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Session 1: Word List

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

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

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

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

synonym: breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth

The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

fashion

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

synonym: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends
That style is no longer in **fashion**.

picky

adj. overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences

synonym: fussy, choosy, particular

(1) **picky** personality, (2) **picky** about details

My **picky** eater only likes to eat certain types of vegetables.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

formula

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

synonym: expression, recipe, procedure

(1) structural **formula**, (2) a binomial **formula**

The teacher told the students to memorize the math **formula**.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym: diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym: closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

knit

v. to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine

synonym: weave, crochet, knot

(1) **knit** my eyebrows, (2) **knit** a pair of socks
The grandmother **knit** a warm sweater for her grandchild.

breakup

n. the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections

synonym: breakdown, divorce, separation

(1) a **breakup** hug, (2) air **breakup**
He got over the big **breakup** with his wife.

monogamy

n. the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner

synonym: marriage, monandry, monogamousness

(1) **monogamy** rules, (2) practice **monogamy**
Many religious institutions promote **monogamy** as the ideal form of marriage.

cohabit

v. to live together in a sexual relationship without being married; to inhabit or occupy the same space or dwelling

synonym: live together, reside, dwell

(1) **cohabit** with partner, (2) **cohabit** without marriage
My boyfriend and I plan to **cohabit** for a year before deciding to get married.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,
(2) **engage** a new employee
Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

variable

adj. likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

synonym : erratic, inconsistent, irregular

(1) a **variable** species, (2) a dependent **variable**

Rainfall in the tropics is highly **variable**.

serendipity

n. the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

synonym : luck, chance, fortune

(1) **serendipity** moment, (2) **serendipity** discovery

The discovery of penicillin was a result of **serendipity**.

probabilistic

adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

synonym : probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

population

n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location

synonym : people, inhabitants, folk

(1) **population** change, (2) labor **population**

In just four years, the **population** has doubled.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym : lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

avid

adj. characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity

synonym : enthusiastic, eager, fervent

(1) **avid** baseball fan, (2) have **avid** eyes

She was an **avid** reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.

meantime

n. the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

synonym : interim, meanwhile, lag

(1) **meantime** report, (2) for the **meantime**

In the **meantime**, while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity
We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

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

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

bump

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

synonym: collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

predicate

n. a statement or assertion about something, especially a statement in logic or grammar; (verb) to base or found on a particular fact or assumption

synonym: statement, assertion, claim

(1) a **predicate** that it's true, (2) **predicate** noun

The **predicate** of the sentence states the action or condition of the subject.

algorithm

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

synonym: logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing

We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

matchmake

v. to arrange or facilitate a romantic relationship or marriage between two people; to act as a matchmaker

synonym: arrange marriages, pair up, introduce people

(1) **matchmake** a couple, (2) **matchmake** people based on their interests

She tried to **matchmake** her two friends on a blind date, but it was a disaster.

explicit

adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

synonym: clear, unambiguous, unequivocal

(1) **explicit** content, (2) **explicit** instructions

The movie had an **explicit** sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

rabbi

n. a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher

synonym: clergyman, priest, teacher

(1) son of a **rabbi**, (2) the city's communal **rabbi**

The chief **rabbi** chanted a prayer.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

questionnaire

n. a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies

synonym: survey, poll, form

(1) fill out a **questionnaire**, (2) distribute a **questionnaire**

The company sent out a lengthy **questionnaire** to gather feedback from its customers.

résumé

n. a summary of a person's education, work experience, and qualifications, often used in job applications as a way to showcase their skills and achievements

synonym: summary, outline, recap

(1) **résumé** template, (2) professional **résumé**

You need to update your **résumé** before submitting it for the job application.

descriptive

adj. serving to describe or inform, or characterized by description

synonym: clarifying, explanatory, elucidative

(1) write a **descriptive** essay, (2) **descriptive** grammar

This movie is **descriptive** of his intellectual exploration.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym: prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

monetize

v. to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money

synonym: mint, make profit

(1) **monetize** my skill, (2) **monetize** nickel

He explored ways to **monetize** his digital content.

