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Session 1: Word List

ninja

n. a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan

synonym : assassin, spy

(1) **ninja** costume, (2) **ninja** warrior

The skilled **ninja** moved stealthily through the shadows to carry out their mission.

pajama

n. a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging

synonym : nightgown, nightdress

(1) care **pajama**, (2) **pajama** pants

My little sister loves to have **pajama** parties with her friends on the weekends.

environment

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

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

toxin

n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical

compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

synonym : poison, venom, contaminant

(1) **toxin** exposure, (2) **toxin** production

Mold exposure can release dangerous **toxins** into the air.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

synthetic

adj. made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring

synonym : artificial, manufactured, fabricated

(1) **synthetic** fiber, (2) **synthetic** fertilizer

Synthetic diamonds play an essential role as machine tool blades.

estrogen

n. a category of female steroid sex hormone responsible for the development and regulation of the female reproductive system and secondary sex characteristics

(1) **estrogen** receptor, (2) **estrogen-responsive** breast cancer

The older woman also suffers bone loss caused by **estrogen** deficiency.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym : mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

hormone

n. a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

(1) **hormone** secretion, (2) female **hormone**
The doctor diagnosed me with a **hormone** disorder.

neurological

adj. of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system

synonym : nervous, neural, brain-related

(1) fever with **neurological** signs, (2) **neurological** symptoms

The patient was diagnosed with a **neurological** disorder affecting their motor skills.

reproductive

adj. connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants

synonym : procreative, generative

(1) **reproductive** ability, (2) during **reproductive** period

This documentary deals with the **reproductive** biology of the buffalo.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym : illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

synonym : poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

pollutant

n. a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil

synonym : contaminant, toxic substance

(1) noxious **pollutant**, (2) water **pollutant**

The factory's use of chemicals has made it a significant **pollutant** in the area.

preservative

adj. used to preserve or protect something, especially food or other perishable items, from decay or spoilage; tending to prevent or delay change or deterioration

synonym: conservative, preservatory, saving

(1) **preservative-free**, (2) natural **preservative**

The **preservative** chemicals in packaged foods have been a cause of concern for many health experts.

pesticide

n. a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

synonym: insecticide, herbicide, fungicide

(1) **pesticide** application, (2) **pesticide** residue

The farmer sprayed **pesticide** on his crops to protect them from insects.

mercury

n. a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun

synonym: quicksilver, hydrargyrum, Hg

(1) **mercury** poisoning, (2) **Mercury** Plan

The **mercury** in the thermometer had risen to the boiling point.

cannibal

n. a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice

synonym: man-eater, anthropophagite

(1) **cannibal** tribe, (2) habitual **cannibal**

The horror movie portrayed a group of **cannibals** who hunted humans in the woods.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym: corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym: strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

storehouse

n. a large building or room used for storing goods

synonym: warehouse, depository, repository

(1) **storehouse** supplies, (2) **storehouse** inventory

The security of a **storehouse** is essential to prevent theft or damage to the stored items.

cremate

v. to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual

synonym: burn, incinerate, immolate

(1) **cremate** a body, (2) **cremate** the remains
They plan to **cremate** their loved ones according to their cultural traditions.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report
I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air
The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

atmosphere

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

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**
The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

pound

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

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**
The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

dental

adj. of or relating to teeth
synonym: oral, tooth, mouth

(1) **dental** hygiene, (2) **dental** care
I have a **dental** appointment at 2 pm to get my teeth cleaned.

tradition

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

a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

cosmetic

adj. relating to treatment aimed at restoring or improving a person's appearance and attractiveness; (noun) a substance that you put on your face or body to enhance its appearance and make it more attractive

synonym: adorning, embellishing, ornamental

(1) minor **cosmetic** changes, (2) **cosmetic** fenders on cars

Cosmetic surgery is becoming more common in Asia due to lowering prices.

pump

v. to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

synonym: drain, inject, send

(1) **pump** a secret out of success, (2) **pump** blood throughout the body

He was alert and could not **pump** any critical information out of him.

formaldehyde

n. a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products

synonym: methanal

(1) **formaldehyde** solution, (2) **formaldehyde** odor

Exposure to high levels of **formaldehyde** can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat, as well as respiratory problems and cancer.

decomposition

n. the process of breaking down organic matter into simpler substances through natural processes such as decay

synonym: decay, putrefaction, corruption

(1) **decomposition** process, (2) chemical **decomposition**
The **decomposition** of organic matter releases nutrients back into the soil.

