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Session 1: Word List

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

Arthurian

adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

ballroom

n. a large room for dancing

synonym: dance hall, assembly hall

(1) **ballroom** dance, (2) **ballroom** floor

The grand **ballroom** was filled with twirling couples and the sound of music.

vow

v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

synonym: promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

abject

adj. extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless

synonym: wretched, miserable, pitiful

(1) **abject** failure, (2) **abject** despair

The **abject** poverty in the slums is a concern for the government.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

utter

adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

synonym: absolute, complete, total

(1) **utter** nonsense, (2) **utter** a big sigh

The **utter** chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

misery

n. a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune

synonym: affliction, despair, anguish

(1) live in **misery**, (2) untold **misery**

Our company suffered **misery** from incurring a heavy loss.

damp

adj. slightly wet or moist; characterized by a lack of warmth, enthusiasm, or energy; depressing or dispiriting

synonym: moist, dampened, wet

(1) **damp** cloth, (2) **damp** weather

The clothes were still **damp** after being in the dryer for an hour.

eternal

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

synonym: endless, everlasting, undying

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

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

devotion

n. great loyalty and love or deep consideration for someone or something

synonym: dedication, faith, adherence

(1) **devotion** for Buddhism, (2) selfless **devotion**

Their **devotion** to each other was beautiful.

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.

bastardize

v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

synonym : corrupt, debase, pervert

(1) **bastardize** a recipe, (2) **bastardize** culture

We do not want to **bastardize** the text's original meaning through poor translations.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym : treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym : sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

These heavy rains caused **flash** floods on several islands.

midlife

n. the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness

(1) **midlife** depression, (2) **midlife** changes

Many people go through a **midlife** crisis and contemplate major life changes.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be

taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

far-off

adj. distant in time or space; remote; distant or unlikely to happen

synonym : distant, remote, faraway

(1) **far-off** lands, (2) **far-off** memories

The **far-off** galaxy was only visible through a powerful telescope.

snore

v. to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull

synonym : doze, slumber, yawn

(1) **snore** in my sleep, (2) **snore** peacefully

I couldn't sleep because my roommate **snored** loudly every night.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym : great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

toast

n. slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even

(1) drink a **toast**, (2) slice of **toast**

We made a **toast** with everyone.

booze

n. an informal term for alcoholic beverages, particularly strong liquor or spirits

synonym :

alcohol, liquor, spirits

(1) cheap **booze**, (2) drown your sorrows in **booze**

The partygoers were advised to drink moderately and avoid excessive **booze** consumption.

seed

n. a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant

synonym: germ, kernel, ovule

(1) a **seed** coat, (2) **seed** money

He planted the **seed** in the soil and waited for it to sprout.

divorce

n. the legal dissolution of a marriage

synonym: separation, dissolution, breakup

(1) **divorce** settlement, (2) a consensual **divorce**

The couple decided to get a **divorce** after many years of marriage.

anniversary

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

synonym: commemoration, celebration, observance

(1) **anniversary** celebration, (2) a bicentennial **anniversary**

They celebrated their 10th **anniversary** with a romantic dinner.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest,

in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym : argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

toilet

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

synonym : bathroom, lavatory, washroom

(1) **toilet** paper, (2) **toilet** seat

She walked to the **toilet** to freshen up before the meeting.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym : stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

double-blind

n. a method of experimentation where neither the participants nor the experimenters know who is receiving a particular treatment used to prevent bias in research results

synonym : randomization, placebo-controlled study

(1) **double-blind** experiment, (2) conduct a **double-blind** trial

The scientists conducted a **double-blind** study to ensure the validity of their results.

placebo

n. harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug

(1) **placebo** therapy, (2) patient in the **placebo** group

A double-blind procedure is used to guard against experimenter bias and **placebo** effects.

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

boredom

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

synonym: ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

opposition

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

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

excitement

n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

synonym: thrill, exhilaration, incitement

(1) the **excitement** in the business world, (2) aesthetic **excitement**

The **excitement** of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

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.

hell

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

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

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

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

folk

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

synonym : community, family, person

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

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

side-by-side

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

synonym: adjacent, parallel, adjoining

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

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

burial

n. the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave

synonym: interment, funeral, entombment

(1) **burial** at sea, (2) a round **burial** mound

The **burial** ceremony was a somber reminder of his passing.