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

gadget

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

synonym: appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

bat

n. a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

synonym: cane, rod, stick

(1) **bat** cave, (2) **bat** an eye

The cave was a habitat for **bats**.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

appetizer

n. a small dish served before a meal to stimulate the appetite

synonym: starter, hors d'oeuvre, nibble

(1) pre-dinner **appetizer**, (2) **appetizer** snack

The grilled shrimp served as a special **appetizer** for the dinner's main course.

entree

n. a main course or dish in a meal often served after an appetizer or soup

synonym: main course, dish, plate

(1) **entree** special, (2) vegetarian **entree**

I ordered the steak **entree** with a side of mashed potatoes and vegetables.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

synonym: accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym: break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

gasp

v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

synonym: breathe, pant, heave

(1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasp**ed when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

needless

adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

synonym: unnecessary, pointless, superfluous

(1) **needless** argument, (2) **needless** waste

This **needless** paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym: gripe, claim, denounce

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

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

laptop

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

(1) bring my **laptop**, (2) thin-and-light **laptop**

I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my **laptop** all day.

shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

synonym: push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

template

n. a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch

synonym : pattern, model, blueprint

(1) **template** file, (2) **template** design

The **template** format provided a useful guide for creating the budget.

empirical

adj. based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

synonym : observational, experiential, factual

(1) **empirical** research, (2) **empirical** philosophy

The study's results were based on **empirical** evidence gathered from extensive research.

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.

remark

n. a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

synonym : comment, observation, statement

(1) a flattering **remark**, (2) **remark** dripping with bitterness

His candid **remark** at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.

vocabulary

n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

synonym : lexicon, glossary, dictionary

(1) **vocabulary** list, (2) academic **vocabulary**

Using proper **vocabulary** is essential for writing a good essay.

crunch

n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

synonym: crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

correlation

n. a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.

synonym: relationship, connection, association

(1) ecological **correlation**, (2) **correlation** coefficient

There is a strong **correlation** between education level and income.

scotch

v. to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom

synonym: halt, stop, block

(1) **scotch** any further debate, (2) **scotch** the deal

I need to **scotch** these rumors before they spread any further.

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.

kink

n. a tight curl, twist or bend in an object, particularly in a piece of wire, hose, or tubing; a peculiar or eccentric liking or habit

synonym: bend, twist, curl

(1) **kink** in the neck, (2) sexual **kink**

The **kink** in the hose was preventing water from flowing correctly.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

generate

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

synonym : create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month
The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym : engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue
He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

blank

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

synonym : empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym : harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

horror

n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

synonym : fear, terror, dread

(1) **horror** movie, (2) **horror-struck** look

The stories of war crimes filled her with **horror**.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

pal

n. a close friend

synonym : buddy, friend, chum

(1) baseball **pal**, (2) long-time **pal**

She is a pen **pal** of mine.

superficial

adj. existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely

synonym : shallow, facile, cursory

(1) **superficial** wound, (2) **superficial** knowledge

The journalist's **superficial** reporting should have captured the full scope of the issue.

database

n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**

Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

reverse

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

synonym : overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order
The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
synonym: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

amass

v. to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference

synonym: gather, collect, accumulate

(1) **amass** a patent portfolio, (2) **amass** followers

She had **amassed** a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

synagogue

n. (also "shul") a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices

synonym: temple, shul, tabernacle

(1) reconstructed **synagogue**, (2) historical **synagogue**

We attended services at the local **synagogue** during the High Holidays.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack
The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
synonym : mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control
She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

wrangle

n. a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter

synonym : argument, dispute, quarrel

(1) **wrangle** over money, (2) political **wrangle**

The two politicians had a heated **wrangle** over the proposed tax reform.

fling

v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

synonym : throw, dump, hurl

(1) **fling** a stream of abuse, (2) **fling** a door open forcefully
He was provoked to **fling** the draft on the floor.

exotic

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

synonym : foreign, alien, unfamiliar

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

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

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym : consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym: anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

tier

n. one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance

synonym: level, layer, class

(1) a two- **tier** system, (2) **tier** one company

The company operates on a three- **tier** pricing structure.

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym: position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

stimulate

v. to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions

synonym: excite, provoke, arouse

(1) **stimulate** the economy, (2) **stimulate** the nervous

system

The book **stimulated** my imagination.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

deal-breaker

n. a condition, demand, or factor that is essential or critical in a negotiation, contract, or relationship; failure to meet this condition may result in a breakdown or abandonment of the deal or agreement

synonym: stumbling block, showstopper

(1) **deal-breaker** issue, (2) financial **deal-breaker**

Not liking the same music was a **deal-breaker** for their relationship.

calculate

v. to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics

synonym: compute, figure, estimate

(1) **calculate** the distance, (2) **calculate** his credit score

He couldn't **calculate** the actual value of the artwork.

