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Session 1: Word List

- bob**
- v. to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
- synonym* : bobble, bounce, wag
- (1) **bob** a quick curtsy, (2) **bob** on the surface of the water
I need to **bob** my head to the beat of the music.
- pinnacle**
- n. the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
- synonym* : summit, peak, apex
- (1) architectural **pinnacle**, (2) reached the **pinnacle**
Climbing to the **pinnacle** of the mountain is a challenge that many outdoor enthusiasts strive to achieve.
- christen**
- v. to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church
- synonym* : baptize, name, initiate
- (1) **christen** a child, (2) **christen** the baby at the baptism
The newborn baby was **christened** in a ceremony at the church.

churning

n. the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy

synonym : agitation, turmoil, commotion

(1) butter **churning**, (2) **churning** emotions

The **churning** of the waves on the beach made it difficult to swim.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym : definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

dissenter

n. someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint

synonym : protester, nonconformist, heretic

(1) political **dissenter**, (2) radical **dissenter**

The university welcomed and encouraged **dissenters** to challenge traditional ways of thinking.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym : coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

synonym : prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past

Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym : innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

cease

v. to stop an action or event

synonym : stop, end, terminate

(1) **cease** to exist, (2) **cease** drinking

The company decided to **cease** production of the product.

desist

v. to stop or abstain from doing something, often in response to a request or order

synonym : cease, stop, discontinue

(1) **desist** from smoking, (2) **desist** from political support

The neighbors asked the construction crew to **desist** from working during the night.

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.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym : contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

dilution

n. the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition

synonym : diluting, reduction, weakening

(1) **dilution** of power, (2) **dilution** of the original message

The **dilution** of the chemical solution weakened its strength.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym : belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

remix

v. to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

synonym : recreate, recompose, alter

(1) **remix** a couple of tracks, (2) **remix** the album

He **remixed** the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

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.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

comprise

v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

synonym: consist of, include, be composed of

(1) **comprise** a large percentage, (2) **comprise** the recent past

The team **comprises** players from different countries.

component

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

synonym: element, part, factor

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

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

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**.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

side-by-side

adj. describing two or more things that are positioned next to each other, in close proximity, and typically in a parallel manner; (adverb) next to each other, with one thing positioned close to the other

synonym: adjacent, parallel, adjoining

(1) **side-by-side** comparison, (2) working **side-by-side**

The **side-by-side** comparison of the two products revealed significant differences in quality and features.

comparison

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

synonym: equivalence, analogy, contrast

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

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

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.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

mast

n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

(1) **mast** height, (2) built-up **mast**

The main cabin is located in front of the **mast**.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym: denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

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.

melody

n. a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music

synonym : tune, song, piece

(1) a simple **melody**, (2) the **melody** of a tune

This harmonious **melody** immortalized its composer.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym : construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

patriot

n. a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

synonym : nationalist, loyalist

(1) blind **patriot**, (2) zealous **patriot**

He is more of a hypocrite than a **patriot**, to be honest.

rebel

n. someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

synonym : insurgent, dissenter, mutineer

(1) **rebel** uprising, (2) group of **rebels**

The **rebels** fought against the government for their independence.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic

or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym : blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

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**.

ribbon

n. a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award

synonym : band, strip, sash

(1) silk **ribbon**, (2) pink **ribbon** campaign

She tied the **ribbon** around the gift box to make it look pretty.

lyric

n. the words of a pop song

synonym : song, jingle, ballad

(1) **lyrics** of a song, (2) **lyric** poetry

He embedded the strong will in this **lyric**.

