ foods from different cultures.
adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
48. This shirt will _____ in the wash.
v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
49. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.
adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

ANSWERS: 41. aspects, 42. annoying, 43. rap, 44. mortality, 45. crystal, 46. nourishing, 47. exotic, 48. shrink, 49. fellow

50. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

adj. extremely good; excellent

51. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

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

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

53. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

54. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

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

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

56. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 50. fantastic, 51. patient's, 52. poetic, 53. beneath, 54. frustrate, 55. stimming, 56. stretch

57. The summer _____ was refreshing after the hot day.

n. a gentle wind that is not very strong or forceful, typically cool and refreshing

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

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

59. I need to _____ the wool off of the sheep before winter.

v. to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal

60. He allowed himself a few small _____ during his diet.

n. the state or act of allowing oneself or another person to enjoy the pleasure of something that is considered to be a pleasure or luxury

61. The internet has made information access _____.

adj. present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places

62. He was _____ to share his thoughts on the matter.

adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears

63. His success as a famous actor was _____.

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

64. The roaring _____ was so loud that it woke me from sleep.

n. the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise

ANSWERS: 57. breeze, 58. display, 59. shear, 60. indulgences, 61. omnipresent, 62. reluctant, 63. ephemeral, 64. thunder

65. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

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

66. They have been living near water since _____ times.

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

67. The human eye is _____ in recognizing objects.

n. a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

68. The artist received a lot of _____ for his latest work.

n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

69. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.

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

70. The _____ thunders echoed across the plain.

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

71. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

72. The music was _____ of a bygone era.

adj. tending to evoke or bring something to mind

ANSWERS: 65. negative, 66. ancient, 67. lightning-fast, 68. appreciation, 69. grace, 70. fierce, 71. horizon, 72. evocative

73. She tried to _____ out the unpleasant memory with alcohol.
- v.* to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
74. Every day he wears a _____ white shirt to the office.
- adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
75. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
- v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
76. We brought chips and _____ to the party as a tasty appetizer.
- n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions
77. The dark clouds overhead signaled the approach of a powerful _____ storm.
- n.* a large, dense, and vertically developed thundercloud characterized by its towering shape, often associated with thunderstorms, heavy precipitation, lightning, and strong winds
78. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
- n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
79. The festival was held in honor of the harvest _____.
- n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
80. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
- v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

ANSWERS: 73. blot, 74. crisp, 75. lifted, 76. salsa, 77. cumulonimbus, 78. doom, 79. goddess, 80. amazed

81. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
82. The youngster was _____ at by the beast.
- v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
83. She sought _____ to understand her childhood traumas.
- n.* a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind
84. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.
- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
85. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
86. The structure is _____ of three main components.
- v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
87. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.
- v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

ANSWERS: 81. opposition, 82. gazed, 83. psychoanalysis, 84. metaphors, 85. excuse, 86. composed, 87. default

88. The devil is the _____ of wicked ideas.

n. someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea

89. The smell from the garbage dump was _____ causing everyone to cover their noses.

adj. causing disgust, hatred, or intense dislike; extremely unpleasant, detestable, or repugnant

90. The _____ machine harvested the crops in the field.

n. a person or machine that harvests crops; death personified as a figure in art or literature

91. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

92. After watching the horror movie, she had a _____ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

93. This page _____ our response planning for an emergency.

v. to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something

94. Knowledge is the _____ to fear.

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

95. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

ANSWERS: 88. embodiment, 89. abominable, 90. reaper, 91. imaginary, 92. visceral, 93. outlines, 94. antidote, 95. peak

96. They built a _____ in the garden.

n. a figure like a person made of packed snow

97. The meeting was considered _____ since nothing was accomplished.

adj. having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

98. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

99. I need to _____ about the details of the job interview.

v. to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding

100. The content is _____ and informative for me.

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

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

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

102. I always _____ my dog after she swims in the lake.

v. to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air

103. The _____ of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.

n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units

ANSWERS: 96. snowman, 97. pointless, 98. nostalgia, 99. inquire, 100. precise, 101. tradition, 102. bathe, 103. cascade

104. It is a _____ that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.

n. a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain

105. I _____ around for years in Europe before going to university.

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

106. I often waste a lot of time _____.

n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

107. The result presented a _____ picture of inefficiency and corruption.

adj. looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

108. The beach was filled with hundreds of _____ so swimming was not recommended.

n. a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging

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

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

110. The sky was filled with fluffy _____ clouds on a sunny day.

n. a type of dense, white, fluffy cloud with a rounded shape and a flat base, often associated with fair weather but can also develop into larger, more towering clouds (cumulonimbus) that bring thunderstorms

111. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

ANSWERS: 104. pity, 105. drifted, 106. daydreaming, 107. grim, 108. jellyfish, 109. architecture, 110. cumulus, 111. sights

112. The _____ instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.
- n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
113. The hiker witnessed a beautiful display of _____ clouds forming over the mountain peaks.
- adj.* having the shape or form of a lens or lentil; flat and usually circular with rounded edges, often referring to cloud formations that resemble lenses or smooth, saucer-like objects
114. Tobacco companies have long _____ that their product is not addictive.
- v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
115. The beachgoers were surprised to see a _____ sunbather on the otherwise family-friendly beach.
- adj.* lacking a top or covering, typically used to refer to clothing, vehicles, or establishments that do not have an upper part
116. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
- n.* a living being, especially an animal
117. The company employs a _____ inventory system.
- adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
118. They have been a _____ of this restaurant for many years.
- n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

ANSWERS: 112. meditation, 113. lenticular, 114. contended, 115. topless, 116. creature, 117. perpetual, 118. patron

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

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

120. The _____ hills of Tuscany are a beautiful sight to see.

adj. having a rising and falling motion or appearance like waves; marked by a smooth, wavelike movement

121. The hiker found a calm spot in the ____ of the mountain to set up camp.

n. the side or part that is sheltered or facing away from the wind or the direction from which the wind is blowing; a position or location protected from the full force or effects of something, particularly the wind

122. We ____ for an overseas expansion.

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

123. The clothing brand decided to _____ its image to attract a younger audience.

v. to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability

124. The company prides itself on being an _____ workplace with equal employment opportunities.

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

125. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

126. A single _____ of water can reflect the entire world upside down.

n. a small drop of liquid

ANSWERS: 119. zone, 120. undulating, 121. lee, 122. aim, 123. rebrand, 124. egalitarian, 125. bombs, 126. droplet

127. The tree branch in the middle of the walking path created an _____ for pedestrians.

n. something that blocks the path or progress of something else; an obstacle or barrier that impedes movement, action, or progress

128. His cheeks looked _____ after he overate junk food.

adj. swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;

129. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.

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

130. People in the area were forced to _____ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

131. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

132. After his mother died, he got _____.

adj. sad and without any hope

133. 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: 127. obstruction, 128. puffy, 129. dramatic, 130. hail, 131. digital, 132. depressed, 133. process

134. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

135. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

136. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

137. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

138. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

139. After returning from the war, he had a pretty _____ life.

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 134. inhabit, 135. chain, 136. headline, 137. marvel, 138. creative, 139. mundane