threshold

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

synonym: anteroom, brink, verge

(1) the **threshold** between rooms, (2) high pain **threshold**

She's on the **threshold** of adulthood.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

hike

n. a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost

synonym: walk, trek, excursion

(1) go on a **hike**, (2) a **hike** in prices

The family decided to **hike** in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

cruise

n. a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace

synonym: sail, voyage, journey

(1) the **cruise** line, (2) adaptive **cruise** control

The family took a **cruise** to the Caribbean for their vacation.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym: snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

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.

outgoing

adj. friendly and energetic in talking to others; tending to go out or away

synonym: extroverted, sociable, friendly

(1) **outgoing** attitude, (2) **outgoing** mail

She was an **outgoing** person and loved meeting new people and trying new things.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym: affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym: rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

scraping

n. the act of removing a thin layer of material from a surface, often to clean or smooth it; a sound or

sensation that is produced by something being removed or rubbed against another surface; (of computer technology) the automated extraction or collection of data from websites

synonym : abrading, scratching, rubbing

(1) **scraping** tools, (2) metal **scraping**

The **scraping** sound coming from the engine made us worry about the car's condition.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

qualitative

adj. relating to or involving qualities, such as properties, characteristics, or features, rather than quantities or numbers, often used to describe research or analysis that focuses on subjective or non-measurable factors

synonym : subjective, interpretative

(1) **qualitative** analysis, (2) **qualitative** factors

The researchers used a **qualitative** approach to analyze their findings.

humor

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

synonym : comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**

My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

quantitative

adj. relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data

synonym : numerical, measurable

(1) **quantitative** tightening, (2) **quantitative** analysis

The **quantitative** research provided statistical evidence to support the hypothesis.

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym : aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym : peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym : explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

out.

hallmark

n. a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

synonym: symbol, authentication, indication

(1) the **hallmark** of a good scientist, (2) the **hallmark** of modern life

A clear and simple expression is the **hallmark** of good writing.

nonspecific

adj. not specific or detailed; lacking precise definition or differentiation; not limited to a particular thing, person, or situation

synonym: indeterminate, unspecific, vague

(1) **nonspecific** changes, (2) **nonspecific** antibody

The patient complained of **nonspecific** pain in their lower abdomen.

patient

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

synonym: client, recipient, subject

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

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

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym: hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business

conditions.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

dumb

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

synonym: mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym: immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

contrast

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

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

upload

v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

synonym: transfer, load up

(1) **upload** files, (2) **upload** documents to the portal
I need to **upload** these pictures to my computer to edit them.

optimize

v. to make the best or most effective use of something
synonym: advance, amend, improve

(1) **optimize** a process, (2) **optimize** control for cooling
The essence of economics is to **optimize** the allocation of limited resources.

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**
Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

synonym: curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise
The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym: sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

arctic

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

synonym: cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

seal

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

synonym: enclose, shut, close

(1) **seal** a hole, (2) a fur **seal**

He **sealed** the letter with hot wax.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

propose

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

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

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

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

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym: structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house

He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the

phenomenon.

fluffy

adj. soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur

synonym: soft, feathery, puffy

(1) **fluffy** clouds, (2) **fluffy** blanket

The kitten had **fluffy** fur that was soft to the touch.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sexual k__k *n.* a tight curl, twist or bend in an object, particularly in a piece of wire, hose, or tubing; a peculiar or eccentric liking or habit
2. ex_____it content *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
3. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
4. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
5. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
6. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
7. financial cr___h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
8. em_____al research *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
9. ne_____ss argument *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

ANSWERS: 1. kink, 2. explicit, 3. suppose, 4. population, 5. process, 6. obvious, 7. crunch, 8. empirical, 9. needless

10. g__p in shock *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
11. pr____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
12. a two-t__r system *n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
13. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
14. al_____hm for image processing *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
15. structural fo____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
16. the ba____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
17. write a des_____ve essay *adj.* serving to describe or inform, or characterized by description
18. qua_____ve analysis *adj.* relating to or involving qualities, such as properties, characteristics, or features, rather than quantities or numbers, often used to describe research or analysis that focuses on subjective or non-measurable factors
19. at____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something

ANSWERS: 10. gasp, 11. propose, 12. tier, 13. fake, 14. algorithm, 15. formula, 16. balance, 17. descriptive, 18. qualitative, 19. attitude

20. st_____te the economy *v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
21. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
22. a sand p___e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
23. co_____t without marriage *v.* to live together in a sexual relationship without being married; to inhabit or occupy the same space or dwelling
24. pr_____te noun *n.* a statement or assertion about something, especially a statement in logic or grammar; (verb) to base or found on a particular fact or assumption
25. s___l a hole *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
26. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
27. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
28. fill out a que_____ire *n.* a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies
29. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