AI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

synonym : robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

sigh

v. to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to

express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way

synonym: breathe out, exhale, groan

(1) **sigh** deeply, (2) let out a **sigh**

He **sighed** in relief when he finally found his lost keys.

darling

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

synonym: sweetheart, beloved, dear

(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**

My **darling** child, I love you so much.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym: calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

idol

n. an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered

synonym: icon, hero, legend

(1) **idol** worship, (2) **idol** singer

He was an **idol** to his fans, who looked up to him as a role model.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement
It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed
I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym : periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use
His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

concoction

n. the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients

synonym : mixture, brew, composition

(1) **concoction** recipe, (2) coffee-milk **concoction**
The **concoction** of herbs and spices gave the soup a unique flavor.

copyright

n. the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work

synonym : patent, trademark, intellectual property

(1) artistic **copyright**, (2) **copyright** infringement
The company is taking legal action against those who have violated their **copyright** on the software.

patent

n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

synonym : copyright, trademark, license

(1) **patent** application, (2) **patent** law
The company has filed for a **patent** to protect its new

invention.

awkward

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

synonym : embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation difficult.

analogy

n. a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept

synonym : metaphor, comparison, parallel

(1) draw **analogy**, (2) historical **analogy**

Some kinds of machine learning models show an **analogy** to how people learn.

ford

n. a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

synonym : crossing, traversing, passing

(1) **ford** a river, (2) across a **ford**

The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a **ford** downstream where the water was shallower.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

assemble

v. to collect in one place as a single group

synonym : gather, congregate, collect

(1) **assemble** your colleagues, (2) **assemble** a jigsaw puzzle

The president began to **assemble** an army.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

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.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym : inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

debut

n. the first public performance of an artist or actor

synonym : introduction, launching, premiere

(1) **debut** on national TV, (2) **debut** performance

The **debut** album of the band was a success.

undoubtedly

adv. without a doubt; certainly; definitely

synonym : surely, unquestionably, indisputably

(1) **undoubtedly** successful, (2) **undoubtedly** talented

The singer's talent is **undoubtedly** one of the greatest in the

music industry

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

evolve

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

synonym: develop, mature, grow

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

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

device

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

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

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

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

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.

introduction

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

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

foreboding

n. a feeling that something bad or unpleasant is about to happen; a sense of impending danger or doom

synonym : premonition, omen, portent

(1) **foreboding** sign, (2) ominous **foreboding**

The dark clouds in the sky created a sense of **foreboding** and made everyone anxious.

gesture

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

synonym : motion, expression, gesticulation

(1) **gesture** of goodwill, (2) hand **gesture**

She made a facial **gesture** to express disagreement.

newfangled

adj. recently invented or introduced and often not well-tested or proven

synonym : innovative, modern, novel

(1) **newfangled** technology, (2) **newfangled** idea

The **newfangled** gadget was a hit at the trade show.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

newfound

adj. newly discovered or acquired

synonym : afresh, new, recently discovered

(1) a **newfound** mine, (2) **newfound** freedom

With his **newfound** wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology
Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

contradict

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite;
to be in conflict with

synonym: conflict, oppose, belie

(1) **contradict** each other, (2) **contradict** the principle
The book contains numerous statements that **contradict**
previous reports.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve
something; (adjective) having a strong determination to
do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze
The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for
the interior of the building.

promote

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

synonym: boost, raise, advertise

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

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.

unlock

v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually
using a key

synonym: open, solve, unravel

(1) **unlock** a door with a key, (2) **unlock** value

The customs officer required the traveler to **unlock** his suitcase.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym : program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

summarize

v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

synonym : recap, outline, digest

(1) **summarizes** the main ideas, (2) **summarize** text

Each chapter **summarizes** the most critical issues.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym : rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

alert

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

synonym : warn, inform, (adjective) vigilant

(1) **alert** consumers to the dangers, (2) **alert** system

The company's cybersecurity team **alerted** the CEO to potential threats.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym : figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

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

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

pioneer

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

synonym: frontiersperson, innovator, trailblazer

(1) act as a **pioneer**, (2) early **pioneers**

John Whitney was a computer animation **pioneer**.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym: chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

interface

n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

synonym: junction, surface, UI

(1) **interface** between gas and liquid, (2) the user **interface**

Detergent weakens the surface tension at the **interface** of two liquids.

