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Session 1: Word List

Braille

n. a system of raised dots that are used by people who are blind or visually impaired to read and write consisting of one to six dots arranged in a specific pattern that represents letters, numbers, punctuation, and other symbols

(1) **Braille** alphabet, (2) **Braille** system

The museum provided **Braille** labels for visually impaired visitors.

session

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

synonym: conference, gathering

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

Parliament is now in **session**.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

audible

adj. able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly

synonym: hearable, perceptible, loud enough

(1) **audible** sound, (2) **audible** words

An **audible** sigh from the back of the room broke the silence.

pedestrian

n. a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go

synonym: walker, footer

(1) **pedestrian** accident, (2) **pedestrian** safety

A **pedestrian** is an uncommon sight in this area.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym: iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym: glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

concrete

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

synonym: actual, factual, hardened

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

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

adjust

v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

synonym: adapt, alter, acclimate

(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror

You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

synchronicity

n. the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose

synonym: coincidence, simultaneity, concurrence

(1) **synchronicity** theory, (2) **synchronicity** effect

The occurrence of events in **synchronicity** is often taken as a sign of divine intervention.

anxious

adj. worried and nervous

synonym: nervous, uneasy, afraid

(1) **anxious** about his health, (2) an **anxious** look

He cast **anxious** glances behind her.

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym: anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

hell

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

synonym: inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

rattle

v. to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds

synonym: jolt, shake, babble

(1) **rattle** along a road, (2) **rattle** and bang at the door
The vast earthquake caused the house to **rattle**.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

fuzzy

adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

synonym: hazy, blurry, indistinct

(1) **fuzzy** logic, (2) **fuzzy** memory

The picture was **fuzzy** because it was taken with an old camera.

retriever

n. a dog bred and trained for retrieving game, particularly birds, for hunters; a device or machine designed for retrieving or recovering items that are difficult to reach or obtain

synonym: hunter, hound, beagle

(1) **retriever** dog, (2) data **retriever**

The golden **retriever** was trained as a therapy dog to comfort hospital patients.

leash

n. a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions

synonym: tether, lead, restraint

(1) dog **leash**, (2) walk on a **leash**

Make sure to put the **leash** on your dog before walking.

persistent

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

synonym: tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

greet

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

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

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

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

scratch

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

synonym: claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

synonym: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

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.

oblivious

adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

synonym:

forgetful, clueless, unaware

(1) **oblivious** of his promise, (2) **oblivious** to our response
She was so engrossed in her work that she was **oblivious** to her surroundings.

environment

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

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

surgery

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

synonym: operation, (medical) procedure

(1) cardiac **surgery**, (2) the professor of **surgery**

He had undergone heart **surgery** years before.

brain

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

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

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

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

tumor

n. a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way

synonym: neoplasm, mass, lump

(1) **tumor** growth, (2) **tumor** at remote sites

The patient was diagnosed with a **tumor** in her lung.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

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

immediately

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

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym: disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym: thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

complication

n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

synonym: confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

clue

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

synonym: hint, indication, inkling

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

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

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

discharge

v. to release or let go of something or someone; to dismiss or terminate an employee or member of an organization; to emit or give off a substance or energy

synonym: release, emit, expel

(1) **discharge** water, (2) **discharge** a contract

The hospital will **discharge** the patient as soon as their condition stabilizes.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

tandem

n. a device or arrangement that allows two or more things to be connected or work together in a coordinated manner; a bicycle built for two people to ride in a line, with one behind the other

synonym: bicycle built for two, double, tandem bike

(1) **tandem** approach, (2) **tandem** skydiving

The **tandem** bike ride was fun for the couple to enjoy together.

buddy

n. a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team

synonym: mate, peer, associate

(1) my golf **buddy**, (2) **buddy** movie

He was the first **buddy** in the military training camp.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

anticipate

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

synonym: forecast, predict, expect

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

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

transition

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

synonym: change, growth, shift

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

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

juxtaposition

n. the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them

synonym: apposition, contrast, adjacency

(1) artistic **juxtaposition**, (2) unusual **juxtaposition**

The painting's **juxtaposition** of bright colors and dark

shadows created a striking effect.

unsightly

adj. unpleasant or displeasing to look at; not visually attractive or appealing; visually offensive or unattractive
synonym: ugly, unattractive, hideous

(1) **unsightly** blemish, (2) **unsightly** scar

The building's facade was marred by **unsightly** graffiti.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

trivalent

adj. having a valence of three, meaning an atom or ion that can form three chemical bonds or attach to three other atoms or ions

synonym: threefold, triple, triadic

(1) **trivalent** influenza, (2) **trivalent** metal

The **trivalent** vaccine protects against three different strains of the virus.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym: deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

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.

humorous

adj. characterized by humor; funny, amusing, or entertaining; causing laughter or mirth

synonym: funny, comical, amusing

(1) **humorous** remark, (2) **humorous** movie

Her **humorous** anecdotes always left us laughing until our stomachs hurt.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

paramount

adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position

synonym: central, major, crucial

(1) the lord **paramount**, (2) **paramount** to all the others

This country became a country of **paramount** geostrategic importance to us.

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.

propensity

n. a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion

synonym: tendency, inclination, disposition

(1) **propensity** for violence, (2) **propensity** to procrastinate

His **propensity** for lying caused him to lose many friends.

opposed

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

synonym: anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

indifference

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

synonym: apathy, disinterest, unconcern

(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference**

I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym: intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym: come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym: optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

symphony

n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

synonym: orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

subtle

adj. not readily apparent or visible

synonym: slight, nuanced, exquisite

(1) **subtle** changes, (2) a **subtle** poison

A famous artist painted the room in a **subtle** pink hue.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym: also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

grip

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

synonym: grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**

He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things
It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

alignment

n. an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other
synonym: conjunction, arrangement, coalition

(1) **alignment** in an organization, (2) be in **alignment**

In the last century, Britain formed a strong **alignment** with Egypt.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

movement

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

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

bakery

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

synonym: bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

sensory

adj. of or relating to the physical senses

synonym: receptive, sensuous, neural

(1) a **sensory** organ, (2) a child with **sensory** issues

Sharks have highly developed **sensory** systems and are extremely sensitive creatures.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

suspicion

n. the act of doubting something, especially something wrong

synonym: doubt, misgiving, skepticism

(1) **suspicion** of fraud, (2) cast **suspicion**

There was an almost certain **suspicion** that the company was involved in illegal activities.

paranoid

adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you

(1) **paranoid** about issues, (2) **paranoid** disorder

A **paranoid** person may have delusions that people want to harm.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

scheme

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

synonym: strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

yank

v. to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement

synonym: draw, jerk, tug

(1) **yank** out a tooth, (2) **yank** at a rope

He tried to **yank** the memories from his brain.

crosswalk

n. a designated path usually marked with horizontal lines on a street or road, used by pedestrians to cross safely

synonym: pedestrian crossing, zebra crossing, crossway

(1) stop at the **crosswalk**, (2) zebra **crosswalk**

Pedestrians waiting to cross the busy street should use the **crosswalk** for safety.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

mandarin

n. an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China

synonym: Chinese, Beijing dialect

(1) ancient **mandarin** house, (2) **Mandarin** Chinese
Mandarin dialects typically have relatively few vowels.

polite

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

synonym: courteous, civil, respectful

(1) **polite** manners, (2) **polite** tone

It's important to be **polite** even when you disagree with someone.

assist

v. to help someone in doing anything

synonym: help, support, aid

(1) **assist** a patient, (2) **assist** his goal

Please **assist** her with the furniture relocation.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

emotion

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

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

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

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

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.

downtown

adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

synonym: central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic

He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

disability

n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

synonym: impairment, disadvantage, restriction

(1) a **disability** pension, (2) a learning **disability**

Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing **disability**.

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym: racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym: ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

provider

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

synonym: supplier

(1) an information **provider**, (2) the **provider** of the family

People select Internet **providers** not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym: cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

disabled

adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

synonym: handicapped, impaired, incapacitated

(1) a **disabled** veteran, (2) a learning- **disabled** child

She was **disabled** in a car accident.

fragility

n. the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable

synonym: delicacy, weakness, frailty

(1) **fragility** of life, (2) emotional **fragility**

The **fragility** of the glass required careful handling during shipping.