ANSWERS: 20. stimulate, 21. suddenly, 22. pile, 23. cohabit, 24. predicate, 25. seal, 26. confront, 27. highlight, 28. questionnaire, 29. analyze

30. sc___h the deal
v. to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom
31. a va_____le species
adj. likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed
32. opt_____ic outlook
adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
33. ar___c ice
adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
34. def_____ly become a problem
adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
35. dea_____ker issue
n. a condition, demand, or factor that is essential or critical in a negotiation, contract, or relationship; failure to meet this condition may result in a breakdown or abandonment of the deal or agreement
36. pi__y personality
adj. overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences
37. 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

ANSWERS: 30. scotch, 31. variable, 32. optimistic, 33. arctic, 34. definitely, 35. deal-breaker, 36. picky, 37. refer

38. military st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
39. a h__e in prices *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
40. b_t cave *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
41. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
42. wr_____e over money *n.* a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter
43. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
44. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
45. ro_____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
46. professional r□____□ *n.* a summary of a person's education, work experience, and qualifications, often used in job applications as a way to showcase their skills and achievements

ANSWERS: 38. strategy, 39. hike, 40. bat, 41. communicate, 42. wrangle, 43. weigh, 44. fantastic, 45. romantic, 46. résumé

47. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
48. call and co_____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
49. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
50. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
51. br___l honesty *adj.* harsh or cruel
52. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
53. a com_____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
54. cor_____on coefficient *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
55. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
56. distribute a que_____ire *n.* a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies
57. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 47. peer, 48. complain, 49. regardless, 50. flee, 51. brutal, 52. tremendous, 53. competitive, 54. correlation, 55. balance, 56. questionnaire, 57. patient

58. ma_____ke people based on their interests *v.* to arrange or facilitate a romantic relationship or marriage between two people; to act as a matchmaker
59. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
60. ou_____ng mail *adj.* friendly and energetic in talking to others; tending to go out or away
61. b__p against a wall *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
62. st___t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
63. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
64. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
65. vegetarian en___e *n.* a main course or dish in a meal often served after an appetizer or soup
66. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
67. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
68. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

ANSWERS: 58. matchmake, 59. possibility, 60. outgoing, 61. bump, 62. strict, 63. disagree, 64. award, 65. entree, 66. journalist, 67. normally, 68. damn

69. ho___r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
70. b__p up prices *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
71. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
72. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
73. a gas cr___h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
74. the fr_____rk of a house *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
75. qua_____ive analysis *adj.* relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data
76. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
77. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
78. a__d baseball fan *adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
79. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 69. horror, 70. bump, 71. analyze, 72. split, 73. crunch, 74. framework, 75. quantitative, 76. engage, 77. crazy, 78. avid, 79. modern

80. sc_____ng tools *n.* the act of removing a thin layer of material from a surface, often to clean or smooth it; a sound or sensation that is produced by something being removed or rubbed against another surface; (of computer technology) the automated extraction or collection of data from websites
81. ex_____it instructions *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
82. the ha_____rk of modern life *n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
83. qua_____ve factors *adj.* relating to or involving qualities, such as properties, characteristics, or features, rather than quantities or numbers, often used to describe research or analysis that focuses on subjective or non-measurable factors
84. re___k dripping with bitterness *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
85. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
86. baseball p_l *n.* a close friend
87. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
88. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 80. scraping, 81. explicit, 82. hallmark, 83. qualitative, 84. remark, 85. relation, 86. pal, 87. release, 88. strategy

89. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
90. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
91. te_____te file *n.* a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch
92. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
93. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
94. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
95. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
96. pro_____tic model *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
97. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
98. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
99. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 89. crazy, 90. regardless, 91. template, 92. immediately, 93. engage, 94. competition, 95. conversation, 96. probabilistic, 97. relation, 98. constantly, 99. involve

100. metal sc_____ng
- n.* the act of removing a thin layer of material from a surface, often to clean or smooth it; a sound or sensation that is produced by something being removed or rubbed against another surface; (of computer technology) the automated extraction or collection of data from websites
101. a fur s__l
- v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
102. op_____ze control for cooling
- v.* to make the best or most effective use of something
103. reconstructed sy_____ue
- n.* (also "shul") a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
104. sup_____al wound
- adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
105. get in_____t access
- adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
106. com_____te well with my advisor
- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
107. at_____t attention
- v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 100. scraping, 101. seal, 102. optimize, 103. synagogue, 104. superficial, 105. instant, 106. communicate, 107. attract

108. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
109. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
110. fl___y clouds *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
111. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
112. ge_____te more electricity *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
113. com_____ve position *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
114. sardonic hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
115. employee da_____se *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
116. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
117. political wr_____e *n.* a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter

ANSWERS: 108. invite, 109. decide, 110. fluffy, 111. launch, 112. generate, 113. competitive, 114. humor, 115. database, 116. reverse, 117. wrangle

118. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
119. en___e special *n.* a main course or dish in a meal often served after an appetizer or soup
120. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
121. ou_____ng attitude *adj.* friendly and energetic in talking to others; tending to go out or away
122. a handy ga___t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
123. high pain th_____ld *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
124. pre-dinner ap_____er *n.* a small dish served before a meal to stimulate the appetite
125. spe_____ar view *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
126. ser_____ty discovery *n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
127. ge_____te \$100 a month *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
128. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
129. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 118. constantly, 119. entree, 120. population, 121. outgoing, 122. gadget, 123. threshold, 124. appetizer, 125. spectacular, 126. serendipity, 127. generate, 128. rank, 129. conversation

130. a flattering re___k *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
131. in st___t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
132. sh___e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
133. co_____t with partner *v.* to live together in a sexual relationship without being married; to inhabit or occupy the same space or dwelling
134. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
135. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
136. fl___y blanket *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
137. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
138. the cr___e line *n.* a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace
139. a dependent va_____le *adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

ANSWERS: 130. remark, 131. strict, 132. shove, 133. cohabit, 134. patient, 135. possibility, 136. fluffy, 137. engineer, 138. cruise, 139. variable

140. vitreous hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
141. have a__d eyes *adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
142. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
143. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
144. non_____ic changes *adj.* not specific or detailed; lacking precise definition or differentiation; not limited to a particular thing, person, or situation
145. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
146. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
147. historical sy_____ue *n.* (also "shul") a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
148. an aw_____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

ANSWERS: 140. humor, 141. avid, 142. journalist, 143. fashion, 144. nonspecific, 145. stick, 146. propose, 147. synagogue, 148. awkward

149. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
150. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
151. a pr_____te that it's true *n.* a statement or assertion about something, especially a statement in logic or grammar; (verb) to base or found on a particular fact or assumption
152. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
153. ecological cor_____on *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
154. academic voc_____ry *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
155. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
156. r[]__ [] template *n.* a summary of a person's education, work experience, and qualifications, often used in job applications as a way to showcase their skills and achievements
157. at_____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something

ANSWERS: 149. definitely, 150. highlight, 151. predicate, 152. tight, 153. correlation, 154. vocabulary, 155. crack, 156. résumé, 157. attitude

158. st_____te the nervous system *v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
159. thin-and-light la___p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
160. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
161. da_____se administrator *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
162. struck d__b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
163. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
164. ex___c vacation *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
165. pi__y about details *adj.* overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences
166. for the me_____me *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
167. the city's communal ra__i *n.* a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher

ANSWERS: 158. stimulate, 159. laptop, 160. reverse, 161. database, 162. dumb, 163. fashion, 164. exotic, 165. picky, 166. meantime, 167. rabbi

168. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
169. high ar___c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
170. an in_____t reply *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
171. am__s a patent portfolio *v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
172. up___d files *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
173. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
174. k__t my eyebrows *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
175. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
176. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
177. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

ANSWERS: 168. mathematics, 169. arctic, 170. instant, 171. amass, 172. upload, 173. tight, 174. knit, 175. attract, 176. launch, 177. fake

178. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
179. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
180. ho___r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
181. an aw_____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
182. ser_____ty moment *n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
183. op_____ze a process *v.* to make the best or most effective use of something
184. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
185. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
186. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
187. ca_____te the distance *v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics
188. 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

ANSWERS: 178. crack, 179. suppose, 180. horror, 181. awkward, 182. serendipity, 183. optimize, 184. chart, 185. peer, 186. contrast, 187. calculate, 188. refer

189. sup_____al knowledge *adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
190. the ha_____rk of a good scientist *n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
191. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
192. a br_____p hug *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
193. ne_____ss waste *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
194. k__t a pair of socks *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
195. fl__g a stream of abuse *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
196. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
197. pro_____tic approach *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
198. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 189. superficial, 190. hallmark, 191. invite, 192. breakup, 193. needless, 194. knit, 195. fling, 196. disagree, 197. probabilistic, 198. involve