pop-up

n. an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as

a window or menu on a computer screen

synonym: appearance, temporary, (verb) emerge

(1) **pop-up** ad, (2) **pop-up** notification

The **pop-up** store was a great way to test the market for the new product.

scroll

n. a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

synonym: manuscript, document, parchment

(1) roll up a **scroll**, (2) **scroll** through a document

The house owner loved the large hanging **scroll** in the guest room.

desktop

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

synonym: computer, workstation, PC

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

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

inexperienced

adj. lacking experience or knowledge in a particular field or situation; not accustomed to a specific kind of work or activity

synonym: novice, green, unseasoned

(1) **inexperienced** actor, (2) **inexperienced** employee

The young doctor was **inexperienced** in handling such a complicated case.

survive

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

synonym: endure, persist, stay

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

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

assault

n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

synonym : assault, attack, raid

(1) **assault** aircraft, (2) victim of sexual **assault**

We got caught up in an **assault** case.

shameless

adj. without shame or embarrassment; showing no remorse or guilt for one's actions or behaviors

synonym : brazen, unashamed, audacious

(1) **shameless** behavior, (2) **shameless** liar

He acted in a **shameless** way, not caring that his actions hurt others.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

android

n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

synonym : droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet

The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

nuclear

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

synonym : atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal
It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

aversion

n. a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant

synonym: dislike, loathing, repulsion

(1) **aversion** therapy, (2) strong **aversion**

Her **aversion** to snakes made her avoid the reptile exhibit at the zoo.

predisposition

n. a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors

synonym: tendency, inclination, disposition

(1) **predisposition** to anxiety, (2) genetic **predisposition**

Smoking can increase a person's **predisposition** to lung cancer.

nonstop

adj. without intermediate stops between source and destination

synonym: continuous, ceaseless, endless

(1) a **nonstop** run, (2) **nonstop** talk

We tend to choose **nonstop** flights when we travel.

equation

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

(1) the **equation** of poverty with ignorance, (2) a chemical **equation**

In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic **equations**.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

reward

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

synonym : compensation, gratuity, bonus

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

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

settlement

n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

synonym : agreement, accommodation, colonization

(1) the **settlement** of a dispute, (2) **settlement** in a new house

Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful **settlement**.

infringe

v. to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property

synonym : violate, trespass, breach

(1) **infringe** a copyright, (2) **infringe** on our property

The company promised not to **infringe** on any of its competitor's patents.

fee *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
synonym: charge, cost, expense
(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**
The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

cognitive *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
synonym: perceivable, mind, mental
(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology
His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

bias *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection
(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism
She researched gender **bias** in politics.

perceive *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
synonym: sense, discern, feel
(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light
Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

lawsuit *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
synonym: suit, legal action, litigation
(1) **lawsuit** settlement, (2) file a **lawsuit**
The company is facing a **lawsuit** for its alleged discrimination against employees.

realm *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
synonym: domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility
Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

spotlight

n. a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person

synonym: limelight, stage light, highlight

(1) **spotlight** effect, (2) **spotlight** moment

The singer was in the **spotlight** as she performed her hit song.

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.

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym: delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

arrange

v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

synonym: set up, order, organize

(1) **arrange** the meeting, (2) the list was **arranged** alphabetically

I need to **arrange** plans with him for the celebration.

self-made

adj. having succeeded in life unaided; having become wealthy or successful through one's efforts

synonym: self-sufficient, self-reliant

(1) **self-made** entrepreneur, (2) **self-made** man

He's a **self-made** millionaire who built his fortune from scratch.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

mediocrity

n. the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal

synonym : averageness, ordinariness, unoriginality

(1) sink into **mediocrity**, (2) escape **mediocrity**

He was content with living a life of **mediocrity**.