respiratory

adj. relating to the organs and processes involved in breathing, such as the lungs and the act of inhaling and exhaling air

synonym: breathing, pulmonary, lung

(1) **respiratory** failure, (2) alleviate **respiratory** ailments
Chronic **respiratory** disorders, such as asthma, can significantly impact a person's quality of life.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

personnel

n. a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees

synonym: workforce, staff, labor force

(1) competent **personnel**, (2) **personnel** evaluation

Please forward the resumes to the **personnel** department.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage
They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym : refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

poison

n. a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

synonym : toxin, venom, pollutant

(1) **poison** ivy, (2) **poison** bilateral relations

The plant's leaves contain a deadly **poison** that can cause hallucinations and seizures.

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.

embalm

v. preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral

synonym : preserve, treat, mummify

(1) **embalm** a corpse, (2) **embalm** the body

The funeral director **embalmed** the body to make it presentable for the wake.

modest

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

synonym : unassuming, humble, unpretentious

(1) **modest** income, (2) only a **modest** fee

Despite his many achievements, he remained **modest** and down-to-earth.

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
synonym: offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

intersection

n. a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

synonym: crossroad, junction, hub

(1) busy **intersection**, (2) the **intersection** of coordinate axes

Take a right turn at the next **intersection**.

infinity

n. the state or quality of having no end or limit;
(mathematics) a number greater than any natural number

synonym: endlessness, boundlessness, continuity

(1) the **infinity** of the universe, (2) negative **infinity**

That investor saw an **infinity** of possibilities in this company.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

synonym: fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

decompose

v. to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements

synonym: break down, rot, spoil

(1) **decompose** matter, (2) **decompose** into simpler molecules

After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were left in ruins and began to **decompose**.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym: fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

hybrid

adj. composed of different elements or mixed characters

synonym: blended, mixed, combined

(1) new **hybrid** system, (2) an interspecific **hybrid**

The mule is a **hybrid** between a male donkey and a female horse.

nutrient

n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

synonym: food, vitamin

(1) **nutrient** medicine, (2) a **nutrient** for hair

They used fast-acting **nutrients** on the flowers in the flower beds.

compost

n. a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil

synonym: fertilizer, humus, manure

(1) organic **compost**, (2) **compost** pile

You can add coffee grounds and crushed eggshells to your **compost** to improve the pH balance.

tasty

adj. having a strong and pleasant flavor when it is eaten

synonym: flavorful, delectable, delicious

(1) **tasty** treats, (2) prepare **tasty** food

This meal wasn't as **tasty** as we had imagined.

soil *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
synonym : earth, ground, mud
(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**
Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

slough *v.* to shed or cast off a dead layer of skin, tissue, or surface; to discard or get rid of something unwanted or unnecessary; (noun) marshy areas or wetlands
synonym : discard, shed, cast off
(1) **slough** off his responsibilities, (2) salt marsh **slough**
Exfoliating treatments help to **slough** off dead skin, revealing a fresher complexion underneath.

nail *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
synonym : pin, tack, fastener
(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper
He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on the fence.

feeder *n.* an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening; a device or system that supplies something to a particular recipient or process
synonym : supply, provider, dispenser
(1) **feeder** fish, (2) **feeder** artery
Many different types of birds visited the bird **feeder**.

imprint *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
synonym :

impress, stamp, engrave

(1) DNA **imprint**, (2) **imprint** a memory

He wanted to **imprint** his brand logo on the product.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym: raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

afterlife

n. life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions

synonym: eternal life, immortality, hereafter

(1) **afterlife** name, (2) corporate **afterlife**

The belief in an **afterlife** comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

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.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym: aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

digest

v. to transform food into absorbable substances; break down

synonym: absorb, condense

(1) **digest** information, (2) help **digest** food

Most babies can readily **digest** a wide variety of foods.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

cult

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

synonym: sect, faith, religion

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

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

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

pet *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**
I have a parrot as a **pet**.

decay *n.* the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi;
(verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes
synonym: corrosion, decomposition, deterioration
(1) radioactive **decay**, (2) prevent tooth **decay**
The dead body was in an advanced state of **decay**.

burden *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
synonym: obligation, duty, load
(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease
That car has a low environmental **burden**.

planet *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
synonym: earth, world, globe
(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

concept *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
synonym: idea, notion, vision
(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car
One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

develop *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being

created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

entomology

n. the scientific study of insects, including their physical characteristics, life cycles, behaviors, and relationships with other organisms in their environment

synonym: insect science, bug study, insectology

(1) **entomology** lab, (2) **entomology** book

The museum offered a guided tour of its **entomology** exhibit featuring various insects.

subset

n. a set of things that are contained within another larger set; a portion or division of a group or category

synonym: subcategory, subdivision

(1) proper **subset**, (2) **subset** selection

A **subset** of the employees will be trained in the new software program.

remediate

v. to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context

synonym: correct, rectify, fix

(1) **remediate** damage, (2) **remediate** the situation

We need to **remediate** the contaminated soil before it is safe to use.

cultivation

n. the process of preparing and using land for growing crops or plants, often involving tilling, fertilizing, and irrigating the soil; the act of fostering or developing something, such as a skill, talent, or idea

synonym: farming, tilling, polish

(1) agricultural **cultivation**, (2) land **cultivation**

The **cultivation** of crops is a vital part of agriculture in many countries.

integrate

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

synonym : mix, merge, combine

(1) **integrate** into the existing system, (2) **integrate** both businesses

He found that it is difficult to **integrate** socially.

suit

n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

synonym : clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

infuse

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

synonym : instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

spore

n. a reproductive cell that is capable of developing into a new individual without fertilization, especially one produced by certain bacteria, fungi, and algae

synonym : seed, reproductive cell, particle

(1) anthrax **spore**, (2) **spore** reproduction

Bacteria and some algae also produce **spores** as a means of survival and dispersal, and they are often found in soil, water, and other environments.

prototype

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

synonym : mock-up, precursor, model

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

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

crochet

n. a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique

synonym : knitting, needlework, lacework

(1) **crochet** pattern, (2) **crochet** kit

She passed the time on the plane by doing some **crochet** work.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym : ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

dendroid

adj. resembling a tree or branching pattern; having the characteristics of a tree

synonym : branching, tree-like, dendritic

(1) **dendroid** branches, (2) **dendroid** pattern

The **dendroid** structure of the coral reef offers a unique environment for many marine species.

mycelium

n. the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a mass of branching, thread-like hyphae

(1) **mycelium** growth, (2) aerial **mycelium**

The **mycelium** of the mushroom spread through the soil, absorbing nutrients.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym : equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

kit

n. a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose

synonym : set, package, bundle

(1) survival **kit**, (2) a first-aid **kit**

I bought a new tool **kit** for my home repair projects.

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.

capsule

n. a small, enclosed container often used for holding medicines or supplements or for transporting payloads in spacecraft; a small, elongated structure within the body, such as a joint or a gland

(1) space **capsule**, (2) medical **capsule**

The **capsule** hotel room may be small but it has all the necessary amenities.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

expire

v. to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.

synonym: run out, terminate, cease

(1) **expires** next month, (2) it will **expire**

I forgot to renew my driver's license, and it **expired**.

donate

v. to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization

synonym: bestow, contribute, grant

(1) **donate** to charity, (2) **donate** blood to the Red Cross

Our company **donates** to the school endowment fund every year.

- 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.
- desire** *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
synonym: ambition, appetite, greed
(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**
Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
- minimize** *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
synonym: diminish, mitigate, belittle
(1) **minimize** a loss, (2) way to **minimize** conflict
I bought a gadget before my trip to help **minimize** stress during the flight.
- cultivate** *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
synonym: boost, foster, nurture
(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships
University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.
- perspective** *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook
(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.
- postmortem** *adj.* relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment
synonym: autopsied, deceased, dead
(1) **postmortem** findings, (2) **postmortem** analysis

The medical examiner performed a **postmortem** examination to determine the cause of death.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

denial

n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist

synonym: refusal, rejection, veto

(1) state of **denial**, (2) an absolute **denial**

She gave us a categorical **denial** of the scandal.

preservation

n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

synonym: conserving, protection, conservancy

(1) wildlife **preservation**, (2) the **preservation** of food

The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable **preservation**.

accepting

adj. willing to receive or to take something offered

synonym: tolerant, open-minded, receptive

(1) **accepting** attitude, (2) **accepting** of diversity

He was an **accepting** person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym: close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

confirm

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

synonym: affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

Session 2: Spelling

1. minor co____ic changes *adj.* relating to treatment aimed at restoring or improving a person's appearance and attractiveness; (noun) a substance that you put on your face or body to enhance its appearance and make it more attractive
2. in____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
3. de____id pattern *adj.* resembling a tree or branching pattern; having the characteristics of a tree
4. res____ry failure *adj.* relating to the organs and processes involved in breathing, such as the lungs and the act of inhaling and exhaling air
5. as____e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
6. space ca____e *n.* a small, enclosed container often used for holding medicines or supplements or for transporting payloads in spacecraft; a small, elongated structure within the body, such as a joint or a gland
7. care pa____a *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
8. a convivial atm____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