199. a civil en_____er
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
200. inc_____ly cheerful character
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
201. st__k a key in a lock
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
202. f__e abroad
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
203. bl__k paper
adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
204. ap_____er snack
n. a small dish served before a meal to stimulate the appetite
205. mo_____ze nickel
v. to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money
206. h__t a job
v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
207. k__k in the neck
n. a tight curl, twist or bend in an object, particularly in a piece of wire, hose, or tubing; a peculiar or eccentric liking or habit
208. sp__t a bill
v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

ANSWERS: 199. engineer, 200. incredibly, 201. stick, 202. flee, 203. blank, 204. appetizer, 205. monetize, 206. hunt, 207. kink, 208. split

209. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
210. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
211. ro_____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
212. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
213. mo_____my rules *n.* the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner
214. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
215. financial dea_____ker *n.* a condition, demand, or factor that is essential or critical in a negotiation, contract, or relationship; failure to meet this condition may result in a breakdown or abandonment of the deal or agreement
216. go on a h__e *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
217. practice mo_____my *n.* the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner

ANSWERS: 209. contrast, 210. ecosystem, 211. romantic, 212. award, 213. monogamy, 214. decide, 215. deal-breaker, 216. hike, 217. monogamy

218. am__s followers *v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
219. non_____ic antibody *adj.* not specific or detailed; lacking precise definition or differentiation; not limited to a particular thing, person, or situation
220. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
221. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
222. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
223. d__b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
224. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
225. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
226. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
227. adaptive cr_____e control *n.* a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace

ANSWERS: 218. amass, 219. nonspecific, 220. obvious, 221. cult, 222. cult, 223. dumb, 224. rank, 225. release, 226. pile, 227. cruise

228. fl___t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
229. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
230. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
231. time-saving ga___t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
232. a binomial fo_____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
233. bring my la___p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
234. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
235. b_t an eye *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
236. ma_____ke a couple *v.* to arrange or facilitate a romantic relationship or marriage between two people; to act as a matchmaker
237. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
238. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 228. fluent, 229. fantastic, 230. Jewish, 231. gadget, 232. formula, 233. laptop, 234. necessarily, 235. bat, 236. matchmake, 237. mathematics, 238. ecosystem

239. g__p for air *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
240. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
241. the th_____ld between rooms *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
242. br___l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
243. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
244. sh__e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
245. son of a ra__i *n.* a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher
246. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
247. mo_____ze my skill *v.* to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money
248. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
249. the RSA al_____hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

ANSWERS: 239. gasp, 240. tremendous, 241. threshold, 242. brutal, 243. chart, 244. shove, 245. rabbi, 246. optimistic, 247. monetize, 248. competition, 249. algorithm

250. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
251. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
252. fl__g a door open forcefully *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
253. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
254. sc___h any further debate *v.* to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom
255. voc_____ry list *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
256. air br_____p *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
257. qua_____ive tightening *adj.* relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data
258. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
259. the ma_____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

ANSWERS: 250. normally, 251. maximum, 252. fling, 253. immediately, 254. scotch, 255. vocabulary, 256. breakup, 257. quantitative, 258. Jewish, 259. maximum

260. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
261. co_____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
262. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
263. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
264. long-time p_l *n.* a close friend
265. te_____te design *n.* a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch
266. t__r one company *n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
267. ca_____te his credit score *v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics
268. achieve spe_____ar growth *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
269. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
270. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
271. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

ANSWERS: 260. prioritize, 261. complain, 262. pound, 263. hunt, 264. pal, 265. template, 266. tier, 267. calculate, 268. spectacular, 269. necessarily, 270. incredibly, 271. confront

272. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
273. me____me report *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
274. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
275. ex___c species *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
276. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
277. legal fr_____rk *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
278. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
279. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
280. in a fl___t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
281. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 272. suddenly, 273. meantime, 274. blank, 275. exotic, 276. damn, 277. framework, 278. weigh, 279. prioritize, 280. fluent, 281. background

282. des_____ve grammar *adj.* serving to describe or inform, or characterized by description
283. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
284. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
285. up___d documents to the portal *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
286. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
287. em_____al philosophy *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
288. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 282. descriptive, 283. modern, 284. background, 285. upload, 286. pound, 287. empirical, 288. process

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.
adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
2. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
3. She was an _____ reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.
adj. characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
4. The teacher told the students to memorize the math _____.
n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
5. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
6. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.
adv. usually; under normal conditions
7. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
8. I love trying _____ foods from different cultures.
adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