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.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym : encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

Session 2: Spelling

1. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
2. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
3. la_____t settlement *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
4. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
5. sp_____ht moment *n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
6. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
7. as_____le your colleagues *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
8. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
9. coffee-milk con_____on *n.* the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients

ANSWERS: 1. structure, 2. display, 3. lawsuit, 4. competition, 5. spotlight, 6. brain, 7. assemble, 8. creative, 9. concoction

10. common in _____ on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
11. de _____ p software *n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities
12. pr _____ e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
13. de _____ p wallpaper *n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities
14. the user in _____ ce *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
15. de _____ yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
16. as _____ le a jigsaw puzzle *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
17. se _____ de entrepreneur *adj.* having succeeded in life unaided; having become wealthy or successful through one's efforts
18. ev _____ e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

ANSWERS: 10. invention, 11. desktop, 12. promote, 13. desktop, 14. interface, 15. destroy, 16. assemble, 17. self-made, 18. evolve

19. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
20. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
21. draw an_____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
22. strong av_____on *n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant
23. pa____t application *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
24. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
25. re__x the album *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
26. sp_____ht effect *n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person

ANSWERS: 19. AI, 20. technique, 21. analogy, 22. aversion, 23. patent, 24. component, 25. remix, 26. spotlight

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| 27. pe____ve light | v. | to become aware or conscious of something through the senses |
| 28. a ne____nd mine | adj. | newly discovered or acquired |
| 29. public re__m | n. | a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge |
| 30. pro____on of disease | n. | the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward |
| 31. shopping re___ds cards | n. | a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc. |
| 32. i__l singer | n. | an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered |
| 33. su____e a blizzard | v. | to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period |
| 34. sc___l through a document | n. | a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them |
| 35. improve co____ve function | adj. | of or relating to mental processes of understanding |
| 36. sl__e a glance | v. | to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption |
| 37. a cl____c experiment | adj. | judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type |
| 38. co____e chemically with another substance | v. | to join or merge to form a single thing or group |

ANSWERS: 27. perceive, 28. newfound, 29. realm, 30. progression, 31. reward, 32. idol, 33. survive, 34. scroll, 35. cognitive, 36. slide, 37. classic, 38. combine

39. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
40. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
41. have a da_____g baby *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
42. de___t from political support *v.* to stop or abstain from doing something, often in response to a request or order
43. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
44. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
45. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
46. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
47. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
48. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone

ANSWERS: 39. inevitable, 40. refer, 41. darling, 42. desist, 43. recognize, 44. massive, 45. promote, 46. intent, 47. incentive, 48. property

49. genetic pre_____ion *n.* a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors
50. use of nu_____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
51. working sid_____ide *adj.* describing two or more things that are positioned next to each other, in close proximity, and typically in a parallel manner; (adverb) next to each other, with one thing positioned close to the other
52. sl___e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
53. the list was ar_____ed alphabetically *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
54. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
55. con_____ct each other *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
56. co_____se a large percentage *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
57. bl___d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
58. con_____on recipe *n.* the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients

ANSWERS: 49. predisposition, 50. nuclear, 51. side-by-side, 52. slide, 53. arrange, 54. inevitable, 55. contradict, 56. comprise, 57. blind, 58. concoction

59. ch____en a child *v.* to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church
60. bu____e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
61. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
62. ce__e drinking *v.* to stop an action or event
63. an aw____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
64. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
65. dispel the mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
66. al__t system *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
67. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
68. es____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
69. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 59. christen, 60. bubble, 61. graph, 62. cease, 63. awkward, 64. adapt, 65. misconception, 66. alert, 67. folk, 68. estimate, 69. recognize

70. research on co_____ve psychology	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to mental processes of understanding
71. sp__l the surprise	<i>v.</i> to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
72. group of re__ls	<i>n.</i> someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
73. co_____ve a child	<i>v.</i> to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
74. ine_____ced actor	<i>adj.</i> lacking experience or knowledge in a particular field or situation; not accustomed to a specific kind of work or activity
75. f_e calculation	<i>n.</i> a sum of money charged for a particular service
76. escape med_____ty	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal
77. su_____e a plane crash	<i>v.</i> to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
78. household an_____d	<i>n.</i> a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
79. file a la_____t	<i>n.</i> a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