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym: scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

solo

adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone

synonym: alone

(1) a **solo** vocal recital, (2) a **solo** flight

I would love to **solo** camping someday.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

stalk

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym: follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking

the shot

bliss

n. extreme happiness or joy

synonym : delight, euphoria, happiness

(1) ignorance is **bliss**, (2) ultimate **bliss**

The first two years of her marriage were sheer **bliss**.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym : name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

miserable

adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

synonym : unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

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.

marital

adj. of or relating to marriage

synonym : wedded, connubial, matrimonial

(1) **marital** fidelity, (2) affect **marital** relations

More and more people are utilizing counselors to help resolve their **marital** problems.

laborious

adj. requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work

synonym : arduous, difficult, strenuous

(1) **laborious** routine, (2) **laborious** project

The construction workers had a **laborious** job of carrying heavy equipment up several flights of stairs.

diet

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

synonym : food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval

A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

gut

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

synonym : belly, abdomen, courage

(1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings

He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym : destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

housework

n. the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house

synonym : chores, cleaning, domestic duties

(1) **housework** robot, (2) light **housework**

She didn't mind doing the **housework** as long as it kept her busy and productive.

attractive

adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

synonym : beautiful, fetching, alluring

(1) **attractive** men, (2) **attractive** opportunity

The growth of the "sharing economy" is **attractive** for tech companies.

nag

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

synonym : hassle, bother, badger

(1) **nag** about the minor thing, (2) **nag** political leaders

She couldn't stop **nagging** her husband to take out the trash.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

notch

n. a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison

synonym : groove, slit, incision

(1) top- **notch** service, (2) score a **notch**

The cake was decorated with a **notch** to represent the birthday boy's age.

domestic

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

synonym: endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym: go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

photograph

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

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

clarify

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

synonym: explain, ascribe, purify

(1) **clarify** a goal, (2) **clarify** his feelings

The police tried to **clarify** the facts concerning her death.

journal

n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

synonym: periodical, diary, bulletin

(1) scientific **journal**, (2) **journal** articles

The physician is reading the **journals** related to medicine

entirely

adv. completely

synonym:

completely, fully, totally

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

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

digital

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

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

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

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

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.

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

safeguard

v. to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss

synonym: protect, assure, conserve

(1) **safeguard** my property, (2) **safeguard** environmental quality

This measure will **safeguard** people against terrorism.

actress

n. a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies

synonym: performer, player, star

(1) an **actress** of real quality, (2) a well-known **actress**

The acclaimed **actress** received an Oscar for her outstanding

performance in the film.

swank

v. to walk or behave confidently and stylishly, often with the intent of impressing others; to style or dress in an ostentatiously fashionable or luxurious way; (adjective) stylish, luxurious, and fashionable in an ostentatious way

synonym: show off, strut, flaunt

(1) **swank** about his success, (2) **swank** restaurant

I will **swank** up this outfit with some fancy accessories for the party tonight.

bullock

n. a young bull, specifically a castrated male domestic bovine; a young steer used for draft or work purposes or its meat

synonym: ox, cow, steer

(1) grazing **bullock**, (2) **bullock** plowing

The farmer used a **bullock** cart to transport his produce to the local market.

statue

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

synonym: sculpture, figurine, monument

(1) a beautiful **statue**, (2) the ancient Egyptian **statues**

The **statue** of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

curse

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

synonym: condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym : bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

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.

comedy

n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

synonym : humor, farce, satire

(1) **comedy** series, (2) romantic **comedy**

I love going to see live **comedy** shows with my friends.

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.

satisfaction

n. a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

synonym : delight, pleasure, content

(1) a sense of **satisfaction**, (2) customer **satisfaction**

The mediated settlement brought **satisfaction** to both sides.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym : drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major

currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

unbearable

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

synonym: intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

grim

adj. looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

synonym: fierce, harsh, gloomy

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

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

comparison

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

synonym: equivalence, analogy, contrast

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

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

theoretical

adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

synonym: conceptual, conjectural, ideal

(1) **theoretical** models, (2) **theoretical** physicist

Absolute zero is the lowest **theoretical** temperature.

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?

opt

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities
synonym: choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding
I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel
synonym: harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty
The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally
synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**
This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

fiery

adj. very intense; like or suggestive of fire
synonym: igneous, passionate, fervent

(1) a **fiery** speech, (2) a **fiery** sunset
He is a man of **fiery** temperament.

alcohol

n. a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.
synonym: booze, liquor, ethanol

(1) stop drinking **alcohol**, (2) diluted **alcohol**
There is a clear association between **alcohol** consumption and cognitive decline.

headline

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

synonym : title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym : terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym : infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

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.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym : separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym : aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

harmony

n. the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

synonym : balance, accord, congruence

(1) a **harmony** of colors, (2) break a **harmony**

We worked in perfect **harmony**.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym : lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym : antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

spouse

n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

synonym : partner, mate, wife

(1) **spouse** tax deduction, (2) **spouse** visa

The **spouse** of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

jail *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary
(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**
The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

profound *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
synonym: deep, unsounded, far-reaching
(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea
My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

perk *n.* an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job
synonym: extra, bonus, benefit
(1) **perks** for repeat guests, (2) worker **perk**
A yacht cruise is our company's ultimate **perk**.

physically *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit
Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

emotional *adj.* relating to people's feelings
synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive
(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress
Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

stable *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
synonym: sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job
Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

supposedly

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

synonym: seemingly, allegedly, purportedly

(1) **supposedly** identical, (2) neckless **supposedly** made of pure gold

He is **supposedly** nominated for a Nobel Prize.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym: tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

joint

adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people;
(noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

synonym: collaborative, cooperative, combined

(1) a **joint** venture, (2) the bone of a **joint**

After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a **joint** statement.

chore

n. a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor

synonym : task, duty, job

(1) **chore** list, (2) household **chores**

Cleaning the house is a **chore** that only some enjoy.

approximately

adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

synonym : about, around, roughly

(1) **approximately** 3 feet long, (2) **approximately** same

This trail takes **approximately** 2.5 hours.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym : choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

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**.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

synonym : hang, float over, drift

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

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

brink

n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

synonym : edge, verge, threshold

(1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**

We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a

good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

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.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

annoying

adj. making someone feel slightly angry

synonym: aggravating, bothersome, irksome

(1) **annoying** banner ad, (2) **annoying** habit
The phone call is an **annoying** interruption.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym: skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

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.

handsome

adj. physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous

synonym: good-looking, attractive, beautiful

(1) a **handsome** young man, (2) a **handsome** salary

The politician was known for his **handsome** appearance and charm.

subconsciously

adv. in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of

synonym: unconsciously, without thinking

(1) **subconsciously** influenced, (2) controlled **subconsciously**

He **subconsciously** picked at his cuticles while he was on the phone.

cocktail

n. a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal

synonym: appetizer, beverage

(1) a light **cocktail**, (2) **cocktail** of chemicals
We invited some friends for a **cocktail** party.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bas_____ze culture *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
2. do_____ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
3. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
4. 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
5. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
6. the blind g_t *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
7. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
8. pl_____t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

ANSWERS: 1. bastardize, 2. domestic, 3. complicated, 4. pile, 5. argue, 6. gut, 7. disrespect, 8. plummet

9. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
10. a selfish de____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
11. ignorance is bl__s *n.* extreme happiness or joy
12. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
13. the bone of a jo__t *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
14. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
15. for in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
16. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
17. d__p cloth *adj.* slightly wet or moist; characterized by a lack of warmth, enthusiasm, or energy; depressing or dispiriting
18. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
19. en____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 9. chew, 10. decision, 11. bliss, 12. weigh, 13. joint, 14. mere, 15. instance, 16. vow, 17. damp, 18. argue, 19. encourage

20. household ch__es *n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor
21. the ancient Egyptian st___es *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
22. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
23. sup_____ly identical *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
24. d__p weather *adj.* slightly wet or moist; characterized by a lack of warmth, enthusiasm, or energy; depressing or dispiriting
25. neckless sup_____ly made of pure gold *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
26. an ac_____s of real quality *n.* a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies
27. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
28. light ho_____rk *n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house
29. live in mi____y *n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
30. patient in the pl_____o group *n.* harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
31. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 20. chore, 21. statue, 22. physically, 23. supposedly, 24. damp, 25. supposedly, 26. actress, 27. physically, 28. housework, 29. misery, 30. placebo, 31. incredibly

32. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
33. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
34. drown your sorrows in bo__e *n.* an informal term for alcoholic beverages, particularly strong liquor or spirits
35. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
36. cl_____y a goal *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
37. ch_____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
38. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
39. sa_____rd environmental quality *v.* to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss
40. drink a to__t *n.* slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even
41. app_____ely same *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
42. have a st___e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

ANSWERS: 32. asset, 33. suppose, 34. booze, 35. threaten, 36. clarify, 37. cherish, 38. numb, 39. safeguard, 40. toast, 41. approximately, 42. stable

43. di____e settlement *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
44. bu___l at sea *n.* the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave
45. st____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
46. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
47. score a no__h *n.* a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison
48. 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
49. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
50. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
51. o_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
52. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
53. a bicentennial ann______ry *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

ANSWERS: 43. divorce, 44. burial, 45. struggle, 46. split, 47. notch, 48. monogamy, 49. pile, 50. ultimate, 51. opt, 52. divide, 53. anniversary

54. a well-known ac____s *n.* a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies
55. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
56. sw__k about his success *v.* to walk or behave confidently and stylishly, often with the intent of impressing others; to style or dress in an ostentatiously fashionable or luxurious way; (adjective) stylish, luxurious, and fashionable in an ostentatious way
57. sub_____sly influenced *adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
58. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
59. o_t out of society *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
60. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
61. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
62. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
63. sid_____ide comparison *adj.* describing two or more things that are positioned next to each other, in close proximity, and typically in a parallel manner; (adverb) next to each other, with one thing positioned close to the other

ANSWERS: 54. actress, 55. ultimate, 56. swank, 57. subconsciously, 58. spiritual, 59. opt, 60. relation, 61. weigh, 62. profound, 63. side-by-side

64. Ar_____an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
65. the hope of et_____l life *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
66. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
67. pi_____nt signs of manipulation *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
68. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
69. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
70. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
71. field of gene th_____y *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
72. th_____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
73. a consensual di_____e *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
74. an_____ng habit *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
75. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
76. a pr_____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

ANSWERS: 64. Arthurian, 65. eternal, 66. poverty, 67. pinpoint, 68. fake, 69. struggle, 70. hell, 71. therapy, 72. therapy, 73. divorce, 74. annoying, 75. opposition, 76. profound

77. county j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
78. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
79. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
80. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
81. pi_____nt the problem *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
82. et_____l quarreling *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
83. romantic co____y *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
84. ann_____ry celebration *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
85. g_t feelings *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 77. jail, 78. decision, 79. roll, 80. institutionalize, 81. pinpoint, 82. eternal, 83. comedy, 84. anniversary, 85. gut

86. the exc_____nt in the business world *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
87. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
88. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
89. st__k of celery *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
90. jo_____l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
91. st__k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
92. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
93. selfless de_____on *n.* great loyalty and love or deep consideration for someone or something

ANSWERS: 86. excitement, 87. statistics, 88. headline, 89. stalk, 90. journal, 91. stalk, 92. crisis, 93. devotion

94. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
95. untold mi___y *n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
96. ut___r nonsense *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
97. customer sat_____ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
98. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
99. h___l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
100. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
101. be in j___l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
102. worker p___k *n.* an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job

ANSWERS: 94. crisis, 95. misery, 96. utter, 97. satisfaction, 98. divide, 99. hell, 100. poverty, 101. jail, 102. perk

103. co____il of chemicals *n.* a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal
104. aesthetic exc_____nt *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
105. the_____al physicist *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
106. ho__r around the table *v.* to stay in one place in the air
107. under a cu__e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
108. di____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
109. the Ar_____an cycle *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
110. la_____us project *adj.* requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work
111. a round bu____l mound *n.* the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave
112. slice of to__t *n.* slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even

ANSWERS: 103. cocktail, 104. excitement, 105. theoretical, 106. hover, 107. curse, 108. digital, 109. Arthurian, 110. laborious, 111. burial, 112. toast

113. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
114. a s__d coat *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
115. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
116. app_____ely 3 feet long *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
117. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
118. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
119. ho___r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
120. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
121. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
122. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
123. grazing bu_____k *n.* a young bull, specifically a castrated male domestic bovine; a young steer used for draft or work purposes or its meat