ANSWERS: 1. cosmetic, 2. integrate, 3. dendroid, 4. respiratory, 5. aspire, 6. capsule, 7. pajama, 8. atmosphere

9. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
10. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
11. a nu_____nt for hair *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
12. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
13. cu_____te a field *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
14. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
15. medical ca_____e *n.* a small, enclosed container often used for holding medicines or supplements or for transporting payloads in spacecraft; a small, elongated structure within the body, such as a joint or a gland
16. rusty n__l *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
17. the in_____ty of the universe *n.* the state or quality of having no end or limit; (mathematics) a number greater than any natural number

ANSWERS: 9. pound, 10. recognize, 11. nutrient, 12. disease, 13. cultivate, 14. deny, 15. capsule, 16. nail, 17. infinity

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| 18. series of exp_____nts | <i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge |
| 19. ex___es next month | <i>v.</i> to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc. |
| 20. em_____ed systems | <i>adj.</i> fixed firmly into the surface of something |
| 21. survival k_t | <i>n.</i> a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose |
| 22. ent_____gy lab | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of insects, including their physical characteristics, life cycles, behaviors, and relationships with other organisms in their environment |
| 23. re_____ze talent | <i>v.</i> to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered |
| 24. a prodigious vi____n | <i>n.</i> the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see |
| 25. re_____on between cause and effect | <i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another |
| 26. water po_____nt | <i>n.</i> a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil |
| 27. to__n exposure | <i>n.</i> a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism |

ANSWERS: 18. experiment, 19. expire, 20. embedded, 21. kit, 22. entomology, 23. recognize, 24. vision, 25. relation, 26. pollutant, 27. toxin

28. chemical dec_____ion *n.* the process of breaking down organic matter into simpler substances through natural processes such as decay
29. mu_____om spores *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
30. de_____se into simpler molecules *v.* to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements
31. proper su____t *n.* a set of things that are contained within another larger set; a portion or division of a group or category
32. cr_____t pattern *n.* a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique
33. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
34. state of de____l *n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist
35. bu____n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
36. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
37. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 28. decomposition, 29. mushroom, 30. decompose, 31. subset, 32. crochet, 33. equivalent, 34. denial, 35. burden, 36. mimic, 37. cult

38. negative in_____ty *n.* the state or quality of having no end or limit; (mathematics) a number greater than any natural number
39. a ch_____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
40. de_____l hygiene *adj.* of or relating to teeth
41. adamantly d___y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
42. toxic ch_____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
43. cr_____t kit *n.* a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique
44. agricultural cul_____on *n.* the process of preparing and using land for growing crops or plants, often involving tilling, fertilizing, and irrigating the soil; the act of fostering or developing something, such as a skill, talent, or idea
45. details of his pr_____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
46. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
47. po_____n ivy *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

ANSWERS: 38. infinity, 39. chemical, 40. dental, 41. deny, 42. chemical, 43. crochet, 44. cultivation, 45. proposal, 46. shift, 47. poison

48. land cul_____on *n.* the process of preparing and using land for growing crops or plants, often involving tilling, fertilizing, and irrigating the soil; the act of fostering or developing something, such as a skill, talent, or idea
49. sto_____se inventory *n.* a large building or room used for storing goods
50. di_____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
51. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
52. complete a pr_____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
53. mi_____ze a loss *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
54. 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
55. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
56. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 48. cultivation, 49. storehouse, 50. dissolve, 51. pound, 52. prototype, 53. minimize, 54. cocktail, 55. planet, 56. tradition

57. fever with neu_____cal signs *adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
58. aerial my_____um *n.* the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a mass of branching, thread-like hyphae
59. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
60. fe___r fish *n.* an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening; a device or system that supplies something to a particular recipient or process
61. DNA im_____t *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
62. po___n bilateral relations *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

ANSWERS: 57. neurological, 58. mycelium, 59. suit, 60. feeder, 61. imprint, 62. poison

63. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
64. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
65. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
66. carry a bu_____n *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
67. ac_____ng of diversity *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
68. pos_____em analysis *adj.* relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment
69. only a mo_____t fee *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
70. new hy_____d system *adj.* composed of different elements or mixed characters
71. vi_____m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
72. p__p blood throughout the body *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

ANSWERS: 63. mention, 64. concept, 65. relation, 66. burden, 67. accepting, 68. postmortem, 69. modest, 70. hybrid, 71. victim, 72. pump

73. alleviate res_____ry ailments *adj.* relating to the organs and processes involved in breathing, such as the lungs and the act of inhaling and exhaling air
74. de_____se matter *v.* to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements
75. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
76. af_____fe name *n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
77. es_____en receptor *n.* a category of female steroid sex hormone responsible for the development and regulation of the female reproductive system and secondary sex characteristics
78. an interspecific hy____d *adj.* composed of different elements or mixed characters
79. parched s__l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
80. re_____te damage *v.* to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context
81. co_____m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
82. in_____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

ANSWERS: 73. respiratory, 74. decompose, 75. pollution, 76. afterlife, 77. estrogen, 78. hybrid, 79. soil, 80. remediate, 81. confirm, 82. integrate

83. co____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
84. em____m a corpse *v.* preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
85. de____id branches *adj.* resembling a tree or branching pattern; having the characteristics of a tree
86. as____e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
87. dec____ion process *n.* the process of breaking down organic matter into simpler substances through natural processes such as decay
88. natural pre____ive *adj.* used to preserve or protect something, especially food or other perishable items, from decay or spoilage; tending to prevent or delay change or deterioration
89. em____m the body *v.* preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
90. sto____se supplies *n.* a large building or room used for storing goods
91. female ho____e *n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

ANSWERS: 83. confirm, 84. embalm, 85. dendroid, 86. aspire, 87. decomposition, 88. preservative, 89. embalm, 90. storehouse, 91. hormone

92. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
93. during rep_____ive period *adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants
94. the pre_____ion of food *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
95. p__p a secret out of success *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
96. pe_____el evaluation *n.* a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees
97. in___e with spirit *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
98. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
99. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
100. re_____te the situation *v.* to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context

ANSWERS: 92. fantasy, 93. reproductive, 94. preservation, 95. pump, 96. personnel, 97. infuse, 98. equivalent, 99. survival, 100. remediate

101. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
102. cu_____te relationships *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
103. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
104. unsatisfied de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
105. ac_____ng attitude *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
106. cr_____e the remains *v.* to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual
107. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
108. a p_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
109. pe_____de residue *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
110. di____t information *v.* to transform food into absorbable substances; break down
111. pos_____em findings *adj.* relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment

ANSWERS: 101. concept, 102. cultivate, 103. planet, 104. desire, 105. accepting, 106. cremate, 107. alternative, 108. pet, 109. pesticide, 110. digest, 111. postmortem

112. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
113. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
114. cr_____e a body *v.* to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual
115. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
116. organic co_____t *n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
117. ent_____gy book *n.* the scientific study of insects, including their physical characteristics, life cycles, behaviors, and relationships with other organisms in their environment
118. n__l clipper *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
119. mo___t income *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

ANSWERS: 112. cult, 113. atmosphere, 114. cremate, 115. disease, 116. compost, 117. entomology, 118. nail, 119. modest

120. gas fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
121. the int_____ion of coordinate axes *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
122. ho_____e secretion *n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood
123. fa_____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
124. my in_____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
125. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
126. an innovative pr_____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
127. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
128. clogged fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
129. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

ANSWERS: 120. filter, 121. intersection, 122. hormone, 123. fantasy, 124. intimate, 125. breed, 126. proposal, 127. preserve, 128. filter, 129. toxic

130. co_____t pile *n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
131. salt marsh sl____h *v.* to shed or cast off a dead layer of skin, tissue, or surface; to discard or get rid of something unwanted or unnecessary; (noun) marshy areas or wetlands
132. in_____te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
133. im_____t a memory *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
134. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
135. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
136. LED-em_____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
137. sy____l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
138. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

ANSWERS: 130. compost, 131. slough, 132. intimate, 133. imprint, 134. mimic, 135. release, 136. embedded, 137. symbol, 138. suit

139. ca____al tribe *n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
140. pa___a pants *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
141. prevent tooth de__y *n.* the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi; (verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes
142. corporate af_____fe *n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
143. busy int_____ion *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
144. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
145. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
146. a round bu___l mound *n.* the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave
147. sy_____ic fertilizer *adj.* made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring
148. de___l care *adj.* of or relating to teeth
149. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 139. cannibal, 140. pajama, 141. decay, 142. afterlife, 143. intersection, 144. environment, 145. mention, 146. burial, 147. synthetic, 148. dental, 149. develop