ANSWERS: 70. cognitive, 71. spoil, 72. rebel, 73. conceive, 74. inexperienced, 75. fee, 76. mediocrity, 77. survive, 78. android, 79. lawsuit

80. historical an____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
81. ge____e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
82. fr____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
83. po____p ad *n.* an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen
84. exa____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
85. co____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
86. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
87. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
88. self-int____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
89. sh____ss behavior *adj.* without shame or embarrassment; showing no remorse or guilt for one's actions or behaviors

ANSWERS: 80. analogy, 81. gesture, 82. frequent, 83. pop-up, 84. exaggerate, 85. countless, 86. jean, 87. adapt, 88. introduction, 89. shameless

90. victim of sexual as_____t *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
91. ne_____nd freedom *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
92. un_____r employment practices *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
93. re__l uprising *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
94. the set_____nt of a dispute *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
95. radical di_____er *n.* someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint
96. pa____t law *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
97. tracking de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 90. assault, 91. newfound, 92. unfair, 93. rebel, 94. settlement, 95. dissenter, 96. patent, 97. device

98. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
99. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
100. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
101. m__t height *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
102. for_____ng sign *n.* a feeling that something bad or unpleasant is about to happen; a sense of impending danger or doom
103. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
104. new _____ed idea *adj.* recently invented or introduced and often not well-tested or proven
105. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
106. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
107. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general

ANSWERS: 98. discovery, 99. blind, 100. display, 101. mast, 102. foreboding, 103. structure, 104. newfangled, 105. classic, 106. spoil, 107. broad

108. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
109. in_____ge on our property *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
110. und_____ly talented *adv.* without a doubt; certainly; definitely
111. ch_____ng emotions *n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy
112. silk ri____n *n.* a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award
113. ly__c poetry *n.* the words of a pop song
114. butter ch_____ng *n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy
115. no_____p talk *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
116. blind pa_____t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
117. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 108. fundamental, 109. infringe, 110. undoubtedly, 111. churning, 112. ribbon, 113. lyric, 114. churning, 115. nonstop, 116. patriot, 117. smartphone

118. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
119. optical il_____on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
120. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
121. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
122. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
123. the il_____on of being in the forest *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
124. in_____ce between gas and liquid *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
125. se_____de man *adj.* having succeeded in life unaided; having become wealthy or successful through one's efforts
126. zealous pa_____t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

ANSWERS: 118. device, 119. illusion, 120. discovery, 121. embrace, 122. bias, 123. illusion, 124. interface, 125. self-made, 126. patriot

127. across a f__d *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
128. de___t from smoking *v.* to stop or abstain from doing something, often in response to a request or order
129. con_____ct the principle *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
130. a simple me___y *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
131. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
132. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
133. de__t performance *n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor
134. pink ri___n campaign *n.* a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award
135. de__t on national TV *n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor
136. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 127. ford, 128. desist, 129. contradict, 130. melody, 131. competition, 132. incentive, 133. debut, 134. ribbon, 135. debut, 136. claim

137. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
138. apply AI technology to art *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
139. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
140. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
141. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
142. let out a s__h *v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
143. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
144. un___k value *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

ANSWERS: 137. progression, 138. AI, 139. icon, 140. immediate, 141. transform, 142. sigh, 143. fundamental, 144. unlock

145. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
146. an aw_____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
147. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
148. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
149. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
150. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
151. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
152. early pi_____rs *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
153. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
154. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
155. re__x a couple of tracks *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

ANSWERS: 145. innovation, 146. awkward, 147. exciting, 148. folk, 149. comparison, 150. transform, 151. destroy, 152. pioneer, 153. comparison, 154. icon, 155. remix

156. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
157. the in___t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
158. new_____ed technology *adj.* recently invented or introduced and often not well-tested or proven
159. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
160. nu_____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
161. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
162. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
163. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
164. ch_____en the baby at the baptism *v.* to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church
165. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 156. frank, 157. intent, 158. newfangled, 159. fee, 160. nuclear, 161. smartphone, 162. claim, 163. immediate, 164. christen, 165. creative

166. ty____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
167. medium da____g *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
168. as____t aircraft *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
169. em____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
170. di____on of power *n.* the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition
171. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
172. ar____e the meeting *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
173. have an un____r advantage *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
174. un____k a door with a key *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
175. al__t consumers to the dangers *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

ANSWERS: 166. typical, 167. darling, 168. assault, 169. embrace, 170. dilution, 171. brain, 172. arrange, 173. unfair, 174. unlock, 175. alert

176. economic bu___e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
177. reached the pi_____le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
178. b_b a quick curtsy *v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
179. su_____zes the main ideas *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
180. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
181. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
182. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
183. answer co_____ss questions *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
184. the eq_____on of poverty with ignorance *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

ANSWERS: 176. bubble, 177. pinnacle, 178. bob, 179. summarize, 180. frank, 181. software, 182. property, 183. countless, 184. equation

185. pre_____ion to anxiety *n.* a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors
186. a no_____p run *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
187. set_____nt in a new house *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
188. roll up a sc_____l *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
189. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
190. ce___e to exist *v.* to stop an action or event
191. hand ge_____e *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
192. ominous for_____ng *n.* a feeling that something bad or unpleasant is about to happen; a sense of impending danger or doom
193. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
194. po___p notification *n.* an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen

ANSWERS: 185. predisposition, 186. nonstop, 187. settlement, 188. scroll, 189. massive, 190. cease, 191. gesture, 192. foreboding, 193. exaggerate, 194. pop-up

195. c__p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
196. copyrighted so____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
197. fr____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
198. commonly held mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
199. ev____e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
200. in____ge a copyright *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
201. act as a pi____r *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
202. c__p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
203. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
204. su_____ze text *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
205. av____on therapy *n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant

ANSWERS: 195. chop, 196. software, 197. frequent, 198. misconception, 199. evolve, 200. infringe, 201. pioneer, 202. chop, 203. component, 204. summarize, 205. aversion

206. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
207. sid_____ide comparison *adj.* describing two or more things that are positioned next to each other, in close proximity, and typically in a parallel manner; (adverb) next to each other, with one thing positioned close to the other
208. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
209. b_b on the surface of the water *v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
210. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
211. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
212. ly__cs of a song *n.* the words of a pop song
213. built-up m__t *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
214. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
215. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

ANSWERS: 206. refer, 207. side-by-side, 208. exciting, 209. bob, 210. bomb, 211. technique, 212. lyric, 213. mast, 214. broad, 215. typical

216. f__d a river *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
217. a chemical eq_____on *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
218. co_____ht infringement *n.* the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work
219. i__l worship *n.* an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered
220. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
221. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
222. An_____d tablet *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
223. political di_____er *n.* someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint
224. sink into med_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal

ANSWERS: 216. ford, 217. equation, 218. copyright, 219. idol, 220. bias, 221. bomb, 222. android, 223. dissenter, 224. mediocrity

225. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
226. s__h deeply *v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
227. sh_____ss liar *adj.* without shame or embarrassment; showing no remorse or guilt for one's actions or behaviors
228. pe_____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
229. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
230. und_____ly successful *adv.* without a doubt; certainly; definitely
231. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
232. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
233. 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
234. 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

ANSWERS: 225. graph, 226. sigh, 227. shameless, 228. perceive, 229. economical, 230. undoubtedly, 231. combine, 232. innovation, 233. tradition, 234. tradition

235. ine_____ced employee *adj.* lacking experience or knowledge in a particular field or situation; not accustomed to a specific kind of work or activity
236. di_____on of the original message *n.* the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition
237. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
238. beyond the re__m of possibility *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
239. co_____se the recent past *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
240. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
241. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
242. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
243. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

ANSWERS: 235. inexperienced, 236. dilution, 237. introduction, 238. realm, 239. comprise, 240. jean, 241. reward, 242. invention, 243. estimate

244. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
245. the me___y of a tune *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
246. artistic co_____ht *n.* the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work
247. architectural pi_____le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
248. co_____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

ANSWERS: 244. economical, 245. melody, 246. copyright, 247. pinnacle, 248. conceive