ANSWERS: 113. chew, 114. seed, 115. split, 116. approximately, 117. annoy, 118. flash, 119. horror, 120. pursue, 121. headline, 122. digital, 123. bullock

124. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
125. a do____ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
126. to____t seat *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
127. mu____r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
128. mean no dis____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
129. treat this dev____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
130. de____t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
131. a fi____y sunset *adj.* very intense; like or suggestive of fire
132. en____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
133. l____n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
134. a l____n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

ANSWERS: 124. relation, 125. domestic, 126. toilet, 127. murder, 128. disrespect, 129. devastating, 130. depart, 131. fiery, 132. encourage, 133. lean, 134. lean

135. co___y series *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
136. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
137. a sm_____ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
138. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
139. ma_____l fidelity *adj.* of or relating to marriage
140. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
141. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
142. sn__e peacefully *v.* to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull
143. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
144. controlled sub_____sly *adv.* in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
145. bo_____m relief *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

ANSWERS: 135. comedy, 136. entirely, 137. smashing, 138. optimistic, 139. marital, 140. entirely, 141. annoy, 142. snore, 143. plummet, 144. subconsciously, 145. boredom

146. con_____us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
147. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
148. ab___t despair *adj.* extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless
149. la_____us routine *adj.* requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work
150. a s__o flight *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
151. an_____ng banner ad *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
152. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
153. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
154. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
155. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
156. in st___e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
157. con_____us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

ANSWERS: 146. contagious, 147. spiritual, 148. abject, 149. laborious, 150. solo, 151. annoying, 152. compelling, 153. flash, 154. solid, 155. relative, 156. stable, 157. contagious

158. a ha____me young man *adj.* physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous
159. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
160. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
161. a ha____y of colors *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
162. unb____le pain *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
163. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
164. scientific jo____l *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
165. dou____ind experiment *n.* a method of experimentation where neither the participants nor the experimenters know who is receiving a particular treatment used to prevent bias in research results
166. a fi__y speech *adj.* very intense; like or suggestive of fire
167. de____on for Buddhism *n.* great loyalty and love or deep consideration for someone or something

ANSWERS: 158. handsome, 159. strength, 160. plot, 161. harmony, 162. unbearable, 163. obvious, 164. journal, 165. double-blind, 166. fiery, 167. devotion

168. a sense of sat_____ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
169. mi_____e depression *n.* the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness
170. sp____e visa *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
171. br____l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
172. a light co_____il *n.* a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal
173. p__ks for repeat guests *n.* an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job
174. bu_____k plowing *n.* a young bull, specifically a castrated male domestic bovine; a young steer used for draft or work purposes or its meat
175. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
176. chronic bo_____m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

ANSWERS: 168. satisfaction, 169. midlife, 170. spouse, 171. brutal, 172. cocktail, 173. perk, 174. bullock, 175. lifetime, 176. boredom

177. mi_____e changes *n.* the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness
178. ch__e list *n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor
179. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
180. mi_____le experience *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
181. fa_____f memories *adj.* distant in time or space; remote; distant or unlikely to happen
182. ultimate bl__s *n.* extreme happiness or joy
183. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
184. unb_____le heat *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
185. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
186. n_g political leaders *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
187. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 177. midlife, 178. chore, 179. comparison, 180. miserable, 181. far-off, 182. bliss, 183. relative, 184. unbearable, 185. emotional, 186. nag, 187. argument

188. ba____om floor *n.* a large room for dancing
189. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
190. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
191. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
192. g__m reality *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
193. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
194. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
195. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
196. to___t paper *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
197. a ha_____me salary *adj.* physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous
198. conduct a dou_____ind trial *n.* a method of experimentation where neither the participants nor the experimenters know who is receiving a particular treatment used to prevent bias in research results

ANSWERS: 188. ballroom, 189. devastating, 190. opposition, 191. photograph, 192. grim, 193. photograph, 194. scary, 195. roll, 196. toilet, 197. handsome, 198. double-blind

199. break a ha_____y *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
200. ut__r a big sigh *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
201. stop drinking al_____l *n.* a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.
202. a g__m-featured man *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
203. fa_____f lands *adj.* distant in time or space; remote; distant or unlikely to happen
204. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
205. ab___t failure *adj.* extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless
206. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
207. a s__o vocal recital *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
208. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 199. harmony, 200. utter, 201. alcohol, 202. grim, 203. far-off, 204. prefer, 205. abject, 206. strength, 207. solo, 208. debate