150. s__ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
151. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
152. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
153. Me_____y Plan *n.* a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun
154. bu___l at sea *n.* the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave
155. ni__a warrior *n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan
156. radioactive de__y *n.* the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi; (verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes
157. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 150. soil, 151. environment, 152. folk, 153. mercury, 154. burial, 155. ninja, 156. decay, 157. process

158. it will ex___e *v.* to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.
159. es_____en-responsive breast cancer *n.* a category of female steroid sex hormone responsible for the development and regulation of the female reproductive system and secondary sex characteristics
160. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
161. for_____yde odor *n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products
162. noxious po_____nt *n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
163. ta__y treats *adj.* having a strong and pleasant flavor when it is eaten
164. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
165. nu_____nt medicine *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
166. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 158. expire, 159. estrogen, 160. alternative, 161. formaldehyde, 162. pollutant, 163. tasty, 164. toxic, 165. nutrient, 166. process

167. sl___h off his responsibilities *v.* to shed or cast off a dead layer of skin, tissue, or surface; to discard or get rid of something unwanted or unnecessary; (noun) marshy areas or wetlands
168. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
169. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
170. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
171. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
172. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
173. a first-aid k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
174. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
175. su___t selection *n.* a set of things that are contained within another larger set; a portion or division of a group or category
176. sy_____ic fiber *adj.* made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring

ANSWERS: 167. slough, 168. vision, 169. responsible, 170. shift, 171. prototype, 172. perspective, 173. kit, 174. perspective, 175. subset, 176. synthetic

177. an absolute de___l *n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist
178. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
179. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
180. help di___t food *v.* to transform food into absorbable substances; break down
181. sp___e reproduction *n.* a reproductive cell that is capable of developing into a new individual without fertilization, especially one produced by certain bacteria, fungi, and algae
182. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
183. neu_____cal symptoms *adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
184. habitual ca_____al *n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
185. do___e to charity *v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
186. pe_____de application *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

ANSWERS: 177. denial, 178. victim, 179. responsible, 180. digest, 181. spore, 182. tradition, 183. neurological, 184. cannibal, 185. donate, 186. pesticide

187. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
188. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
189. sy____l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
190. ca____r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
191. prepare ta__y food *adj.* having a strong and pleasant flavor when it is eaten
192. ca____r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
193. to__n production *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
194. rep_____ive ability *adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants
195. ni__a costume *n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan

ANSWERS: 187. experiment, 188. preserve, 189. symbol, 190. cancer, 191. tasty, 192. cancer, 193. toxin, 194. reproductive, 195. ninja

196. me____y poisoning *n.* a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun
197. fleshly de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
198. competent pe____el *n.* a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees
199. in____e life with meaning *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
200. wildlife pre____ion *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
201. fe____r artery *n.* an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening; a device or system that supplies something to a particular recipient or process
202. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
203. for____yde solution *n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products

ANSWERS: 196. mercury, 197. desire, 198. personnel, 199. infuse, 200. preservation, 201. feeder, 202. develop, 203. formaldehyde

204. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
205. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
206. way to mi____ze conflict *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
207. high levels of air po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
208. anthrax sp__e *n.* a reproductive cell that is capable of developing into a new individual without fertilization, especially one produced by certain bacteria, fungi, and algae
209. co_____ic fenders on cars *adj.* relating to treatment aimed at restoring or improving a person's appearance and attractiveness; (noun) a substance that you put on your face or body to enhance its appearance and make it more attractive
210. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
211. my_____um growth *n.* the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a mass of branching, thread-like hyphae
212. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
213. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 204. folk, 205. breed, 206. minimize, 207. pollution, 208. spore, 209. cosmetic, 210. pet, 211. mycelium, 212. survival, 213. release

214. mu____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
215. do___e blood to the Red Cross *v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
216. officially di____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
217. 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
218. pre____ive-free *adj.* used to preserve or protect something, especially food or other perishable items, from decay or spoilage; tending to prevent or delay change or deterioration

ANSWERS: 214. mushroom, 215. donate, 216. dissolve, 217. cocktail, 218. preservative

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.
n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
2. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.
adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;
3. She passed the time on the plane by doing some _____ work.
n. a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique
4. I forgot to renew my driver's license, and it _____.
v. to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.
5. After the earthquake, many of the buildings in the city were left in ruins and began to _____.
v. to break down or cause to break down over time into simpler substances or elements
6. That car has a low environmental _____.
n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
7. Our company _____ to the school endowment fund every year.
v. to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization

ANSWERS: 1. proposal, 2. chemical, 3. crochet, 4. expired, 5. decompose, 6. burden, 7. donates

8. A _____ of the employees will be trained in the new software program.
- n.* a set of things that are contained within another larger set; a portion or division of a group or category
9. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.
- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
10. They plan to _____ their loved ones according to their cultural traditions.
- v.* to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual
11. His _____ showed highly positive results.
- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
12. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
- n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
13. _____ diamonds play an essential role as machine tool blades.
- adj.* made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring
14. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
15. Most babies can readily _____ a wide variety of foods.
- v.* to transform food into absorbable substances; break down

ANSWERS: 8. subset, 9. fantasy, 10. cremate, 11. experiments, 12. survival, 13. Synthetic, 14. recognize, 15. digest

16. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
17. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.
- n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
18. The _____ chemicals in packaged foods have been a cause of concern for many health experts.
- adj.* used to preserve or protect something, especially food or other perishable items, from decay or spoilage; tending to prevent or delay change or deterioration
19. Mold exposure can release dangerous _____ into the air.
- n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
20. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.
- n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
21. Exfoliating treatments help to _____ off dead skin, revealing a fresher complexion underneath.
- v.* to shed or cast off a dead layer of skin, tissue, or surface; to discard or get rid of something unwanted or unnecessary; (noun) marshy areas or wetlands
22. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.
- v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

ANSWERS: 16. vision, 17. prototype, 18. preservative, 19. toxins, 20. suits, 21. slough, 22. dissolved

23. The _____ structure of the coral reef offers a unique environment for many marine species.

adj. resembling a tree or branching pattern; having the characteristics of a tree

24. They used fast-acting _____ on the flowers in the flower beds.

n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

25. I bought a new tool ____ for my home repair projects.

n. a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose

26. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

27. The farmer sprayed _____ on his crops to protect them from insects.

n. a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

28. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

29. I have a _____ appointment at 2 pm to get my teeth cleaned.

adj. of or relating to teeth

30. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

31. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 23. dendroid, 24. nutrients, 25. kit, 26. shift, 27. pesticide, 28. release, 29. dental, 30. preserve, 31. planet

32. This documentary deals with the _____ biology of the buffalo.
adj. connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants
33. My little sister loves to have _____ parties with her friends on the weekends.
n. a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
34. The older woman also suffers bone loss caused by _____ deficiency.
n. a category of female steroid sex hormone responsible for the development and regulation of the female reproductive system and secondary sex characteristics
35. Despite his many achievements, he remained _____ and down-to-earth.
adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
36. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
37. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
38. I have a parrot as a _____.
n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
39. _____ surgery is becoming more common in Asia due to lowering prices.
adj. relating to treatment aimed at restoring or improving a person's appearance and attractiveness; (noun) a substance that you put on your face or body to enhance its appearance and make it more attractive

ANSWERS: 32. reproductive, 33. pajama, 34. estrogen, 35. modest, 36. folk, 37. victim, 38. pet, 39. Cosmetic

40. The mule is a _____ between a male donkey and a female horse.
adj. composed of different elements or mixed characters
41. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
42. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.
adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
43. The medical examiner performed a _____ examination to determine the cause of death.
adj. relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment
44. That investor saw an _____ of possibilities in this company.
n. the state or quality of having no end or limit; (mathematics) a number greater than any natural number
45. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
46. The funeral director _____ the body to make it presentable for the wake.
v. preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
47. He was alert and could not _____ any critical information out of him.
v. to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

ANSWERS: 40. hybrid, 41. equivalent, 42. toxic, 43. postmortem, 44. infinity, 45. process, 46. embalmed, 47. pump

48. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
49. The _____ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.
- n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
50. He was an _____ person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.
- adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
51. Many different types of birds visited the bird _____.
- n.* an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening; a device or system that supplies something to a particular recipient or process
52. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
53. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.
- n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
54. The _____ ceremony was a somber reminder of his passing.
- n.* the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave
55. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.
- v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

ANSWERS: 48. environment, 49. mushroom, 50. accepting, 51. feeder, 52. cult, 53. filter, 54. burial, 55. integrate

56. She _____ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

57. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

58. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

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

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

60. I bought a gadget before my trip to help _____ stress during the flight.

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

61. University is a great place to _____ our minds and expertise.

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

62. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.