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
 - v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

2. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
 - n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

3. He was content with living a life of _____.
 - n. the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal

4. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
 - n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

5. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
 - n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

6. They have no _____ to win the game.
 - n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

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

ANSWERS: 1. combine, 2. introduction, 3. mediocrity, 4. device, 5. structure, 6. incentive, 7. desktop

8. The company's cybersecurity team _____ the CEO to potential threats.
- v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
9. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.
- adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
10. The neighbors asked the construction crew to _____ from working during the night.
- v. to stop or abstain from doing something, often in response to a request or order
11. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
- n. a thing or things that belong to someone
12. In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic _____.
- n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
13. The _____ store was a great way to test the market for the new product.
- n. an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen
14. I need to _____ plans with him for the celebration.
- v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
15. Each chapter _____ the most critical issues.
- v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

ANSWERS: 8. alerted, 9. nuclear, 10. desist, 11. property, 12. equations, 13. pop-up, 14. arrange, 15. summarizes

16. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
17. 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
18. His heartaches are less _____ now.
adj. happening constantly
19. 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
20. The company promised not to _____ on any of its competitor's patents.
v. to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
21. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.
n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
22. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
23. The _____ comparison of the two products revealed significant differences in quality and features.
adj. describing two or more things that are positioned next to each other, in close proximity, and typically in a parallel manner; (adverb) next to each other, with one thing positioned close to the other

ANSWERS: 16. exciting, 17. misconceptions, 18. frequent, 19. brain, 20. infringe, 21. component, 22. software, 23. side-by-side

24. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.
n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
25. The main cabin is located in front of the _____.
n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
26. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.
n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
27. 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
28. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will _____.
v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
29. The dark clouds in the sky created a sense of _____ and made everyone anxious.
n. a feeling that something bad or unpleasant is about to happen; a sense of impending danger or doom
30. The university welcomed and encouraged _____ to challenge traditional ways of thinking.
n. someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint
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

ANSWERS: 24. jeans, 25. mast, 26. illusion, 27. progression, 28. spoil, 29. foreboding, 30. dissenters, 31. unfair

32. Smoking can increase a person's _____ to lung cancer.
n. a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors
33. Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful _____.
n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
34. The lab is developing an _____ robot that assists in dangerous construction work.
n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
35. The _____ fought against the government for their independence.
n. someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
36. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
37. The newborn baby was _____ in a ceremony at the church.
v. to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church
38. I've included the two designs for a _____.
n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
39. The company decided to _____ production of the product.
v. to stop an action or event

ANSWERS: 32. predisposition, 33. settlement, 34. android, 35. rebels, 36. transformed, 37. christened, 38. comparison, 39. cease

40. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

41. We got caught up in an _____ case.

n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

42. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

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

43. Detergent weakens the surface tension at the _____ of two liquids.

n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

44. Her _____ to snakes made her avoid the reptile exhibit at the zoo.

n. a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant

45. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

46. She _____ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

47. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

ANSWERS: 40. economical, 41. assault, 42. technique, 43. interface, 44. aversion, 45. pioneer, 46. exaggerated, 47. typical

48. Her passions are in the _____ of real-world political affairs.
n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
49. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.
adj. very wide; general
50. Some kinds of machine learning models show an _____ to how people learn.
n. a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
51. The book contains numerous statements that _____ previous reports.
v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
52. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
53. 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
54. The company is taking legal action against those who have violated their _____ on the software.
n. the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work
55. The house owner loved the large hanging _____ in the guest room.
n. a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

ANSWERS: 48. realm, 49. broad, 50. analogy, 51. contradict, 52. smartphones, 53. display, 54. copyright, 55. scroll

56. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of ____.
- n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
57. My _____ child, I love you so much.
- n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
58. The cook _____ the vegetables for the soup.
- v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
59. The president began to _____ an army.
- v.* to collect in one place as a single group
60. The team _____ players from different countries.
- v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
61. The _____ of the chemical solution weakened its strength.
- n.* the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition
62. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.
- v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
63. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 56. AI, 57. darling, 58. chopped, 59. assemble, 60. comprises, 61. dilution, 62. conceive, 63. destroyed

64. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

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

65. The singer's talent is _____ one of the greatest in the music industry

adv. without a doubt; certainly; definitely

66. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

67. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

68. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

69. She tied the _____ around the gift box to make it look pretty.

n. a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award

70. He is more of a hypocrite than a _____ to be honest.

n. a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

71. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

ANSWERS: 64. blind, 65. undoubtedly, 66. refer, 67. inevitable, 68. intent, 69. ribbon, 70. patriot, 71. countless

72. The customs officer required the traveler to _____ his suitcase.
v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
73. He was an _____ to his fans, who looked up to him as a role model.
n. an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered
74. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
75. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
76. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
77. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
78. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.
n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
79. She researched gender _____ in politics.
n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
80. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 72. unlock, 73. idol, 74. folk, 75. competition, 76. rewards, 77. discovery, 78. icons, 79. bias, 80. survive

81. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.
v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
82. The _____ of herbs and spices gave the soup a unique flavor.
n. the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients
83. The _____ album of the band was a success.
n. the first public performance of an artist or actor
84. I need to ____ my head to the beat of the music.
v. to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
85. With his _____ wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.
adj. newly discovered or acquired
86. We tend to choose _____ flights when we travel.
adj. without intermediate stops between source and destination
87. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.
adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding
88. The young doctor was _____ in handling such a complicated case.
adj. lacking experience or knowledge in a particular field or situation; not accustomed to a specific kind of work or activity

ANSWERS: 81. perceived, 82. concoction, 83. debut, 84. bob, 85. newfound, 86. nonstop, 87. cognitive, 88. inexperienced

89. He _____ the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

- v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

90. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.

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

91. He acted in a _____ way, not caring that his actions hurt others.

- adj.* without shame or embarrassment; showing no remorse or guilt for one's actions or behaviors

92. He embedded the strong will in this _____.

- n.* the words of a pop song

93. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.

- n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

94. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

- adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

95. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

- adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

96. The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a _____ downstream where the water was shallower.

- n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

ANSWERS: 89. remixed, 90. promote, 91. shameless, 92. lyric, 93. graph, 94. classic, 95. frank, 96. ford

97. 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
98. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
99. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.
- n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
100. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
- v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
101. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
- v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
102. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
- v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
103. This harmonious _____ immortalized its composer.
- n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
104. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 97. creative, 98. invention, 99. bubble, 100. slide, 101. estimated, 102. adapt, 103. melody, 104. recognize

105. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
106. The singer was in the _____ as she performed her hit song.
- n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
107. He's a _____ millionaire who built his fortune from scratch.
- adj.* having succeeded in life unaided; having become wealthy or successful through one's efforts
108. The woods _____ the house.
- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
109. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
110. The lawyer's _____ for the case was \$10,000.
- n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
111. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
112. 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

ANSWERS: 105. innovation, 106. spotlight, 107. self-made, 108. embrace, 109. massive, 110. fee, 111. evolved, 112. bombs

113. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

114. Climbing to the _____ of the mountain is a challenge that many outdoor enthusiasts strive to achieve.

- n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success

115. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.

- adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

116. The _____ of the waves on the beach made it difficult to swim.

- n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy

117. The company is facing a _____ for its alleged discrimination against employees.

- n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

118. She made a facial _____ to express disagreement.

- n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

119. The company has filed for a _____ to protect its new invention.

- n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

ANSWERS: 113. claim, 114. pinnacle, 115. immediate, 116. churning, 117. lawsuit, 118. gesture, 119. patent

120. The _____ design of the interface made the operation difficult.

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

121. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

122. He _____ in relief when he finally found his lost keys.

v. to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way

123. The _____ gadget was a hit at the trade show.

adj. recently invented or introduced and often not well-tested or proven

124. 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

ANSWERS: 120. awkward, 121. fundamental, 122. sighed, 123. newfangled, 124. tradition