209. 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
210. few cu__e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
211. sp___e tax deduction *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
212. sa_____rd my property *v.* to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss
213. sn__e in my sleep *v.* to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull
214. the_____al models *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
215. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
216. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
217. pl_____o therapy *n.* harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug

ANSWERS: 209. monogamy, 210. curse, 211. spouse, 212. safeguard, 213. snore, 214. theoretical, 215. diet, 216. optimistic, 217. placebo

218. br__k of war *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
219. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
220. diluted al_____l *n.* a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.
221. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
222. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
223. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
224. ho__r between life and death *v.* to stay in one place in the air
225. ch_____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
226. give sm_____ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
227. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
228. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
229. n_g about the minor thing *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

ANSWERS: 218. brink, 219. institutionalize, 220. alcohol, 221. diet, 222. apparently, 223. vow, 224. hover, 225. cherish, 226. smashing, 227. incredibly, 228. apparently, 229. nag

230. ba____om dance *n.* a large room for dancing
231. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
232. top-no__h service *n.* a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison
233. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
234. sw__k restaurant *v.* to walk or behave confidently and stylishly, often with the intent of impressing others; to style or dress in an ostentatiously fashionable or luxurious way; (adjective) stylish, luxurious, and fashionable in an ostentatious way
235. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
236. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
237. working sid_____ide *adj.* describing two or more things that are positioned next to each other, in close proximity, and typically in a parallel manner; (adverb) next to each other, with one thing positioned close to the other
238. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 230. ballroom, 231. government, 232. notch, 233. asset, 234. swank, 235. government, 236. folk, 237. side-by-side, 238. debate

239. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
240. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
241. arrive and de____t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
242. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
243. ro_____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
244. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
245. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
246. att_____ve men *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
247. pr____r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
248. att_____ve opportunity *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
249. a jo__t venture *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

ANSWERS: 239. compelling, 240. instance, 241. depart, 242. folk, 243. romantic, 244. emotional, 245. statistics, 246. attractive, 247. prefer, 248. attractive, 249. joint

250. n__b with cold	<i>adj.</i> unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
251. a com_____ed process	<i>adj.</i> involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
252. sc__y dream	<i>adj.</i> causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
253. on the br__k	<i>n.</i> the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
254. p__t a revolution	<i>n.</i> a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
255. spread of f__e news	<i>adj.</i> not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
256. cl_____y his feelings	<i>v.</i> to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
257. m__e acquaintance	<i>adj.</i> used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
258. affect ma_____l relations	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to marriage
259. su_____e you're right	<i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
260. br___l honesty	<i>adj.</i> harsh or cruel
261. th_____en a healthy relationship	<i>v.</i> to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
262. bas_____ze a recipe	<i>v.</i> to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

ANSWERS: 250. numb, 251. complicated, 252. scary, 253. brink, 254. plot, 255. fake, 256. clarify, 257. mere, 258. marital, 259. suppose, 260. brutal, 261. threaten, 262. bastardize

263. ho_____rk robot *n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house
264. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
265. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
266. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
267. ro_____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
268. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
269. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
270. a beautiful st___e *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
271. s__d money *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
272. mi_____le weather *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
273. cheap bo__e *n.* an informal term for alcoholic beverages, particularly strong liquor or spirits

ANSWERS: 263. housework, 264. comparison, 265. solid, 266. murder, 267. romantic, 268. lifetime, 269. obvious, 270. statue, 271. seed, 272. miserable, 273. booze

274. ho___r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
275. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
276. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 274. horror, 275. argument, 276. pursue

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The politician was known for his _____ appearance and charm.
adj. physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous
2. This radar quickly _____ the position of the enemy.
v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
3. She _____ the memories of her childhood.
v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
4. The disease is highly _____ and spreads quickly.
adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
5. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
6. The phone call is an _____ interruption.
adj. making someone feel slightly angry
7. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
8. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.
adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

ANSWERS: 1. handsome, 2. pinpoints, 3. cherished, 4. contagious, 5. threatening, 6. annoying, 7. prefer, 8. stable

9. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
10. He told me a _____ truth about my parent's death.
n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
11. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.
adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
12. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.
n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
13. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
14. Absolute zero is the lowest _____ temperature.
adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
15. The _____ of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.
n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
16. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.
n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

ANSWERS: 9. argue, 10. gut-wrenching, 11. optimistic, 12. jail, 13. relatives, 14. theoretical, 15. spouse, 16. diet

17. Many people go through a _____ crisis and contemplate major life changes.
n. the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness
18. The result presented a _____ picture of inefficiency and corruption.
adj. looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
19. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
20. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
21. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.
adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
22. I decided to _____ for premature retirement.
v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities
23. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
24. I will _____ up this outfit with some fancy accessories for the party tonight.
v. to walk or behave confidently and stylishly, often with the intent of impressing others; to style or dress in an ostentatiously fashionable or luxurious way;
(adjective) stylish, luxurious, and fashionable in an ostentatious way

ANSWERS: 17. midlife, 18. grim, 19. encouraged, 20. folk, 21. spiritual, 22. opt, 23. physically, 24. swank

25. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
26. She couldn't stop _____ her husband to take out the trash.
v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
27. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
28. The farmer used a _____ cart to transport his produce to the local market.
n. a young bull, specifically a castrated male domestic bovine; a young steer used for draft or work purposes or its meat
29. He is a man of _____ temperament.
adj. very intense; like or suggestive of fire
30. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
31. More and more people are utilizing counselors to help resolve their _____ problems.
adj. of or relating to marriage
32. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
33. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 25. strength, 26. nagging, 27. plummeted, 28. bullock, 29. fiery, 30. divide, 31. marital, 32. obvious, 33. photograph

34. The police tried to _____ the facts concerning her death.
v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
35. 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
36. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.
adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
37. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
38. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.
adv. based on what you have heard or read
39. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
40. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.
n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
41. The _____ of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.
n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
42. There is a clear association between _____ consumption and cognitive decline.
n. a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.

ANSWERS: 34. clarify, 35. monogamy, 36. compelling, 37. decision, 38. apparently, 39. ultimate, 40. asset, 41. excitement, 42. alcohol

43. The _____ ceremony was a somber reminder of his passing.
n. the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave
44. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
45. He _____ picked at his cuticles while he was on the phone.
adv. in a way that is not fully conscious or aware of
46. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
47. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
48. We were on the _____ of a financial crisis.
n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
49. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.
adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
50. The physician is reading the _____ related to medicine
n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
51. The acclaimed _____ received an Oscar for her outstanding performance in the film.
n. a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies

ANSWERS: 43. burial, 44. digital, 45. subconsciously, 46. therapy, 47. lifetime, 48. brink, 49. profound, 50. journals, 51. actress

52. The _____ galaxy was only visible through a powerful telescope.
adj. distant in time or space; remote; distant or unlikely to happen
53. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain _____ life.
adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever
54. It was his first _____ love.
adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
55. The _____ chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.
adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
56. The _____ comparison of the two products revealed significant differences in quality and features.
adj. describing two or more things that are positioned next to each other, in close proximity, and typically in a parallel manner; (adverb) next to each other, with one thing positioned close to the other
57. She felt _____ after her dog passed away.
adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
58. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.
adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
59. Two birds were _____ overhead.
v. to stay in one place in the air

ANSWERS: 52. far-off, 53. eternal, 54. romantic, 55. utter, 56. side-by-side, 57. miserable, 58. scary, 59. hovering

60. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally
61. The hunter quietly _____ the deer for hours before taking the shot
v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
62. She walked to the _____ to freshen up before the meeting.
n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
63. He lost the election by _____ votes.
adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
64. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
65. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
66. The clothes were still _____ after being in the dryer for an hour.
adj. slightly wet or moist; characterized by a lack of warmth, enthusiasm, or energy; depressing or dispiriting
67. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 60. murder, 61. stalked, 62. toilet, 63. mere, 64. plot, 65. instances, 66. damp, 67. struggle

68. After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a _____ statement.

adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

69. The couple decided to get a _____ after many years of marriage.

n. the legal dissolution of a marriage

70. I would love to _____ camping someday.

adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone

71. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

72. 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

73. I couldn't sleep because my roommate _____ loudly every night.

v. to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull

74. We made a _____ with everyone.

n. slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even

75. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

ANSWERS: 68. joint, 69. divorce, 70. solo, 71. Lean, 72. piles, 73. snored, 74. toast, 75. complicated

76. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
77. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.
v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
78. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
79. We do not want to _____ the text's original meaning through poor translations.
v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
80. This trail takes _____ 2.5 hours.
adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
81. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
82. The _____ poverty in the slums is a concern for the government.
adj. extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless
83. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

ANSWERS: 76. government, 77. weighs, 78. opposition, 79. bastardize, 80. approximately, 81. hell, 82. abject, 83. vowed

84. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
85. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
86. He is _____ nominated for a Nobel Prize.
adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
87. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
88. Their _____ to each other was beautiful.
n. great loyalty and love or deep consideration for someone or something
89. This measure will _____ people against terrorism.
v. to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss
90. I've included the two designs for a _____.
n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
91. The mediated settlement brought _____ to both sides.
n. a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

ANSWERS: 84. rolled, 85. institutionalize, 86. supposedly, 87. suppose, 88. devotion, 89. safeguard, 90. comparison, 91. satisfaction

92. The cake was decorated with a _____ to represent the birthday boy's age.
n. a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison
93. GDP stands for gross _____ product.
adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
94. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.
n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
95. The construction workers had a _____ job of carrying heavy equipment up several flights of stairs.
adj. requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work
96. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor
97. 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
98. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.
n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
99. I love going to see live _____ shows with my friends.
n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

ANSWERS: 92. notch, 93. domestic, 94. disrespectful, 95. laborious, 96. poverty, 97. relations, 98. flash, 99. comedy

100. The growth of the "sharing economy" is _____ for tech companies.

adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

101. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

102. Many autocratic policies became a _____ for that country's economy.

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

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

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

104. Our company suffered _____ from incurring a heavy loss.

n. a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune

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

adj. harsh or cruel

106. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

107. The _____ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

108. The band's new album was a _____ success, reaching the top of the charts.

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

ANSWERS: 100. attractive, 101. devastating, 102. curse, 103. headline, 104. misery, 105. brutal, 106. incredibly, 107. Arthurian, 108. smashing

109. My dog loves to _____ on bones.

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

110. He planted the _____ in the soil and waited for it to sprout.

n. a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant

111. We invited some friends for a _____ party.

n. a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal

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

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

113. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

114. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

115. They celebrated their 10th _____ with a romantic dinner.

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

116. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 109. chew, 110. seed, 111. cocktail, 112. horror, 113. argument, 114. faked, 115. anniversary, 116. debate

117. The first two years of her marriage were sheer _____.
- n.* extreme happiness or joy
118. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
119. A double-blind procedure is used to guard against experimenter bias and _____ effects.
- n.* harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
120. Cleaning the house is a _____ that only some enjoy.
- n.* a routine or tedious task, often related to household or manual labor
121. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
- adv.* completely
122. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
- adj.* relating to people's feelings
123. 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
124. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off _____.
- n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

ANSWERS: 117. bliss, 118. crisis, 119. placebo, 120. chore, 121. entirely, 122. emotional, 123. split, 124. boredom

125. We worked in perfect _____.

- n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

126. She intends to _____ a political career.

- v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

127. The grand _____ was filled with twirling couples and the sound of music.

- n.* a large room for dancing

128. A yacht cruise is our company's ultimate _____.

- n.* an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job

129. The _____ of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

- n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

130. The _____ of water is called ice.

- adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

131. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

132. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.

- v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

ANSWERS: 125. harmony, 126. pursue, 127. ballroom, 128. perk, 129. statue, 130. solid-state, 131. statistics, 132. departed

133. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.
v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
134. The loss of his wife was an _____ sorrow that he found hard to overcome.
adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
135. The scientists conducted a _____ study to ensure the validity of their results.
n. a method of experimentation where neither the participants nor the experimenters know who is receiving a particular treatment used to prevent bias in research results
136. The partygoers were advised to drink moderately and avoid excessive _____ consumption.
n. an informal term for alcoholic beverages, particularly strong liquor or spirits
137. She didn't mind doing the _____ as long as it kept her busy and productive.
n. the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house
138. My left arm became _____.
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 133. annoy, 134. unbearable, 135. double-blind, 136. booze, 137. housework, 138. numb