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

63. The _____ of the mushroom spread through the soil, absorbing nutrients.

n. the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a mass of branching, thread-like hyphae

ANSWERS: 56. infused, 57. mimic, 58. responsible, 59. atmosphere, 60. minimize, 61. cultivate, 62. pounds, 63. mycelium

64. The doctor diagnosed me with a _____ disorder.

- n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

65. 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

66. The patient was diagnosed with a _____ disorder affecting their motor skills.

- adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system

67. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

68. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

69. The belief in an _____ comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.

- n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions

70. The skilled _____ moved stealthily through the shadows to carry out their mission.

- n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan

ANSWERS: 64. hormone, 65. cocktail, 66. neurological, 67. concept, 68. develop, 69. afterlife, 70. ninja

71. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.
- n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
72. ____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
- n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
73. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
- n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
74. The _____ in the thermometer had risen to the boiling point.
- n.* a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun
75. We need to _____ the contaminated soil before it is safe to use.
- v.* to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context
76. The _____ of organic matter releases nutrients back into the soil.
- n.* the process of breaking down organic matter into simpler substances through natural processes such as decay
77. He wanted to _____ his brand logo on the product.
- v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

ANSWERS: 71. cancer, 72. Soil, 73. disease, 74. mercury, 75. remediate, 76. decomposition, 77. imprint

78. Chronic _____ disorders, such as asthma, can significantly impact a person's quality of life.
adj. relating to the organs and processes involved in breathing, such as the lungs and the act of inhaling and exhaling air
79. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.
v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
80. Please write to _____ your reservation.
v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
81. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.
n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
82. The factory's use of chemicals has made it a significant _____ in the area.
n. a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
83. The security of a _____ is essential to prevent theft or damage to the stored items.
n. a large building or room used for storing goods
84. Bacteria and some algae also produce _____ as a means of survival and dispersal, and they are often found in soil, water, and other environments.
n. a reproductive cell that is capable of developing into a new individual without fertilization, especially one produced by certain bacteria, fungi, and algae
85. You can add coffee grounds and crushed eggshells to your _____ to improve the pH balance.
n. a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil

ANSWERS: 78. respiratory, 79. breeds, 80. confirm, 81. pollution, 82. pollutant, 83. storehouse, 84. spores, 85. compost

86. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
87. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
88. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
89. 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
90. The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable _____.
n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
91. The _____ of crops is a vital part of agriculture in many countries.
n. the process of preparing and using land for growing crops or plants, often involving tilling, fertilizing, and irrigating the soil; the act of fostering or developing something, such as a skill, talent, or idea
92. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.
v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
93. She gave us a categorical _____ of the scandal.
n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist

ANSWERS: 86. alternative, 87. desire, 88. perspective, 89. relations, 90. preservation, 91. cultivation, 92. denying, 93. denial

94. The _____ hotel room may be small but it has all the necessary amenities.
- n.* a small, enclosed container often used for holding medicines or supplements or for transporting payloads in spacecraft; a small, elongated structure within the body, such as a joint or a gland
95. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
96. The dead body was in an advanced state of _____.
- n.* the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi; (verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes
97. Exposure to high levels of _____ can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat, as well as respiratory problems and cancer.
- n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products
98. The plant's leaves contain a deadly _____ that can cause hallucinations and seizures.
- n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
99. He used a hammer and round _____ to fix the loose board on the fence.
- n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

ANSWERS: 94. capsule, 95. tradition, 96. decay, 97. formaldehyde, 98. poison, 99. nail

100. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
n. something visible that is used to represent something else
101. This meal wasn't as _____ as we had imagined.
adj. having a strong and pleasant flavor when it is eaten
102. The museum offered a guided tour of its _____ exhibit featuring various insects.
n. the scientific study of insects, including their physical characteristics, life cycles, behaviors, and relationships with other organisms in their environment
103. Take a right turn at the next _____.
n. a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
104. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something
105. Please forward the resumes to the _____ department.
n. a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees
106. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
107. The horror movie portrayed a group of _____ who hunted humans in the woods.
n. a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice

ANSWERS: 100. symbol, 101. tasty, 102. entomology, 103. intersection, 104. embedded, 105. personnel, 106. mentioned, 107. cannibals

108. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

109. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

ANSWERS: 108. aspired, 109. intimate