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym: conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym: mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

dweller

n. a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location

synonym: resident, occupant, inhabitant

(1) city **dweller**, (2) rural **dweller**

The mountain **dweller** lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

dense

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

synonym: heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

array

n. a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive

synonym: collection, display, batch

(1) a two-dimensional **array**, (2) an **array** of troops

The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable **array** of products.

predictable

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

synonym: foreseeable, expectable, likely

(1) **predictable** pattern, (2) in a **predictable** manner

The economy becomes more volatile and less **predictable**.

balanced

adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

synonym: equitable, congruous, flat

(1) a **balanced** diet, (2) a well- **balanced** mind

We conducted a **balanced** assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

robust

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

synonym: healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

transit

n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

synonym: transportation, passage, transfer

(1) a **transit** visa, (2) mass **transit**

Public **transit** is an essential service for many cities.

equitable

adj. fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly

synonym: fair, honest, impartial

(1) in an **equitable** manner, (2) an **equitable** price

In a democratic country, governments promote **equitable** opportunities to participate in society.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the pr____er of the family | <i>n.</i> a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted |
| 2. dog le__h | <i>n.</i> a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions |
| 3. p__y speech | <i>n.</i> a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain |
| 4. run a ba___y | <i>n.</i> a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold |
| 5. ensure a smooth tra_____on | <i>n.</i> the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another |
| 6. un_____ly scar | <i>adj.</i> unpleasant or displeasing to look at; not visually attractive or appealing; visually offensive or unattractive |
| 7. re____d communities | <i>v.</i> to build again or anew |
| 8. rural dw____r | <i>n.</i> a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location |
| 9. ta___m approach | <i>n.</i> a device or arrangement that allows two or more things to be connected or work together in a coordinated manner; a bicycle built for two people to ride in a line, with one behind the other |

ANSWERS: 1. provider, 2. leash, 3. pity, 4. bakery, 5. transition, 6. unsightly, 7. rebuild, 8. dweller, 9. tandem

10. c__t a ballot	v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
11. ob_____us to our response	adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
12. the court se____n	n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
13. have si_____ly great abilities	adv. in almost the same way
14. cast su_____on	n. the act of doubting something, especially something wrong
15. co____st with a decade ago	v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
16. emotional fr_____ty	n. the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
17. op_____ne occasion	adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
18. a well-ba____ed mind	adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
19. st__k truth	adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
20. an____s about his health	adj. worried and nervous
21. daily co____e	v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

ANSWERS: 10. cast, 11. oblivious, 12. session, 13. similarly, 14. suspicion, 15. contrast, 16. fragility, 17. opportune, 18. balanced, 19. stark, 20. anxious, 21. commute

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| 22. walk on a le__h | n. a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions |
| 23. ec____y class | n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel |
| 24. ant_____te your kind cooperation | v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance |
| 25. c__t a charming eye | v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process |
| 26. pos_____ty for growth | n. a chance that something may happen or be true |
| 27. dull si__t | n. the ability to see; anything that is seen |
| 28. a co____te noun | adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement |
| 29. a gr__d meal | adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent |
| 30. ra___e and bang at the door | v. to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds |

ANSWERS: 22. leash, 23. economy, 24. anticipate, 25. cast, 26. possibility, 27. sight, 28. concrete, 29. grand, 30. rattle

31. a fully in_____ve price	<i>adj.</i> including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
32. a se_____y organ	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the physical senses
33. bl___s him in my heart	<i>v.</i> to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
34. stop at the cr_____lk	<i>n.</i> a designated path usually marked with horizontal lines on a street or road, used by pedestrians to cross safely
35. ant_____te a black future	<i>v.</i> to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
36. a ba____ed diet	<i>adj.</i> taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
37. complete a pr_____pe product	<i>n.</i> a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
38. tr_____nt metal	<i>adj.</i> having a valence of three, meaning an atom or ion that can form three chemical bonds or attach to three other atoms or ions
39. in_____ce a child's future	<i>n.</i> the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
40. st__k a key in a lock	<i>v.</i> to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 31. inclusive, 32. sensory, 33. bless, 34. crosswalk, 35. anticipate, 36. balanced, 37. prototype, 38. trivalent, 39. influence, 40. stick

41. single et___c group	<i>adj.</i> relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
42. re___r approval ratings	<i>v.</i> to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
43. r__y entirely on him	<i>v.</i> to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
44. a su___e poison	<i>adj.</i> not readily apparent or visible
45. y__k at a rope	<i>v.</i> to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
46. sc___h my signature	<i>v.</i> to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
47. a m__s of molten rock	<i>n.</i> a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
48. an information pr____er	<i>n.</i> a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
49. gr__d bargain	<i>adj.</i> important and large in size, scope, or extent
50. fr__k weather	<i>n.</i> an abnormality that is not typical or expected
51. mass tr____t	<i>n.</i> the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
52. in an eq____le manner	<i>adj.</i> fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly

ANSWERS: 41. ethnic, 42. recover, 43. rely, 44. subtle, 45. yank, 46. scratch, 47. mass, 48. provider, 49. grand, 50. freak, 51. transit, 52. equitable

53. re____r a loss	v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
54. data re____er	n. a dog bred and trained for retrieving game, particularly birds, for hunters; a device or machine designed for retrieving or recovering items that are difficult to reach or obtain
55. in____ve education	adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
56. a ro____t appetite	adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
57. ancient ma____in house	n. an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
58. put a gr____ul expression	adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
59. unusual jux____ion	n. the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them
60. hu____us remark	adj. characterized by humor; funny, amusing, or entertaining; causing laughter or mirth
61. sc____h off a name	v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

ANSWERS: 53. recover, 54. retriever, 55. inclusive, 56. robust, 57. mandarin, 58. grateful, 59. juxtaposition, 60. humorous, 61. scratch

62. re____d a company	v. to build again or anew
63. re____e the trend	v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
64. the lord pa____nt	adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
65. co____e to work	v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
66. po____e tone	adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
67. ped____an safety	n. a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go
68. at inc____le speed	adj. unbelievable; enormous
69. have an in____nt dislike	adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
70. ra____l and ethnic backgrounds	adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
71. a circular mo____nt	n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 62. rebuild, 63. reverse, 64. paramount, 65. commute, 66. polite, 67. pedestrian, 68. incredible, 69. inherent, 70. racial, 71. movement

72. syn_____ity theory	<i>n.</i> the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose
73. chaotic env_____nt	<i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
74. tu__r growth	<i>n.</i> a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way
75. the morning se____n	<i>n.</i> a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
76. the te____ue applied to construction	<i>n.</i> a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
77. mu____e affairs	<i>adj.</i> very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
78. fire st__k	<i>v.</i> to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
79. cardiac su____y	<i>n.</i> medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

ANSWERS: 72. synchronicity, 73. environment, 74. tumor, 75. session, 76. technique, 77. mundane, 78. stick, 79. surgery

80. pa____id about issues	<i>adj.</i> unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
81. general ind_____nce	<i>n.</i> a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
82. gr__t a customer	<i>v.</i> to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
83. write him an answer imm_____ly	<i>adv.</i> now or without delay
84. a rock fr__k	<i>n.</i> an abnormality that is not typical or expected
85. administrative co_____on	<i>n.</i> the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
86. m__d allergy	<i>n.</i> a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
87. d__g a chair over	<i>v.</i> to pull or haul with force
88. g__p of fear	<i>n.</i> the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
89. the professor of su____y	<i>n.</i> medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

ANSWERS: 80. paranoid, 81. indifference, 82. greet, 83. immediately, 84. freak, 85. confusion, 86. mold, 87. drag, 88. grip, 89. surgery

90. ill____te a story	v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
91. Br____e alphabet	n. a system of raised dots that are used by people who are blind or visually impaired to read and write consisting of one to six dots arranged in a specific pattern that represents letters, numbers, punctuation, and other symbols
92. my golf bu__y	n. a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
93. pro____ty for violence	n. a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion
94. ro___t growth	adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
95. un____ly blemish	adj. unpleasant or displeasing to look at; not visually attractive or appealing; visually offensive or unattractive
96. an unexpected si__t	n. the ability to see; anything that is seen
97. mu____e objects	adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
98. ta____ay message	n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
99. two op____d characters	adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

ANSWERS: 90. illustrate, 91. Braille, 92. buddy, 93. propensity, 94. robust, 95. unsightly, 96. sight, 97. mundane, 98. takeaway, 99. opposed

100. mo____nt of troops	<i>n.</i> a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
101. early pr____pe	<i>n.</i> a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
102. Br____e system	<i>n.</i> a system of raised dots that are used by people who are blind or visually impaired to read and write consisting of one to six dots arranged in a specific pattern that represents letters, numbers, punctuation, and other symbols
103. a profound in____t	<i>n.</i> the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
104. ra____l prejudice	<i>adj.</i> of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
105. et____c minority	<i>adj.</i> relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
106. bu____y movie	<i>n.</i> a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
107. per____nt cough	<i>adj.</i> continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
108. y____l for help	<i>v.</i> to shout in a sudden and loud way