ANSWERS: 1. maximum, 2. possibility, 3. avid, 4. formula, 5. modern, 6. normally, 7. cult, 8. exotic

9. The _____ in the hose was preventing water from flowing correctly.
n. a tight curl, twist or bend in an object, particularly in a piece of wire, hose, or tubing; a peculiar or eccentric liking or habit
10. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
11. Rainfall in the tropics is highly _____.
adj. likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed
12. You need to update your _____ before submitting it for the job application.
n. a summary of a person's education, work experience, and qualifications, often used in job applications as a way to showcase their skills and achievements
13. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.
n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
14. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
15. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.
adj. happening immediately, with no delay
16. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen
adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

ANSWERS: 9. kink, 10. involves, 11. variable, 12. résumé, 13. algorithm, 14. Jewish, 15. instant, 16. blank

17. We attended services at the local _____ during the High Holidays.
n. (also "shul") a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
18. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
19. I found the kitchen _____ that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.
n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
20. 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
21. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
22. The grandmother _____ a warm sweater for her grandchild.
v. to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
23. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
24. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it
adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

ANSWERS: 17. synagogue, 18. competition, 19. gadget, 20. refer, 21. pounds, 22. knit, 23. release, 24. faked

25. The _____ of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.
n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
26. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.
adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
27. This movie is _____ of his intellectual exploration.
adj. serving to describe or inform, or characterized by description
28. His candid _____ at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.
n. a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
29. The national election was held amid _____ security.
adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
30. She was an _____ person and loved meeting new people and trying new things.
adj. friendly and energetic in talking to others; tending to go out or away
31. The researchers used a _____ approach to analyze their findings.
adj. relating to or involving qualities, such as properties, characteristics, or features, rather than quantities or numbers, often used to describe research or analysis that focuses on subjective or non-measurable factors
32. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
- ANSWERS: 25. crunch, 26. strict, 27. descriptive, 28. remark, 29. tight, 30. outgoing, 31. qualitative, 32. fantastic,

33. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

34. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

35. It was his first _____ love.

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

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

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

37. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.

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

38. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

39. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

40. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

41. This _____ paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

ANSWERS: 33. award, 34. relations, 35. romantic, 36. contrast, 37. reversed, 38. constantly, 39. analyze, 40. incredibly, 41. needless

42. The chief _____ chanted a prayer.

n. a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher

43. He was provoked to _____ the draft on the floor.

v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

44. The government is eager to _____ international investment.

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

45. The discovery of penicillin was a result of _____.

n. the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

46. He forcibly _____ the flyer into my bag.

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

47. The journalist's _____ reporting should have captured the full scope of the issue.

adj. existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely

48. There is a strong _____ between education level and income.

n. a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.

49. The movie had an _____ sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

ANSWERS: 42. rabbi, 43. fling, 44. attract, 45. serendipity, 46. shoved, 47. superficial, 48. correlation, 49. explicit

50. She accidentally _____ into him in the crowded room.

- v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

51. In the _____ while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.

- n. the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

52. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

- v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

53. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

- v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

54. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.

- adj. harsh or cruel

55. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.

- v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

56. He explored ways to _____ his digital content.

- v. to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money

57. The book _____ my imagination.

- v. to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions

ANSWERS: 50. bumped, 51. meantime, 52. weighs, 53. damn, 54. brutal, 55. engaged, 56. monetize, 57. stimulated

58. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the _____ climate.
adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
59. He couldn't _____ the actual value of the artwork.
v. to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics
60. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
61. My wife seems to be in ill _____.
n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
62. She is a pen ____ of mine.
n. a close friend
63. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
64. A clear and simple expression is the _____ of good writing.
n. a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
65. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
adv. now or without delay
66. He got over the big _____ with his wife.
n. the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections

ANSWERS: 58. arctic, 59. calculate, 60. disagree, 61. humor, 62. pal, 63. communicate, 64. hallmark, 65. immediately, 66. breakup

67. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
68. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
- v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
69. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.
- v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
70. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
71. My boyfriend and I plan to _____ for a year before deciding to get married.
- v.* to live together in a sexual relationship without being married; to inhabit or occupy the same space or dwelling
72. Many religious institutions promote _____ as the ideal form of marriage.
- n.* the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner
73. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
- v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
74. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
- n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 67. strategy, 68. prioritized, 69. complaining, 70. stick, 71. cohabit, 72. monogamy, 73. split, 74. balance

75. She learned five languages but is only _____ in two of them.

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

76. She had the _____ that work was fun.

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

77. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

78. The two politicians had a heated _____ over the proposed tax reform.

n. a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter

79. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

80. The essence of economics is to _____ the allocation of limited resources.

v. to make the best or most effective use of something

81. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.