ANSWERS: 100. movement, 101. prototype, 102. Braille, 103. insight, 104. racial, 105. ethnic, 106. buddy, 107. persistent, 108. yell

109. co____te examples	<i>adj.</i> existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
110. bl__d spot	<i>adj.</i> unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
111. run like h__l	<i>n.</i> the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
112. imm_____ly recall a product	<i>adv.</i> now or without delay
113. di_____ge water	<i>v.</i> to release or let go of something or someone; to dismiss or terminate an employee or member of an organization; to emit or give off a substance or energy
114. afraid to show em____n	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
115. ped_____an accident	<i>n.</i> a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go
116. d__g a team down	<i>v.</i> to pull or haul with force
117. a dis_____ty pension	<i>n.</i> a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
118. pos_____ty of a major earthquake	<i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 109. concrete, 110. blind, 111. hell, 112. immediately, 113. discharge, 114. emotion, 115. pedestrian, 116. drag, 117. disability, 118. possibility

119. seek vo_____ers	<i>n.</i> a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
120. an ar__y of troops	<i>n.</i> a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
121. a c__e about the crime	<i>n.</i> an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
122. per_____nt data	<i>adj.</i> continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
123. vi___l navigation	<i>adj.</i> relating to seeing or sight
124. al_____nt in an organization	<i>n.</i> an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other
125. a gr____ul breeze	<i>adj.</i> feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
126. fu__y logic	<i>adj.</i> having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
127. ig___e her advice	<i>v.</i> to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
128. ad___t the rearview mirror	<i>v.</i> to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

ANSWERS: 119. volunteer, 120. array, 121. clue, 122. persistent, 123. visual, 124. alignment, 125. grateful, 126. fuzzy, 127. ignore, 128. adjust

129. as ___ t his goal	v. to help someone in doing anything
130. ill ____ te a key point	v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
131. school di ____ cts	n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
132. hu ____ us movie	adj. characterized by humor; funny, amusing, or entertaining; causing laughter or mirth
133. ad ___ t a schedule	v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
134. an op ____ ne remark	adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
135. my vo ____ er work	n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
136. 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
137. st __ k landscape	adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
138. a pr ____ nd book	adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
139. tu __ r at remote sites	n. a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way

ANSWERS: 129. assist, 130. illustrate, 131. district, 132. humorous, 133. adjust, 134. opportune, 135. volunteer, 136. pity, 137. stark, 138. profound, 139. tumor

140. commonly held mis_____ion	<i>n.</i> a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
141. fr_____ty of life	<i>n.</i> the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
142. a casting m__d	<i>n.</i> a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
143. h__l broke loose	<i>n.</i> the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
144. ta____ay pizza	<i>n.</i> a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
145. vul____le parts of the body	<i>adj.</i> capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
146. zebra cr____lk	<i>n.</i> a designated path usually marked with horizontal lines on a street or road, used by pedestrians to cross safely
147. nutrient-de__e foods	<i>adj.</i> containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
148. y__k out a tooth	<i>v.</i> to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement

ANSWERS: 140. misconception, 141. fragility, 142. mold, 143. hell, 144. takeaway, 145. vulnerable, 146. crosswalk, 147. dense, 148. yank

149. pa_____id disorder	<i>adj.</i> unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
150. resolve without com_____ion	<i>n.</i> something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
151. com_____ion of structure	<i>n.</i> something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
152. au_____e words	<i>adj.</i> able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly
153. ar_____ct of the peace accord	<i>n.</i> a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
154. sl____e a glance	<i>v.</i> to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
155. inc_____le amount	<i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous
156. artistic jux_____ion	<i>n.</i> the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them
157. ta____m skydiving	<i>n.</i> a device or arrangement that allows two or more things to be connected or work together in a coordinated manner; a bicycle built for two people to ride in a line, with one behind the other
158. dispel the mis_____ion	<i>n.</i> a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
159. tr_____nt influenza	<i>adj.</i> having a valence of three, meaning an atom or ion that can form three chemical bonds or attach to three other atoms or ions

ANSWERS: 149. paranoid, 150. complication, 151. complication, 152. audible, 153. architect, 154. slide, 155. incredible, 156. juxtaposition, 157. tandem, 158. misconception, 159. trivalent

160. Ma_____in Chinese	<i>n.</i> an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
161. re_____e the order	<i>v.</i> to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
162. city dw____er	<i>n.</i> a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
163. absolutely op____ed to abortion	<i>adj.</i> being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
164. in great co_____on	<i>n.</i> the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
165. co____al swimming pool	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
166. in a pre_____le manner	<i>adj.</i> capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
167. syn_____icity effect	<i>n.</i> the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose
168. st____e up a conversation	<i>v.</i> to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
169. control my em____n	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 160. mandarin, 161. reverse, 162. dweller, 163. opposed, 164. confusion, 165. communal, 166. predictable, 167. synchronicity, 168. strike, 169. emotion

170. an an____s look	<i>adj.</i> worried and nervous
171. a sy____ny orchestra	<i>n.</i> a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
172. share my in____ts	<i>n.</i> the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
173. pro_____ty to procrastinate	<i>n.</i> a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion
174. ind_____nce to pain	<i>n.</i> a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
175. in____nt risk	<i>adj.</i> existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
176. re____er dog	<i>n.</i> a dog bred and trained for retrieving game, particularly birds, for hunters; a device or machine designed for retrieving or recovering items that are difficult to reach or obtain
177. pro_____on of civilization	<i>n.</i> the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
178. do____wn building	<i>adv.</i> in or towards the central area of a town or city
179. pr____e changes	<i>v.</i> to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
180. the pr____nd depths of the sea	<i>adj.</i> extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

ANSWERS: 170. anxious, 171. symphony, 172. insight, 173. propensity, 174. indifference, 175. inherent, 176. retriever, 177. progression, 178. downtown, 179. propose, 180. profound

181. permanent br__n damage	<i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
182. co____al combination of funds	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
183. ba___y industry	<i>n.</i> a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
184. a learning dis_____ty	<i>n.</i> a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
185. r__y on convenience stores	<i>v.</i> to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
186. a vul_____le bridge	<i>adj.</i> capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
187. field of vi___l arts	<i>adj.</i> relating to seeing or sight
188. an eq_____le price	<i>adj.</i> fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
189. ig___e a ban	<i>v.</i> to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
190. pre_____le pattern	<i>adj.</i> capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
191. a pilot sc___e	<i>n.</i> an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
192. tra_____on phase	<i>n.</i> the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
193. fu___y memory	<i>adj.</i> having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

ANSWERS: 181. brain, 182. communal, 183. bakery, 184. disability, 185. rely, 186. vulnerable, 187. visual, 188. equitable, 189. ignore, 190. predictable, 191. scheme, 192. transition, 193. fuzzy

194. critical m__s	<i>n.</i> a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
195. a two-dimensional ar__y	<i>n.</i> a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
196. a c__e to the diagnosis	<i>n.</i> an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
197. au____e sound	<i>adj.</i> able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly
198. draw out a sc___e	<i>n.</i> an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
199. a di____ed veteran	<i>adj.</i> having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
200. in____ce the daily life	<i>n.</i> the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
201. absolutely fa____ic event	<i>adj.</i> extremely good; excellent
202. basic br__n function	<i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
203. landscape ar____ct	<i>n.</i> a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
204. co____st two things	<i>v.</i> to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

ANSWERS: 194. mass, 195. array, 196. clue, 197. audible, 198. scheme, 199. disabled, 200. influence, 201. fantastic, 202. brain, 203. architect, 204. contrast

205. ra____e along a road	v. to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
206. ob_____us of his promise	adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
207. a tr____t visa	n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
208. su_____on of fraud	n. the act of doubting something, especially something wrong
209. pro_____on of disease	n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
210. su____e changes	adj. not readily apparent or visible
211. pr____e the amendment	v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
212. po____e manners	adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
213. pa_____nt to all the others	adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
214. y____l as loud as we can	v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
215. do____wn traffic	adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city
216. be in al_____nt	n. an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other
217. de____e forests	adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

ANSWERS: 205. rattle, 206. oblivious, 207. transit, 208. suspicion, 209. progression, 210. subtle, 211. propose, 212. polite, 213. paramount, 214. yell, 215. downtown, 216. alignment, 217. dense

218. as ___ t a patient	v. to help someone in doing anything
219. si ____ ly situated	adv. in almost the same way
220. sl __ e a card across the table	v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
221. st __ l beam	n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
222. di ____ ge a contract	v. to release or let go of something or someone; to dismiss or terminate an employee or member of an organization; to emit or give off a substance or energy
223. gr __ t an idea	v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
224. bl __ d to the beauties	adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
225. lose my g __ p	n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
226. a te ____ ue in martial arts	n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
227. a beautiful sy ____ ny	n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
228. ec ____ y of scale	n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 218. assist, 219. similarly, 220. slide, 221. steel, 222. discharge, 223. greet, 224. blind, 225. grip, 226. technique, 227. symphony, 228. economy

229. env_____nt affairs	<i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
230. a fa_____ic dress	<i>adj.</i> extremely good; excellent
231. urban di____cts	<i>n.</i> a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
232. st___e a blow	<i>v.</i> to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
233. a child with se____y issues	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the physical senses
234. bl__s you	<i>v.</i> to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
235. a learning-di____ed child	<i>adj.</i> having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
236. magnetic st__l	<i>n.</i> a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

ANSWERS: 229. environment, 230. fantastic, 231. district, 232. strike, 233. sensory, 234. bless, 235. disabled, 236. steel

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.
v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

2. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

3. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

4. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.
v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

5. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

6. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

7. We conducted a _____ assessment of intellectual and cultural history.
adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

ANSWERS: 1. scratch, 2. brain, 3. reversed, 4. cast, 5. technique, 6. insights, 7. balanced

8. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
9. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.
v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
10. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.
adv. in almost the same way
11. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
v. to pull or haul with force
12. It's important to be _____ even when you disagree with someone.
adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
13. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
14. A _____ person may have delusions that people want to harm.
adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
15. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.
n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

ANSWERS: 8. yelled, 9. blessed, 10. similarly, 11. dragged, 12. polite, 13. stick, 14. paranoid, 15. steel

16. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.
adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
17. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
18. People select Internet _____ not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.
n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
19. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.
adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
20. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
21. Please _____ her with the furniture relocation.
v. to help someone in doing anything
22. In the last century, Britain formed a strong _____ with Egypt.
n. an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other
23. The frequent performances of the _____ prove its popularity.
n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

ANSWERS: 16. inherent, 17. economy, 18. providers, 19. opposed, 20. emotions, 21. assist, 22. alignment, 23. symphony

24. In a democratic country, governments promote _____ opportunities to participate in society.
adj. fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
25. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
26. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.
v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
27. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
28. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
29. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
30. 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
31. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 24. equitable, 25. transition, 26. recovering, 27. mass, 28. architect, 29. hell, 30. pity, 31. ignored

32. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.
- n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
33. After returning from the war, he had a pretty _____ life.
- adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
34. A _____ is an uncommon sight in this area.
- n. a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go
35. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.
- v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
36. He was the first _____ in the military training camp.
- n. a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
37. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
- n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
38. The _____ of the glass required careful handling during shipping.
- n. the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
39. _____ dialects typically have relatively few vowels.
- n. an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China

ANSWERS: 32. clue, 33. mundane, 34. pedestrian, 35. illustrate, 36. buddy, 37. influence, 38. fragility, 39. Mandarin

40. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.
n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
41. He tried to _____ the memories from his brain.
v. to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
42. The occurrence of events in _____ is often taken as a sign of divine intervention.
n. the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose
43. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.
adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
44. He also continued to struggle with serious long-term _____.
n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
45. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.
adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
46. Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing _____.
n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
47. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.
n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

ANSWERS: 40. volunteer, 41. yank, 42. synchronicity, 43. dense, 44. complications, 45. stark, 46. disability, 47. scheme

48. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.
- n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
49. Parliament is now in _____.
- n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
50. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
51. The picture was _____ because it was taken with an old camera.
adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
52. He had to _____ two hours each way to get to work.
- v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
53. He worked at the _____ as a baker.
- n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
54. The painting's _____ of bright colors and dark shadows created a striking effect.
- n. the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them
55. She was _____ for the help he provided.
adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

ANSWERS: 48. mold, 49. session, 50. vulnerable, 51. fuzzy, 52. commute, 53. bakery, 54. juxtaposition, 55. grateful

56. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

- n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

57. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

58. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

- adj.* relating to seeing or sight

59. There are numerous _____ about food and health.

- n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

60. You have to _____ your content to the age of the audience.

- v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

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

- v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

62. I tried to assume an air of _____.

- n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

63. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

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

64. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.

- adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

ANSWERS: 56. sights, 57. Communal, 58. visual, 59. misconceptions, 60. adjust, 61. contrast, 62. indifference, 63. movement, 64. profound

65. The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable _____ of products.
- n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
66. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.
- adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
67. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.
- n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
68. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
- adv.* now or without delay
69. Pedestrians waiting to cross the busy street should use the _____ for safety.
- n.* a designated path usually marked with horizontal lines on a street or road, used by pedestrians to cross safely
70. Despite the setbacks, he remained _____ in his pursuit of his dreams.
- adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
71. She was _____ in a car accident.
- adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
72. He cast _____ glances behind her.
- adj.* worried and nervous

ANSWERS: 65. array, 66. inclusive, 67. freak, 68. immediately, 69. crosswalk, 70. persistent, 71. disabled, 72. anxious

73. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
74. The patient was diagnosed with a _____ in her lung.
- n. a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way
75. We _____ heavy snowfall tomorrow.
- v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
76. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
- adj. extremely good; excellent
77. The mountain _____ lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.
- n. a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
78. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
- n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
79. The main _____ from the meeting was the need for better communication.
- n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
80. The _____ vaccine protects against three different strains of the virus.
- adj. having a valence of three, meaning an atom or ion that can form three chemical bonds or attach to three other atoms or ions

ANSWERS: 73. strike, 74. tumor, 75. anticipate, 76. fantastic, 77. dweller, 78. progression, 79. takeaway, 80. trivalent

81. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
82. The _____ bike ride was fun for the couple to enjoy together.
n. a device or arrangement that allows two or more things to be connected or work together in a coordinated manner; a bicycle built for two people to ride in a line, with one behind the other
83. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
84. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
85. Her _____ anecdotes always left us laughing until our stomachs hurt.
adj. characterized by humor; funny, amusing, or entertaining; causing laughter or mirth
86. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.
adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
87. A famous artist painted the room in a _____ pink hue.
adj. not readily apparent or visible
88. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 81. environment, 82. tandem, 83. propose, 84. opportune, 85. humorous, 86. racial, 87. subtle, 88. possibility

89. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

90. His _____ for lying caused him to lose many friends.

n. a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion

91. The president asked for a more _____ plan.

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

92. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

93. The museum provided _____ labels for visually impaired visitors.

n. a system of raised dots that are used by people who are blind or visually impaired to read and write consisting of one to six dots arranged in a specific pattern that represents letters, numbers, punctuation, and other symbols

94. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

95. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

96. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

ANSWERS: 89. incredible, 90. propensity, 91. concrete, 92. prototype, 93. Braille, 94. robust, 95. predictable, 96. blind

97. The vast earthquake caused the house to _____.
v. to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
98. The building's facade was marred by _____ graffiti.
adj. unpleasant or displeasing to look at; not visually attractive or appealing; visually offensive or unattractive
99. She was so engrossed in her work that she was _____ to her surroundings.
adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
100. The golden _____ was trained as a therapy dog to comfort hospital patients.
n. a dog bred and trained for retrieving game, particularly birds, for hunters; a device or machine designed for retrieving or recovering items that are difficult to reach or obtain
101. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
102. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
103. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
104. This country became a country of _____ geostrategic importance to us.
adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position

ANSWERS: 97. rattle, 98. unsightly, 99. oblivious, 100. retriever, 101. slide, 102. district, 103. greeted, 104. paramount

105. The hospital will _____ the patient as soon as their condition stabilizes.
- v. to release or let go of something or someone; to dismiss or terminate an employee or member of an organization; to emit or give off a substance or energy
106. There was an almost certain _____ that the company was involved in illegal activities.
- n. the act of doubting something, especially something wrong
107. He had undergone heart _____ years before.
- n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
108. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
- adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
109. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.
- v. to build again or anew
110. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
- v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
111. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.
- adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
112. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.
- n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

ANSWERS: 105. discharge, 106. suspicion, 107. surgery, 108. grand, 109. rebuild, 110. rely, 111. ethnic, 112. transit

113. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.
n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
114. He had a firm _____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.
n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
115. Sharks have highly developed _____ systems and are extremely sensitive creatures.
adj. of or relating to the physical senses
116. Make sure to put the _____ on your dog before walking.
n. a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions
117. He decided to take a walk _____ area to explore the city.
adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city
118. An _____ sigh from the back of the room broke the silence.
adj. able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly

ANSWERS: 113. confusion, 114. grip, 115. sensory, 116. leash, 117. downtown, 118. audible