n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location

82. I need to _____ these pictures to my computer to edit them.

v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

ANSWERS: 75. fluent, 76. attitude, 77. launch, 78. wrangle, 79. generate, 80. optimize, 81. population, 82. upload

83. The _____ of the sentence states the action or condition of the subject.
n. a statement or assertion about something, especially a statement in logic or grammar; (verb) to base or found on a particular fact or assumption
84. The _____ format provided a useful guide for creating the budget.
n. a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch
85. The audience _____ when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.
v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
86. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
87. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.
adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
88. We had a _____ time yesterday.
adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
89. Using proper _____ is essential for writing a good essay.
n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
90. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 83. predicate, 84. template, 85. gasped, 86. crack, 87. dumb, 88. tremendous, 89. vocabulary, 90. crazy

91. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

92. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.

- adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

93. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.

- n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

94. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

95. The cave was a habitat for _____.

- n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

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

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

97. He has a flair for _____.

- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

98. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.

- n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

ANSWERS: 91. invite, 92. optimistic, 93. rank, 94. journalists, 95. bats, 96. awkward, 97. mathematics, 98. framework

99. The company sent out a lengthy _____ to gather feedback from its customers.
- n.* a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies
100. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
101. This pie _____ represents our market share.
- n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
102. She's on the _____ of adulthood.
- n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
103. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.
- adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
104. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.
- adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
105. The grilled shrimp served as a special _____ for the dinner's main course.
- n.* a small dish served before a meal to stimulate the appetite
106. Who answers _____ knows little.
- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 99. questionnaire, 100. peer, 101. chart, 102. threshold, 103. definitely, 104. spectacular, 105. appetizer, 106. suddenly

107. The study's results were based on _____ evidence gathered from extensive research.

adj. based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

108. He _____ the letter with hot wax.

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

109. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

110. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

111. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

112. I need to _____ these rumors before they spread any further.

v. to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom

113. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

ANSWERS: 107. empirical, 108. sealed, 109. regardless, 110. suppose, 111. hunt, 112. scotch, 113. highlighted

114. The patient complained of _____ pain in their lower abdomen.
adj. not specific or detailed; lacking precise definition or differentiation; not limited to a particular thing, person, or situation
115. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
116. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
117. The company operates on a three-_____ pricing structure.
n. one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
118. That style is no longer in _____.
n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
119. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
120. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
121. She had _____ a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.
v. to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference

ANSWERS: 114. nonspecific, 115. obvious, 116. propose, 117. tier, 118. fashion, 119. patient's, 120. background, 121. amassed

122. This accident was something that happened _____.

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

123. My _____ eater only likes to eat certain types of vegetables.

adj. overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences

124. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

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

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

126. The kitten had _____ fur that was soft to the touch.

adj. soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur

127. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

128. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

129. I ordered the steak _____ with a side of mashed potatoes and vegetables.

n. a main course or dish in a meal often served after an appetizer or soup

ANSWERS: 122. necessarily, 123. picky, 124. engineer, 125. process, 126. fluffy, 127. flee, 128. piles, 129. entree

130. The _____ research provided statistical evidence to support the hypothesis.

adj. relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data

131. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

132. The _____ sound coming from the engine made us worry about the car's condition.

n. the act of removing a thin layer of material from a surface, often to clean or smooth it; a sound or sensation that is produced by something being removed or rubbed against another surface; (of computer technology) the automated extraction or collection of data from websites

133. She tried to _____ her two friends on a blind date, but it was a disaster.

v. to arrange or facilitate a romantic relationship or marriage between two people; to act as a matchmaker

134. The family took a _____ to the Caribbean for their vacation.

n. a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace

135. The family decided to _____ in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

n. a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost

136. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 130. quantitative, 131. competitive, 132. scraping, 133. matchmake, 134. cruise, 135. hike, 136. ecosystem

137. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

138. In a _____ system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

139. I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my _____ all day.

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

140. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

141. The stories of war crimes filled her with _____.

n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

142. Each country's officials can access the central _____.

n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

143. Not liking the same music was a _____ for their relationship.

n. a condition, demand, or factor that is essential or critical in a negotiation, contract, or relationship; failure to meet this condition may result in a breakdown or abandonment of the deal or agreement

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

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

ANSWERS: 137. confront, 138. probabilistic, 139. laptop, 140. conversation, 141. horror, 142. database, 143. deal-breaker, 144. decide

ANSWERS: