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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### contemporary

*adj.* belonging to the same or present time

*synonym*: modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

**Contemporary** music has gained different followers from existing music.

### unexpected

*adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

*synonym*: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

### background

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

*synonym*: ground, experience, backdrop

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

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

### nowhere

*adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

**dirt** *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock  
*synonym* : filth, grime, muck  
(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track  
The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.

**rural** *adj.* of or relating to the countryside  
*synonym* : agrarian, country, rustic  
(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas  
Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

**quirk** *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group  
*synonym* : eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity  
(1) personality **quirk**, (2) a **quirk** of fate  
One of her **quirks** is that she always wears mismatched socks.

**relate** *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something  
*synonym* : connect, link, associate  
(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message  
He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

**intellect** *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level  
*synonym* : mind, brightness, cleverness  
(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**  
Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## 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.

## compete

*v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

*synonym*: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

## squirrel

*n.* a small to medium-sized rodent with a bushy tail, found in almost every part of the world

*synonym*: rodent, chipmunk, tree-dweller

(1) agile **squirrel**, (2) gray **squirrel**

The **squirrels** in the park were very friendly and came right up to us looking for food.

## brain

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

*synonym*: intellect, mind, encephalon

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

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

## documentary

*n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

*synonym*: film, broadcast, doco

(1) a **documentary** film, (2) **documentary** proof

He won an award for that short **documentary**.

## voracious

*adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something

*synonym*: ravenous, insatiable, greedy

(1) **voracious** thirst, (2) **voracious** reader

The **voracious** appetite of the teenager was legendary.

## novel

*n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

*synonym* : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

## amazing

*adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

*synonym* : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

## recline

*v.* to lean or lie back in a relaxed or comfortable position

*synonym* : lounge, lie down, relax

(1) **recline** on the sofa, (2) **recline** on my side

She **reclined** her seat and relaxed for the flight.

## holler

*v.* to shout or call out loudly and forcefully, often to get someone's attention or convey a message

*synonym* : shout, yell, bellow

(1) **holler** out his frustration, (2) **holler** for help

The kids love to **holler** at the echoing mountains during our summer trips.

## fetch

*v.* to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something

*synonym* : retrieve, bring, get

(1) **fetch** the mail, (2) **fetch** a ball

Could you help me **fetch** the ball from the other side of the field?

## 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.

## damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

*synonym*: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

## frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

*synonym*: hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

## exhibition

n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

*synonym*: display, show, presentation

(1) a personal **exhibition**, (2) **exhibition** opening

The art museum is hosting an **exhibition** of contemporary paintings next month.

## pulse

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

*synonym*:

beat, vibration, throb

(1) a weak **pulse**, (2) **pulse** waves

The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your **pulse**.

## 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?

## strike

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

*synonym*: hit, impact, influence

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

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

## clarity

*n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

*synonym*: clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

## appealing

*adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

*synonym*: attractive, alluring, captivating

(1) **appealing** design, (2) an **appealing** offer

The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very **appealing** to readers

## broad

*adj.* very wide; general

*synonym*: wide, expansive, comprehensive

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

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

## exquisite

*adj.* extremely beautiful and delicate

*synonym* : magnificent, glorious, gorgeous

(1) **exquisite** crafts, (2) a man of **exquisite** sensitivity

We can hear an **exquisite** piano melody from his room.

## craftsman

*n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

*synonym* : artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**

The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

## technique

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

*synonym* : approach, procedure, strategy

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

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

## biennial

*adj.* occurring every two years

*synonym* : every other year, two-year, occurring bi-yearly

(1) **biennial** event, (2) **biennial** report

The **biennial** art festival is famous and draws artists and art lovers worldwide.

## decide

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

*synonym* : choose, determine, settle

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

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

## criteria

*n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided

*synonym* : bars, benchmarks, standards

(1) **criteria** for action, (2) consistency **criteria**

He didn't meet all the **criteria**, but he was hired anyway.

## obtuse

*adj.* lacking in sharpness or quickness of mind; blunt or dull-witted; (of mathematics) an angle that measures greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees

*synonym*: dense, stupid, insensitive

(1) **obtuse** angle, (2) **obtuse** remarks

His **obtuse** reasoning made it difficult for me to understand his point of view.

## esoteric

*adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest

*synonym*: abstruse, recondite, arcane

(1) an **esoteric** religion, (2) **esoteric** tome

The book's content was so **esoteric** only a select few scholars could fully understand it.

## refined

*adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

*synonym*: cultured, purified, tasteful

(1) adopt a **refined** attitude, (2) a lot of **refined** sugar

She was highly **refined** in her choice of apparel.

## fluent

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

*synonym*: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

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

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

## 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.

## greatly

*adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much

*synonym*:



enormously, broadly, grandly

(1) **greatly** affect the situation, (2) **greatly** support that player

They **greatly** admired our actions.

## craft

*n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

*synonym*: art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

## invention

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

*synonym*: creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

## studio

*n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

*synonym*: workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

## realistic

*adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

*synonym*: practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

(1) a **realistic** goal, (2) a **realistic** goal

That story was so **realistic**, and it was scary.

## still-life

*n.* a genre of art that focuses on depicting inanimate objects, such as flowers, fruit, or everyday objects, arranged in a way to create a composition

(1) **still-life** painting, (2) **still-life** photography

The artist painted a captivating **still-life** of a bowl of fruit and flowers.

## indoor

*adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building

(1) an **indoor** pool, (2) designed for **indoor** use

Table tennis is an **indoor** sport.

## installation

*n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

*synonym*: induction, introduction, furnishing

(1) **installation** fee, (2) a medical **installation**

The Queen attested the **installation** of state ministers to their portfolios.

## outdo

*v.* to do better than someone; to surpass

*synonym*: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

## 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.

## introduction

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

*synonym*: initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

## fictional

*adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

*synonym*: imaginary, invented, made-up

(1) **fictional** character, (2) non- **fictional** text

The names of the company are entirely **fictional**.

## agriculture

*n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

*synonym*: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

**Agriculture** is the foundation of our economy.

## 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.

## flip

*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

*synonym*: throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

## cleanse

*v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body

*synonym*: purify, detoxify, sanitize

(1) juice **cleanse**, (2) **cleanse** the face

The new diet is designed to **cleanse** toxins from the body.

## giant

*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

*synonym*: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

## unfold

*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

*synonym* : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

## dusk

*n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight

*synonym* : twilight, gloaming, sundown

(1) **dusk** sky, (2) **dusk** falls

The sky turned a beautiful orange hue at **dusk**.

## dawn

*n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

*synonym* : daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

## twilight

*n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

*synonym* : dusk, sunset, gloaming

(1) **twilight** sky, (2) **twilight** of an era

The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at **twilight**.

## wedge

*n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them

(1) drive a **wedge** into a relationship, (2) put a **wedge** under the door

He inserted the **wedge** into a split in the log.

## backyard

*n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house

*synonym* : courtyard, garden

(1) play in the **backyard**, (2) **backyard** barbecue

He grows vegetables in his **backyard**.

## ephemeral

*adj.* lasting or used for only a short time

*synonym* : temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

## transience

*n.* the state or fact of lasting only for a short time; the quality or state of being temporary

*synonym* : fleetingness, impermanence, ephemerality

(1) human **transience**, (2) **transience** of fame

The **transience** of life is a reminder to make the most of every moment.

## mad

*adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

*synonym* : crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

## frost

*n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing

*synonym* : freeze, ice, blight

(1) five degrees of **frost**, (2) **frost** line

The **frost** on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.

## lawn

*n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics

*synonym* : yard, grass, meadow

(1) **lawn** mower, (2) lush **lawn**

The family enjoyed a picnic on the **lawn** in the park.

## melt

*v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

*synonym* : disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold

Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

## 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.

## 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.

## fundraise

*v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms

*synonym*: appeal, raise, solicit

(1) **fundraise** a charity fund, (2) **fundraise** for a new shelter

The school is planning to **fundraise** to purchase new books for the library.

## scratch

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

*synonym*: claw, rub, scrape

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

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

## masterpiece

*n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

*synonym*: classic, chef-d'oeuvre, magnum opus

(1) literary **masterpiece**, (2) a **masterpiece** of design

The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a **masterpiece** of

art.

## buck

*n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

*synonym*: dollar, money, currency

(1) **buck** the trend, (2) extra **buck**

I spotted a majestic **buck** with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

## spark

*v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

*synonym*: start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction

The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

## craze

*n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

*synonym*: mania, fad, agitation

(1) **craze** for speculation, (2) fitness **craze**

We experienced a **craze** for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.

## portrait

*n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

*synonym*: illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure

A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

## jackpot

*n.* a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome

*synonym*: prize, bonanza, windfall

(1) lottery **jackpot**, (2) win a **jackpot**

After hours of playing the slot machines, she finally hit the **jackpot** and won hundreds of dollars.

## drawing

*n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

*synonym*: sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design

She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for her artwork.

## stick

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

*synonym*: pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

## cousin

*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

*synonym*: relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

## compliment

*n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

*synonym*: praise, acclamation, tribute

(1) a backhanded **compliment**, (2) accept a **compliment**

Her **compliment** made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

## residence

*n.* the fact or condition of living in a particular place; a home

*synonym*: dwelling, home, abode

(1) permanent **residence**, (2) the main **residence**



The **residence** of the ambassador was located in the heart of the city.

## porch

*n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards

*synonym*: veranda, balcony, deck

(1) **porch** light, (2) a glass **porch**

The old rocking chair on the **porch** creaked as he sat down to read his book.

## toothbrush

*n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth

*synonym*: brush, scrubber, cleaner

(1) **toothbrush** stand, (2) power **toothbrush**

My **toothbrush** with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.

## 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.

## abode

*n.* a place where one lives; a dwelling; a house, or other shelters

*synonym*: dwelling, residence, home

(1) a temporary **abode**, (2) humble **abode**

The small cabin in the woods was his **abode** for many years.

## discuss

*v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

*synonym*: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

## refer

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

*synonym*: cite, allude, mention

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

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

## nest

n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

*synonym*: roost, perch, burrow

(1) bird's **nest**, (2) a **nest** of thieves

The female birds build a **nest** and lay their eggs in May.

## property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

*synonym*: belongings, possessions, equity

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

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

## harness

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

*synonym*: rein in, control, (noun) belt

(1) **harness** a horse to a carriage, (2) put a **harness** on my pet

People have been exploring ways to **harness** natural forces and resources since ancient times.

## mix-tape

n. a collection of songs, usually recorded onto a cassette tape or burned onto a CD, compiled by an individual rather than a record company, and often given to friends or acquaintances as a gift

*synonym*: playlist, compilation, mix

(1) **mix-tape** playlist, (2) summer **mix-tape**

I made a **mix-tape** of all my favorite songs to listen to on my long road trip.

## chaos

*n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

*synonym*: disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

## artwork

*n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.

*synonym*: painting, picture, graphics

(1) ancient **artwork**, (2) **artwork** conservation

Videos documenting the process of creating this pencil **artwork** have been popular worldwide.

## 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.

## irrigation

*n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well

(1) an **irrigation** ditch, (2) underground **irrigation** system

Archaeologists found traces of agricultural **irrigation** channels at the historic site.

## nonprofit

*adj.* not established for commercial profit

*synonym*: charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

## heirloom

*n.* a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value

*synonym* : heritage, inheritance, legacy

(1) **heirloom** jewelry, (2) family **heirloom**

The family recipe for apple pie has become an **heirloom** tradition.

## precious

*adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable

*synonym* : adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

## gem

*n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing

*synonym* : jewel, precious stone, diamond

(1) **gem** collection, (2) hidden **gem**

The enga **gement** ring was a precious gem passed down through generations of her family.

## duo

*n.* a pair of two individuals or things, particularly performers who work together as a team or musical group

*synonym* : pair, twosome, couple

(1) **duo** performance, (2) comedy **duo**

The music **duo** performed a sold-out show at the arena.

## bud

*n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

*synonym* : shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

## 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.

## geography

*n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

*synonym*: landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

## jig

*n.* a lively dance with a fast tempo and typically involving hopping movements; a device or tool used for guiding or directing a cutting or drilling tool

*synonym*: dance, reel, minuet

(1) dancing a **jig**, (2) **jig** grinding machine

The traditional Irish **jig** is a lively folk dance involving much footwork.

## milestone

*n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances

*synonym*: landmark, turning point, touchstone

(1) key **milestone**, (2) **milestone** event

Reaching the **milestone** of 1000 subscribers on her SNS channel was a major achievement for her.

## 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.

## bury

*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

*synonym*: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

## grave

*n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

*synonym*: tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

## hilarious

*adj.* extremely funny

*synonym*: funny, comical, amusing

(1) **hilarious** mistake, (2) a **hilarious** anecdote

The comedian's stand-up routine was **hilarious**.

## 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.

## essence

*n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

*synonym*: core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

## mimicry

*n.* the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh

*synonym*: imitation, apery

(1) vocal **mimicry**, (2) floral **mimicry**

Some insects use **mimicry** to avoid detection by predators.

## camouflage

*n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or

military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

*synonym* : guise, mask, cloak

(1) **camouflage** clothing, (2) work as **camouflage**

They utilized branches of trees as **camouflage**.

## alley

*n.* a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets

*synonym* : lane, passage, pathway

(1) back **alley**, (2) **alley** cat

They played basketball in the **alley** behind their house.

## jungle

*n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

*synonym* : wilderness, forest

(1) middle of the **jungle**, (2) **jungle** exploration

This village is still in a dense **jungle**.

## creature

*n.* a living being, especially an animal

*synonym* : being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

## butterfly

*n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

## specimen

*n.* an individual example or sample of something, typically used to represent a larger group or category

*synonym* : example, sample, model

(1) **specimen** collection, (2) botanical **specimen**

The biology teacher showed the students a frog **specimen** so they could examine its anatomy.

- 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.
- conversation** *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.  
*synonym*: chat, discussion, dialogue  
(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**  
Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.
- hazel** *n.* a small tree or shrub that produces edible nuts similar to almonds; the light brown or yellowish-brown color that resembles the color of the hazelnut  
*synonym*: tree, shrub  
(1) **hazel** eyes, (2) **hazel** fragrance  
The **hazel** tree in our backyard produces nuts that the squirrels love.
- anthropology** *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species  
(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion  
The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.
- sabbatical** *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions  
*synonym*: leave, vacation, break  
(1) **sabbatical** leave, (2) **sabbatical** year  
After ten years of teaching, she took a **sabbatical** to travel the world.
- distinctive** *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others



*synonym*: characteristic, individual, unique

(1) **distinctive** ability, (2) design to be **distinctive**

His writing style was **distinctive**, with a clear and concise voice.

## yodel

*v.* to sing or call out with rapid changes in pitch between low and high notes, usually in a distinct, wavering style popular in traditional Alpine music and culture; (noun) a form of singing that involves repeated changes of pitch during a single note

*synonym*: sing, warble, trill

(1) **yodel** song, (2) traditional **yodel**

When we reached the top of the mountain, we couldn't resist the urge to **yodel** into the echoing valley below.

## uvula

*n.* a fleshy, cone-shaped structure that hangs down from the soft palate at the back of the throat, playing a role in speech and swallowing

*synonym*: dangly bit, throat punchbag

(1) infected **uvula**, (2) sore **uvula**

The doctor recommended surgery to address the enlarged **uvula** causing sleep apnea.

## forbidden

*adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

*synonym*: prohibited, banned, illegal

(1) **forbidden** words, (2) **forbidden** love

Taking photographs inside the museum is **forbidden**.

## 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.

## typical

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

*synonym*: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms  
This artwork is **typical** of her work.

## embroidery

*n.* the art or skill of decorating fabric with thread, yarn, or other material, often by creating designs or pictures with stitches or patterns

*synonym*: needlework, stitching, tapestry

(1) **embroidery** design, (2) hand **embroidery**

The wedding dress had beautiful **embroidery** on the bodice.

## 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

## crack

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

*synonym*: snap, burst, break

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

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

## antique

*adj.* very old and often valuable; from a bygone era

*synonym*: old, vintage, retro

(1) **antique** shop, (2) imitation **antique**

She has a collection of **antique** vases that she inherited from her grandparents.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym*: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## ribbon

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

*synonym* : band, strip, sash

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

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

## wool

*n.* a textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep or certain other animals, used for making clothing and other fabric items

*synonym* : fleece, cashmere

(1) **wool** sweater, (2) **wool** fibers

I love wearing **wool** socks during the winter to keep my feet warm.

## motto

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

*synonym* : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

## pragmatist

*n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals

*synonym* : realist, practical person, utilitarian

(1) **pragmatist** perspective, (2) a true **pragmatist**

As a **pragmatist**, she always focuses on finding practical solutions to problems.

## warn

*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

*synonym* : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

## barb

*n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

*synonym* : spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

## fence

*n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

*synonym* : barrier, wall, hedge

(1) **fence** post, (2) a brushwood **fence**

She planted a hedge to serve as a natural **fence** around her garden.

## scholar

*n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

*synonym* : professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

## bless

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

*synonym* : sanctify, consecrate, hallow

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

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

## paranoid

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

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

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

## 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.

**doe** *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym* : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

**fortune** *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

*synonym* : wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

**teller** *n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

*synonym* : cashier, bank clerk, clerk

(1) fortune- **teller**, (2) **teller** machine

The bank **teller** carefully counted the money before handing it to the customer.

**ginger** *n.* a plant (*Zingiber officinale*) that is widely cultivated for its aromatic underground stem (rhizome), which is used as a spice, especially in Asian cooking

*synonym* : ginger root, gingerroot, zingiber

(1) **ginger** tea, (2) **ginger** extract

I added fresh **ginger** to the stir-fry to add a little extra zing.

**gab**

*v.* to talk or chat informally and at length, often in a relaxed or gossipy manner; to engage in idle or frivolous conversation; (noun) casual conversation or idle chatter  
*synonym* : converse, chatter, yak

(1) **gab** on the cellular telephone, (2) haev a great **gab** session

We often **gab** about our favorite books and movies during our road trips.

**sandy**

*adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown  
*synonym* : arenaceous, sandlike

(1) miles of **sandy** beaches, (2) **sandy** hair

The rain rapidly soaked into the **sandy** soil.

**aboriginal**

*adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous  
*synonym* : native, indigenous, autochthonous

(1) **aboriginal** art, (2) **aboriginal** land

Many **aboriginal** cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.

**sculpture**

*n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay  
*synonym* : statuary, carving, modeling

(1) create **sculpture**, (2) abstract **sculpture**

The ancient Greek **sculptures** are known for their realism and attention to detail.

**heal**

*v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again  
*synonym* : recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind

It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

## prolific

*adj.* producing many works, results, or offspring

*synonym* : productive, fertile, abundant

(1) **prolific** apple tree, (2) **prolific** period

The **prolific** author had written over 20 books in just five years.

## stasis

*n.* a state of stillness or immobility, often used in a medical context to refer to a lack of change or progress in a condition or disease

*synonym* : stillness, inactivity, stagnation

(1) renal **stasis**, (2) **stasis** in development

The patient's **stasis** in the hospital was concerning to the doctors.

## scare

*v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

*synonym* : frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

## 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.

## optometrist

*n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids

*synonym* : eye doctor, optician, oculist

(1) **optometrist** appointment, (2) licensed **optometrist**

I visited an **optometrist** to have my eyes checked for a new prescription for glasses.

## optics

*n.* the academic study of vision and light

(1) **optics** technology, (2) fiber **optics**

Einstein's new **optics** theory transformed traditional scientific notions about light.

## **adventure**

*n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

*synonym*: experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

## **skinny**

*adj.* having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential

*synonym*: slender, lean, thin

(1) **skinny** jeans, (2) **skinny** finger

His mom was always concerned about his **skinny** frame and encouraged him to eat more



## Session 2: Spelling

1. fe\_\_h a ball  
*v.* to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something
2. bird's n\_\_t  
*n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
3. a sand p\_\_e  
*n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
4. de\_\_\_e a question  
*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
5. 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
6. people in ru\_\_l areas  
*adj.* of or relating to the countryside
7. a lot of re\_\_\_\_\_d sugar  
*adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
8. cross-co\_\_\_n marriage  
*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
9. re\_\_\_e a story  
*v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
10. doc\_\_\_\_\_ry proof  
*n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

ANSWERS: 1. fetch, 2. nest, 3. pile, 4. decide, 5. tradition, 6. rural, 7. refined, 8. cousin, 9. relate, 10. documentary

11. the mo\_\_o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
12. pu\_\_e waves *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
13. ex\_\_\_\_\_te crafts *adj.* extremely beautiful and delicate
14. ad\_\_\_\_\_re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
15. ho\_\_\_r for help *v.* to shout or call out loudly and forcefully, often to get someone's attention or convey a message
16. al\_\_y cat *n.* a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets
17. w\_\_n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
18. b\_\_k the trend *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
19. yo\_\_l song *v.* to sing or call out with rapid changes in pitch between low and high notes, usually in a distinct, wavering style popular in traditional Alpine music and culture; (noun) a form of singing that involves repeated changes of pitch during a single note

ANSWERS: 11. motto, 12. pulse, 13. exquisite, 14. adventure, 15. holler, 16. alley, 17. warn, 18. buck, 19. yodel

20. too\_\_\_\_\_sh stand *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
21. a friendly con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
22. gi\_\_t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
23. buck and d\_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
24. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
25. l\_\_n mower *n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
26. re\_\_r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
27. sp\_\_k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
28. cr\_\_t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
29. pa\_\_\_\_\_id disorder *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you

ANSWERS: 20. toothbrush, 21. conversation, 22. giant, 23. doe, 24. germ, 25. lawn, 26. refer, 27. spark, 28. craft, 29. paranoid

30. gi\_\_\_r extract *n.* a plant (*Zingiber officinale*) that is widely cultivated for its aromatic underground stem (rhizome), which is used as a spice, especially in Asian cooking
31. abo\_\_\_\_\_al land *adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous
32. 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
33. spread of f\_\_e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
34. am\_\_\_\_\_g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
35. dis\_\_\_\_\_ve ability *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
36. a br\_\_d mind *adj.* very wide; general
37. cl\_\_\_\_\_e the face *v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body
38. co\_\_\_n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
39. agile sq\_\_\_\_\_el *n.* a small to medium-sized rodent with a bushy tail, found in almost every part of the world

ANSWERS: 30. ginger, 31. aboriginal, 32. pump, 33. fake, 34. amazing, 35. distinctive, 36. broad, 37. cleanse, 38. cousin, 39. squirrel

40. g\_m collection *n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing
41. pa\_\_\_a pants *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
42. a bac\_\_\_\_\_nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
43. exh\_\_\_\_\_on opening *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
44. cam\_\_\_\_\_ge clothing *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
45. ha\_\_\_\_\_s a horse to a carriage *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
46. sc\_\_y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

ANSWERS: 40. gem, 41. pajama, 42. background, 43. exhibition, 44. camouflage, 45. harness, 46. scary

47. st\_\_k a key in a lock      *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
48. fr\_\_t line      *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
49. sc\_\_e the birds away      *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
50. con\_\_\_\_\_ion in English      *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
51. middle of the ju\_\_\_e      *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
52. fiber op\_\_\_s      *n.* the academic study of vision and light
53. haev a great g\_b session      *v.* to talk or chat informally and at length, often in a relaxed or gossipy manner; to engage in idle or frivolous conversation; (noun) casual conversation or idle chatter
54. ar\_\_\_\_\_k conservation      *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
55. care pa\_\_\_a      *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
56. emb\_\_\_\_\_ry design      *n.* the art or skill of decorating fabric with thread, yarn, or other material, often by creating designs or pictures with stitches or patterns

ANSWERS: 47. stick, 48. frost, 49. scare, 50. conversation, 51. jungle, 52. optics, 53. gab, 54. artwork, 55. pajama, 56. embroidery

57. an in\_\_\_r pool *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
58. w\_\_ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
59. cr\_\_t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
60. gets m\_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
61. no\_\_\_\_e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
62. play in the ba\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
63. a te\_\_\_\_\_ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
64. a m\_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
65. ou\_\_o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
66. accept a com\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
67. floral mi\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh
68. no\_\_\_\_\_it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
69. gr\_\_e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

ANSWERS: 57. indoor, 58. warn, 59. craft, 60. mad, 61. nowhere, 62. backyard, 63. technique, 64. mad, 65. outdo, 66. compliment, 67. mimicry, 68. nonprofit, 69. grave

70. create sc\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
71. pr\_\_\_\_\_ic period *adj.* producing many works, results, or offspring
72. sc\_\_\_\_\_h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
73. ou\_\_o the competition *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
74. abstract sc\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
75. sake of cl\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
76. permanent br\_\_n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
77. f\_\_p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
78. imitation an\_\_\_\_\_e *adj.* very old and often valuable; from a bygone era
79. licensed opt\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids

ANSWERS: 70. sculpture, 71. prolific, 72. scratch, 73. outdo, 74. sculpture, 75. clarity, 76. brain, 77. flip, 78. antique, 79. optometrist



80. some une\_\_\_\_\_ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
81. op\_\_\_s technology *n.* the academic study of vision and light
82. key mi\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances
83. 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
84. pa\_\_\_\_\_id about issues *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
85. lush l\_\_n *n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
86. me\_\_\_\_\_n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
87. fu\_\_\_\_\_se a charity fund *v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms
88. a photo st\_\_\_o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
89. work as cam\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

ANSWERS: 80. unexpected, 81. optics, 82. milestone, 83. toast, 84. paranoid, 85. lawn, 86. mention, 87. fundraise, 88. studio, 89. camouflage

90. 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
91. j\_g grinding machine *n.* a lively dance with a fast tempo and typically involving hopping movements; a device or tool used for guiding or directing a cutting or drilling tool
92. aim a b\_\_b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
93. underground irr\_\_\_\_\_on system *n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well
94. the most am\_\_\_\_\_g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
95. cr\_\_\_\_\_an skill *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
96. economic ge\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
97. silk ri\_\_\_n *n.* a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award

ANSWERS: 90. process, 91. jig, 92. barb, 93. irrigation, 94. amazing, 95. craftsman, 96. geography, 97. ribbon

98. su\_\_\_\_e you're right      *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
99. ap\_\_\_\_\_ng design      *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
100. 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
101. da\_\_\_e a relationship      *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
102. b\_\_y emotion      *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
103. bi\_\_\_\_\_al event      *adj.* occurring every two years
104. notable in\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
105. humble ab\_\_e      *n.* a place where one lives; a dwelling; a house, or other shelters
106. permanent re\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the fact or condition of living in a particular place; a home
107. adopt a re\_\_\_\_\_d attitude      *adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

ANSWERS: 98. suppose, 99. appealing, 100. pump, 101. damage, 102. bury, 103. biennial, 104. instance, 105. abode, 106. residence, 107. refined

108. b\_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
109. bi\_\_\_\_al report *adj.* occurring every two years
110. di\_\_\_\_s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
111. the life cycle of a bu\_\_\_\_\_ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
112. sp\_\_\_\_\_en collection *n.* an individual example or sample of something, typically used to represent a larger group or category
113. te\_\_\_\_r machine *n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience
114. sy\_\_\_\_l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
115. st\_\_\_\_e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
116. fe\_\_h the mail *v.* to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something
117. fairly ty\_\_\_\_\_l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

ANSWERS: 108. bud, 109. biennial, 110. discuss, 111. butterfly, 112. specimen, 113. teller, 114. symbol, 115. strike, 116. fetch, 117. typical

118. sc\_\_\_\_\_h off a name      *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
119. f\_\_p a coin      *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
120. ty\_\_\_\_\_l leader      *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
121. basic br\_\_n function      *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
122. opt\_\_\_\_\_st appointment      *n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids
123. fo\_\_\_\_\_en love      *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
124. cr\_\_e for speculation      *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
125. gr\_\_\_\_\_y affect the situation      *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
126. int\_\_\_\_\_ion education      *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 118. scratch, 119. flip, 120. typical, 121. brain, 122. optometrist, 123. forbidden, 124. craze, 125. greatly, 126. introduction

127. a re\_\_\_\_\_ic goal      *adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
128. dr\_\_\_\_\_g for design      *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
129. h\_\_l a broken bone      *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
130. dancing a j\_g      *n.* a lively dance with a fast tempo and typically involving hopping movements; a device or tool used for guiding or directing a cutting or drilling tool
131. m\_\_t down gold      *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
132. fr\_\_\_\_\_te the advancement      *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
133. ha\_\_l fragrance      *n.* a small tree or shrub that produces edible nuts similar to almonds; the light brown or yellowish-brown color that resembles the color of the hazelnut
134. ho\_\_\_r out his frustration      *v.* to shout or call out loudly and forcefully, often to get someone's attention or convey a message
135. pr\_\_\_\_\_us information      *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
136. st\_\_\_s in development      *n.* a state of stillness or immobility, often used in a medical context to refer to a lack of change or progress in a condition or disease

ANSWERS: 127. realistic, 128. drawing, 129. heal, 130. jig, 131. melt, 132. frustrate, 133. hazel, 134. holler, 135. precious, 136. stasis

137. d\_\_k falls *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
138. cr\_\_\_\_ia for action *n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
139. technical dr\_\_\_\_g *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
140. a medical ins\_\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
141. social ant\_\_\_\_\_\_ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
142. vo\_\_\_\_us thirst *adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something
143. the in\_\_\_\_on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
144. he\_\_\_\_om jewelry *n.* a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value

ANSWERS: 137. dusk, 138. criteria, 139. drawing, 140. installation, 141. anthropology, 142. voracious, 143. invention, 144. heirloom

145. sp\_\_k his interest      *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
146. di\_\_\_\_s solutions      *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
147. a weak pu\_\_e      *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
148. fe\_\_e post      *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
149. re\_\_\_\_e on the sofa      *v.* to lean or lie back in a relaxed or comfortable position
150. gov\_\_\_\_nt funding      *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
151. 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
152. 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
153. gray sq\_\_\_\_el      *n.* a small to medium-sized rodent with a bushy tail, found in almost every part of the world

ANSWERS: 145. spark, 146. discuss, 147. pulse, 148. fence, 149. recline, 150. government, 151. anniversary, 152. pile, 153. squirrel



154. a hi\_\_\_\_\_us anecdote *adj.* extremely funny
155. common in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
156. vo\_\_\_\_\_us reader *adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something
157. juice cl\_\_\_\_\_e *v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body
158. con\_\_\_\_\_ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
159. sa\_\_y hair *adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
160. 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
161. fu\_\_\_\_\_se for a new shelter *v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms

ANSWERS: 154. hilarious, 155. invention, 156. voracious, 157. cleanse, 158. contemporary, 159. sandy, 160. process, 161. fundraise

162. sc_____r in international politics	<i>n.</i> professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
163. the main re_____ce	<i>n.</i> the fact or condition of living in a particular place; a home
164. price of pr_____us metals	<i>adj.</i> uncommon and extremely valuable
165. re_____e on my side	<i>v.</i> to lean or lie back in a relaxed or comfortable position
166. ep_____al materials	<i>adj.</i> lasting or used for only a short time
167. hand emb_____ry	<i>n.</i> the art or skill of decorating fabric with thread, yarn, or other material, often by creating designs or pictures with stitches or patterns
168. personality qu__k	<i>n.</i> a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
169. ant_____ogy of religion	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
170. organic agr_____re	<i>n.</i> the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
171. su_____e beforehand	<i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
172. field of con_____ary art	<i>adj.</i> belonging to the same or present time
173. company mo__o	<i>n.</i> a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 162. scholar, 163. residence, 164. precious, 165. recline, 166. ephemeral, 167. embroidery, 168. quirk, 169. anthropology, 170. agriculture, 171. suppose, 172. contemporary, 173. motto

174. tw\_\_\_\_\_ht sky *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
175. de\_\_\_e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
176. consistency cr\_\_\_\_\_ia *n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
177. comedy d\_o *n.* a pair of two individuals or things, particularly performers who work together as a team or musical group
178. 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
179. a po\_\_\_\_\_it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
180. sy\_\_\_l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
181. sti\_\_\_\_\_fe photography *n.* a genre of art that focuses on depicting inanimate objects, such as flowers, fruit, or everyday objects, arranged in a way to create a composition
182. fo\_\_\_\_\_en words *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
183. ill fo\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

ANSWERS: 174. twilight, 175. decide, 176. criteria, 177. duo, 178. hell, 179. portrait, 180. symbol, 181. still-life, 182. forbidden, 183. fortune

184. family he\_\_\_\_\_om      *n.* a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value
185. human tra\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the state or fact of lasting only for a short time; the quality or state of being temporary
186. in a fl\_\_\_\_t tone      *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
187. 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
188. win a ja\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome
189. the wan light of d\_\_n      *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
190. a backhanded com\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
191. sc\_\_e off her attacker by screaming      *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
192. a brushwood fe\_\_e      *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

ANSWERS: 184. heirloom, 185. transience, 186. fluent, 187. develop, 188. jackpot, 189. dawn, 190. compliment, 191. scare, 192. fence

193. intensive agr\_\_\_\_\_re      *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
194. a criminal bac\_\_\_\_\_nd      *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
195. bit of good fo\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
196. d\_e rabbit      *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
197. a man of pr\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
198. vanilla es\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
199. fi\_\_\_\_\_al character      *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
200. miles of sa\_\_y beaches      *adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
201. no\_\_l effect      *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
202. pinch off a b\_d      *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
203. co\_\_\_\_\_t car      *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 193. agriculture, 194. background, 195. fortune, 196. doe, 197. property, 198. essence, 199. fictional, 200. sandy, 201. novel, 202. bud, 203. concept

204. a n\_\_t of thieves *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
205. sk\_\_\_y jeans *adj.* having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential
206. un\_\_\_d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
207. back al\_\_y *n.* a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets
208. infected uv\_\_a *n.* a fleshy, cone-shaped structure that hangs down from the soft palate at the back of the throat, playing a role in speech and swallowing
209. a cr\_\_k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
210. 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
211. renal st\_\_\_s *n.* a state of stillness or immobility, often used in a medical context to refer to a lack of change or progress in a condition or disease

ANSWERS: 204. nest, 205. skinny, 206. unfold, 207. alley, 208. uvula, 209. crack, 210. hell, 211. stasis

212. a glass po\_\_h *n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
213. sab\_\_\_\_\_al leave *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
214. gastronomic ad\_\_\_\_\_res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
215. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
216. attract br\_\_d attention *adj.* very wide; general
217. fortune-te\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience
218. historical no\_\_l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
219. literary mas\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
220. st\_\_\_e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
221. abo\_\_\_\_\_al art *adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

ANSWERS: 212. porch, 213. sabbatical, 214. adventure, 215. government, 216. broad, 217. teller, 218. novel, 219. masterpiece, 220. strike, 221. aboriginal

222. sc\_\_y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
223. a qu\_\_k of fate *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
224. mi\_\_\_\_\_ne event *n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances
225. m\_\_t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
226. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
227. an une\_\_\_\_\_ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
228. a no\_\_\_\_\_it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
229. tw\_\_\_\_\_ht of an era *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
230. universal es\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
231. fire st\_\_k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 222. scary, 223. quirk, 224. milestone, 225. melt, 226. intellect, 227. unexpected, 228. nonprofit, 229. twilight, 230. essence, 231. stick



232. gi\_\_\_r tea *n.* a plant (*Zingiber officinale*) that is widely cultivated for its aromatic underground stem (rhizome), which is used as a spice, especially in Asian cooking
233. ins\_\_\_\_\_ion fee *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
234. a temporary ab\_\_e *n.* a place where one lives; a dwelling; a house, or other shelters
235. a true pra\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals
236. ju\_\_\_e exploration *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
237. sore uv\_\_a *n.* a fleshy, cone-shaped structure that hangs down from the soft palate at the back of the throat, playing a role in speech and swallowing
238. gr\_\_\_\_\_y support that player *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
239. designed for in\_\_\_r use *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
240. an es\_\_\_\_\_ic religion *adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest
241. come out of no\_\_\_\_\_e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

ANSWERS: 232. ginger, 233. installation, 234. abode, 235. pragmatist, 236. jungle, 237. uvula, 238. greatly, 239. indoor, 240. esoteric, 241. nowhere

242. un\_\_\_d the stroller      *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
243. re\_\_r to a map      *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
244. 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
245. fitness cr\_\_e      *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
246. me\_\_\_\_\_n name      *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
247. lack of cl\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
248. put a we\_\_e under the door      *n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them
249. 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

ANSWERS: 242. unfold, 243. refer, 244. toast, 245. craze, 246. mention, 247. clarity, 248. wedge, 249. tradition

250. a personal exh\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
251. bl\_\_s you      *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
252. traditional yo\_\_l      *v.* to sing or call out with rapid changes in pitch between low and high notes, usually in a distinct, wavering style popular in traditional Alpine music and culture; (noun) a form of singing that involves repeated changes of pitch during a single note
253. lottery ja\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome
254. da\_\_\_e assessment      *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
255. sab\_\_\_\_\_al year      *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
256. sk\_\_\_y finger      *adj.* having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential

ANSWERS: 250. exhibition, 251. bless, 252. yodel, 253. jackpot, 254. damage, 255. sabbatical, 256. skinny

257. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
258. ge\_\_\_\_\_hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
259. non-fi\_\_\_\_\_al text *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
260. d\_\_t track *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
261. ba\_\_\_\_\_rd barbecue *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
262. pr\_\_\_\_\_ic apple tree *adj.* producing many works, results, or offspring
263. self-int\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
264. artificial cr\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
265. cr\_\_\_\_\_re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
266. ancient ar\_\_\_\_\_k *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
267. cr\_\_k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

ANSWERS: 257. intellect, 258. geography, 259. fictional, 260. dirt, 261. backyard, 262. prolific, 263. introduction, 264. creature, 265. creature, 266. artwork, 267. crack

268. there is no other alt\_\_\_\_\_ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
269. sti\_\_\_\_\_fe painting *n.* a genre of art that focuses on depicting inanimate objects, such as flowers, fruit, or everyday objects, arranged in a way to create a composition
270. f\_\_e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
271. w\_\_l sweater *n.* a textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep or certain other animals, used for making clothing and other fabric items
272. chemical pr\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
273. ch\_\_s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
274. g\_b on the cellular telephone *v.* to talk or chat informally and at length, often in a relaxed or gossipy manner; to engage in idle or frivolous conversation; (noun) casual conversation or idle chatter
275. ru\_\_l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
276. noted sc\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
277. mi\_\_\_\_\_pe playlist *n.* a collection of songs, usually recorded onto a cassette tape or burned onto a CD, compiled by an individual rather than a record company, and often given to friends or acquaintances as a gift

ANSWERS: 268. alternative, 269. still-life, 270. fake, 271. wool, 272. property, 273. chaos, 274. gab, 275. rural, 276. scholar, 277. mix-tape

278. a subtle cr\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
279. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
280. power too\_\_\_\_\_sh *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
281. bl\_\_s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
282. the te\_\_\_\_\_ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
283. midst of ch\_\_s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
284. an irr\_\_\_\_\_on ditch *n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well
285. es\_\_\_\_\_ic tome *adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest
286. design to be dis\_\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
287. drive a we\_\_e into a relationship *n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them

ANSWERS: 278. craftsman, 279. germ, 280. toothbrush, 281. bless, 282. technique, 283. chaos, 284. irrigation, 285. esoteric, 286. distinctive, 287. wedge

288. an alt\_\_\_\_\_ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
289. pra\_\_\_\_\_st perspective *n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals
290. a doc\_\_\_\_\_ry film *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
291. po\_\_\_\_\_it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
292. w\_\_l fibers *n.* a textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep or certain other animals, used for making clothing and other fabric items
293. a mas\_\_\_\_\_ce of design *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
294. extra b\_\_k *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
295. hidden g\_m *n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing
296. d\_\_t road *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

ANSWERS: 288. alternative, 289. pragmatist, 290. documentary, 291. portrait, 292. wool, 293. masterpiece, 294. buck, 295. gem, 296. dirt

297. summer mi\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a collection of songs, usually recorded onto a cassette tape or burned onto a CD, compiled by an individual rather than a record company, and often given to friends or acquaintances as a gift
298. vocal mi\_\_\_\_y *n.* the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh
299. gi\_\_t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
300. ep\_\_\_\_\_al joys *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
301. ob\_\_\_\_e angle *adj.* lacking in sharpness or quickness of mind; blunt or dull-witted; (of mathematics) an angle that measures greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees
302. learn new co\_\_\_\_\_ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
303. hi\_\_\_\_\_us mistake *adj.* extremely funny
304. d\_\_k sky *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
305. an\_\_\_\_\_e shop *adj.* very old and often valuable; from a bygone era
306. fl\_\_\_\_t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
307. co\_\_\_\_\_e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

ANSWERS: 297. mix-tape, 298. mimicry, 299. giant, 300. ephemeral, 301. obtuse, 302. concept, 303. hilarious, 304. dusk, 305. antique, 306. fluent, 307. compete



308. a man of ex\_\_\_\_\_te sensitivity      *adj.* extremely beautiful and delicate
309. crack of d\_\_n      *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
310. ha\_\_l eyes      *n.* a small tree or shrub that produces edible nuts similar to almonds; the light brown or yellowish-brown color that resembles the color of the hazelnut
311. b\_\_y in the earth      *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
312. botanical sp\_\_\_\_\_en      *n.* an individual example or sample of something, typically used to represent a larger group or category
313. gr\_\_e mistake      *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
314. b\_\_b wire      *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
315. po\_\_h light      *n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
316. bu\_\_\_\_\_ly effect      *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

ANSWERS: 308. exquisite, 309. dawn, 310. hazel, 311. bury, 312. specimen, 313. grave, 314. barb, 315. porch, 316. butterfly

317. for in\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
318. d\_o performance *n.* a pair of two individuals or things, particularly performers who work together as a team or musical group
319. h\_\_l the hurt mind *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
320. fr\_\_\_\_\_te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
321. put a ha\_\_\_\_\_s on my pet *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
322. co\_\_\_\_\_e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
323. music st\_\_\_o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
324. tra\_\_\_\_\_ce of fame *n.* the state or fact of lasting only for a short time; the quality or state of being temporary
325. 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

ANSWERS: 317. instance, 318. duo, 319. heal, 320. frustrate, 321. harness, 322. compete, 323. studio, 324. transience, 325. anniversary

326. five degrees of fr\_\_t      *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
327. an ap\_\_\_\_\_ng offer      *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
328. re\_\_\_e a message      *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
329. 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
330. ob\_\_\_e remarks      *adj.* lacking in sharpness or quickness of mind; blunt or dull-witted; (of mathematics) an angle that measures greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees
331. pink ri\_\_\_n campaign      *n.* a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award

ANSWERS: 326. frost, 327. appealing, 328. relate, 329. develop, 330. obtuse, 331. ribbon

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The family enjoyed a picnic on the \_\_\_\_\_ in the park.
  - n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
  - n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
  
3. I visited an \_\_\_\_\_ to have my eyes checked for a new prescription for glasses.
  - n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids
  
4. The artist painted a captivating \_\_\_\_\_ of a bowl of fruit and flowers.
  - n.* a genre of art that focuses on depicting inanimate objects, such as flowers, fruit, or everyday objects, arranged in a way to create a composition
  
5. He inserted the \_\_\_\_\_ into a split in the log.
  - n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them
  
6. The new diet is designed to \_\_\_\_\_ toxins from the body.
  - v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body

ANSWERS: 1. lawn, 2. germ, 3. optometrist, 4. still-life, 5. wedge, 6. cleanse

7. The female birds build a \_\_\_\_\_ and lay their eggs in May.  
*n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
8. The adept \_\_\_\_\_ carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.  
*n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
9. We can hear an \_\_\_\_\_ piano melody from his room.  
*adj.* extremely beautiful and delicate
10. 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
11. 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
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the new class was informative and engaging.  
*n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
13. The areas of \_\_\_\_\_ and psychology are significantly related to one another.  
*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 7. nest, 8. craftsman, 9. exquisite, 10. hell, 11. anniversary, 12. introduction, 13. anthropology

14. He was \_\_\_\_ with joy to see the results.

*adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

15. As a \_\_\_\_\_ she always focuses on finding practical solutions to problems.

*n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals

16. The deep sea \_\_\_\_\_ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

*n.* a living being, especially an animal

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ art festival is famous and draws artists and art lovers worldwide.

*adj.* occurring every two years

18. Einstein's new \_\_\_\_\_ theory transformed traditional scientific notions about light.

*n.* the academic study of vision and light

19. The sky turned a beautiful orange hue at \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight

20. The mystery \_\_\_\_\_ as the detectives gathered more clues.

*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

21. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

ANSWERS: 14. mad, 15. pragmatist, 16. creature, 17. biennial, 18. optics, 19. dusk, 20. unfolded, 21. portrait

22. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using \_\_\_\_\_ medicines.  
*n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
23. We experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.  
*n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
24. A \_\_\_\_\_ person may have delusions that people want to harm.  
*adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
25. The comedian's stand-up routine was \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* extremely funny
26. Taking photographs inside the museum is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
27. He grows vegetables in his \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
28. He enjoys collecting \_\_\_\_\_ specimens.  
*n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
29. The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

ANSWERS: 22. alternative, 23. craze, 24. paranoid, 25. hilarious, 26. forbidden, 27. backyard, 28. butterfly, 29. twilight

30. Her \_\_\_\_\_ made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.
- n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
31. Reaching the \_\_\_\_\_ of 1000 subscribers on her SNS channel was a major achievement for her.
- n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances
32. The dragon is considered a \_\_\_\_\_ of bravery.
- n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
33. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
34. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to \_\_\_\_\_ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
35. We hit the ground to \_\_\_\_\_ out the rabbits.
- v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
36. Many \_\_\_\_\_ areas are still impoverished.
- adj.* of or relating to the countryside
37. The kids love to \_\_\_\_\_ at the echoing mountains during our summer trips.
- v.* to shout or call out loudly and forcefully, often to get someone's attention or convey a message

ANSWERS: 30. compliment, 31. milestone, 32. symbol, 33. invention, 34. damage, 35. scare, 36. rural, 37. holler



38. After hours of playing the slot machines, she finally hit the \_\_\_\_\_ and won hundreds of dollars.
- n.* a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome
39. Hunters use a whistle that makes the \_\_\_\_ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
40. The \_\_\_\_\_ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
- adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
41. The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very \_\_\_\_\_ to readers
- adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
42. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
43. When we reached the top of the mountain, we couldn't resist the urge to \_\_\_\_\_ into the echoing valley below.
- v.* to sing or call out with rapid changes in pitch between low and high notes, usually in a distinct, wavering style popular in traditional Alpine music and culture; (noun) a form of singing that involves repeated changes of pitch during a single note
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the ambassador was located in the heart of the city.
- n.* the fact or condition of living in a particular place; a home

ANSWERS: 38. jackpot, 39. doe, 40. unexpected, 41. appealing, 42. scholar, 43. yodel, 44. residence

45. The \_\_\_\_\_ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
46. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your mosquito bites.
- v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
47. The names of the company are entirely \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
48. I added fresh \_\_\_\_\_ to the stir-fry to add a little extra zing.
- n.* a plant (*Zingiber officinale*) that is widely cultivated for its aromatic underground stem (rhizome), which is used as a spice, especially in Asian cooking
49. The music \_\_\_\_ performed a sold-out show at the arena.
- n.* a pair of two individuals or things, particularly performers who work together as a team or musical group
50. He stood to inherit a million-dollar \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
51. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass \_\_\_\_\_ outside the city during the war.
- n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
52. The \_\_\_\_\_ appetite of the teenager was legendary.
- adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something

ANSWERS: 45. novel, 46. scratch, 47. fictional, 48. ginger, 49. duo, 50. property, 51. graves, 52. voracious

53. 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
54. He won an award for that short \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
55. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
56. He that would eat the kernel must \_\_\_\_\_ the nut.
- v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
57. She tied the \_\_\_\_\_ around the gift box to make it look pretty.
- n.* a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award
58. The politician's words were full of \_\_\_\_\_ designed to hurt his opponent.
- n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
59. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
60. They utilized branches of trees as \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

ANSWERS: 53. piles, 54. documentary, 55. decide, 56. crack, 57. ribbon, 58. barbs, 59. brain, 60. camouflage

61. She learned five languages but is only \_\_\_\_\_ in two of them.  
*adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
62. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
63. He \_\_\_\_\_ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.  
*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
64. His \_\_\_\_\_ reasoning made it difficult for me to understand his point of view.  
*adj.* lacking in sharpness or quickness of mind; blunt or dull-witted; (of mathematics) an angle that measures greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees
65. The flower was starting to show its \_\_\_\_ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.  
*n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
66. The rain rapidly soaked into the \_\_\_\_\_ soil.  
*adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
67. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.  
*v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
68. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.  
*n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing

ANSWERS: 61. fluent, 62. background, 63. flipped, 64. obtuse, 65. bud, 66. sandy, 67. discuss, 68. frost

69. She was highly \_\_\_\_\_ in her choice of apparel.

*adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

70. His mom was always concerned about his \_\_\_\_\_ frame and encouraged him to eat more

*adj.* having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential

71. 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

72. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his rival by breaking the world record.

*v.* to do better than someone; to surpass

73. 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

74. It will take time for her mental scars to \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again

75. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and \_\_\_\_\_ it

*adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

76. The traditional Irish \_\_\_\_\_ is a lively folk dance involving much footwork.

*n.* a lively dance with a fast tempo and typically involving hopping movements; a device or tool used for guiding or directing a cutting or drilling tool

ANSWERS: 69. refined, 70. skinny, 71. develop, 72. outdo, 73. government, 74. heal, 75. faked, 76. jig

77. The book's content was so \_\_\_\_\_ only a select few scholars could fully understand it.

*adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest

78. We cannot afford to squander \_\_\_\_\_ time.

*adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable

79. The \_\_\_\_\_ author had written over 20 books in just five years.

*adj.* producing many works, results, or offspring

80. Videos documenting the process of creating this pencil \_\_\_\_\_ have been popular worldwide.

*n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.

81. She planted a hedge to serve as a natural \_\_\_\_\_ around her garden.

*n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

82. The enga\_\_\_\_\_ ring was a precious gem passed down through generations of her family.

*n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing

83. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 77. esoteric, 78. precious, 79. prolific, 80. artwork, 81. fence, 82. gement, 83. motto

84. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

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

85. He accumulated wealth across a \_\_\_\_\_ spectrum of assets.

- adj.* very wide; general

86. The ancient Greek \_\_\_\_\_ are known for their realism and attention to detail.

- n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

87. I've been thinking all day and getting \_\_\_\_\_.

- adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

88. 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

89. Many \_\_\_\_\_ cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.

- adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

90. This artwork is \_\_\_\_\_ of her work.

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

91. My \_\_\_\_\_ with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.

- n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth

ANSWERS: 84. stick, 85. broad, 86. sculptures, 87. nowhere, 88. pajama, 89. aboriginal, 90. typical, 91. toothbrush

92. \_\_\_\_\_ music has gained different followers from existing music.  
*adj.* belonging to the same or present time
93. Jockey's superior \_\_\_\_\_ brought him victory.  
*n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
94. You must \_\_\_\_\_ with others to obtain this position.  
*v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
95. He didn't meet all the \_\_\_\_\_ but he was hired anyway.  
*n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
96. She did well on her \_\_\_\_\_ exam.  
*n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
97. 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
98. 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
99. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.  
*adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 92. Contemporary, 93. technique, 94. compete, 95. criteria, 96. geography, 97. process, 98. mentioned, 99. amazing



100. The \_\_\_\_\_ of life is a reminder to make the most of every moment.  
*n.* the state or fact of lasting only for a short time; the quality or state of being temporary
101. She \_\_\_\_\_ her seat and relaxed for the flight.  
*v.* to lean or lie back in a relaxed or comfortable position
102. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.  
*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
103. I love wearing \_\_\_\_\_ socks during the winter to keep my feet warm.  
*n.* a textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep or certain other animals, used for making clothing and other fabric items
104. Could you help me \_\_\_\_\_ the ball from the other side of the field?  
*v.* to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something
105. I spotted a majestic \_\_\_\_\_ with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.  
*n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
106. One such rapidly growing \_\_\_\_\_ is quantum cryptography.  
*n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
107. The conference room was in \_\_\_\_\_ as everyone tried to speak at once.  
*n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

ANSWERS: 100. transience, 101. reclined, 102. bury, 103. wool, 104. fetch, 105. buck, 106. concept, 107. chaos

108. His writing style was \_\_\_\_\_ with a clear and concise voice.  
*adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
109. Your \_\_\_\_\_ reflects your thoughts.  
*n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
110. I made a \_\_\_\_\_ of all my favorite songs to listen to on my long road trip.  
*n.* a collection of songs, usually recorded onto a cassette tape or burned onto a CD, compiled by an individual rather than a record company, and often given to friends or acquaintances as a gift
111. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.  
*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
112. The horror movie was so \_\_\_\_\_ that I couldn't watch it alone.  
*adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
113. Some insects use \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid detection by predators.  
*n.* the act or skill of copying the sounds or behavior of a particular person or animal, often to make people laugh
114. She works at a recording \_\_\_\_\_ in Los Angeles.  
*n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
115. I attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ him, but he ignored me.  
*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 108. distinctive, 109. conversation, 110. mix-tape, 111. intellect, 112. scary, 113. mimicry, 114. studio, 115. warn

116. The doctor recommended surgery to address the enlarged \_\_\_\_\_ causing sleep apnea.

- n.* a fleshy, cone-shaped structure that hangs down from the soft palate at the back of the throat, playing a role in speech and swallowing

117. They played basketball in the \_\_\_\_\_ behind their house.

- n.* a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets

118. The garden was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and needed to be tilled before planting.

- n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

119. 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

120. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

121. Our law firm also focuses on \_\_\_\_\_ activities.

- adj.* not established for commercial profit

122. These articles cite five \_\_\_\_\_ of climate change.

- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

123. One of her \_\_\_\_\_ is that she always wears mismatched socks.

- n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

ANSWERS: 116. uvula, 117. alley, 118. dirt, 119. tradition, 120. strike, 121. nonprofit, 122. instances, 123. quirks

124. Archaeologists found traces of agricultural \_\_\_\_\_ channels at the historic site.
- n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well
125. The art museum is hosting an \_\_\_\_\_ of contemporary paintings next month.
- n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
126. People have been exploring ways to \_\_\_\_\_ natural forces and resources since ancient times.
- v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
127. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the park were very friendly and came right up to us looking for food.
- n.* a small to medium-sized rodent with a bushy tail, found in almost every part of the world
128. The priest \_\_\_\_\_ the couple as they knelt before him.
- v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
129. The family recipe for apple pie has become an \_\_\_\_\_ tradition.
- n.* a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value
130. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

ANSWERS: 124. irrigation, 125. exhibition, 126. harness, 127. squirrels, 128. blessed, 129. heirloom, 130. fortune

131. We often \_\_\_\_ about our favorite books and movies during our road trips.

- v.* to talk or chat informally and at length, often in a relaxed or gossipy manner; to engage in idle or frivolous conversation; (noun) casual conversation or idle chatter

132. The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

133. The bank \_\_\_\_\_ carefully counted the money before handing it to the customer.

- n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

134. The old rocking chair on the \_\_\_\_\_ creaked as he sat down to read his book.

- n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards

135. 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

136. That story was so \_\_\_\_\_ and it was scary.

- adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

137. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate \_\_\_\_\_ turmoil in the stock market.

- v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

ANSWERS: 131. gab, 132. pulse, 133. teller, 134. porch, 135. toast, 136. realistic, 137. sparked

138. The coach explained a strategy to \_\_\_\_\_ the opponent's schemes to the players.
- v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
139. The \_\_\_\_\_ tree in our backyard produces nuts that the squirrels love.
- n.* a small tree or shrub that produces edible nuts similar to almonds; the light brown or yellowish-brown color that resembles the color of the hazelnut
140. His success as a famous actor was \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
141. The small cabin in the woods was his \_\_\_\_\_ for many years.
- n.* a place where one lives; a dwelling; a house, or other shelters
142. The patient's \_\_\_\_\_ in the hospital was concerning to the doctors.
- n.* a state of stillness or immobility, often used in a medical context to refer to a lack of change or progress in a condition or disease
143. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
- v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
144. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
145. Missile assaults on the capital continued around \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

ANSWERS: 138. frustrate, 139. hazel, 140. ephemeral, 141. abode, 142. stasis, 143. relate, 144. clarity, 145. dawn

146. She has a collection of \_\_\_\_\_ vases that she inherited from her grandparents.  
*adj.* very old and often valuable; from a bygone era
147. This village is still in a dense \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
148. Table tennis is an \_\_\_\_\_ sport.  
*adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
149. After ten years of teaching, she took a \_\_\_\_\_ to travel the world.  
*n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
150. University teaches the art of understanding the \_\_\_\_\_ of the matter.  
*n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
151. Please \_\_\_\_\_ to the instruction manual for further assistance.  
*v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
152. The \_\_\_\_\_ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.  
*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
153. The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of art.  
*n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
154. They \_\_\_\_\_ admired our actions.  
*adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much

ANSWERS: 146. antique, 147. jungle, 148. indoor, 149. sabbatical, 150. essence, 151. refer, 152. giant, 153. masterpiece, 154. greatly

155. The biology teacher showed the students a frog \_\_\_\_\_ so they could examine its anatomy.

- n.* an individual example or sample of something, typically used to represent a larger group or category

156. The school is planning to \_\_\_\_\_ to purchase new books for the library.

- v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms

157. She is talented at \_\_\_\_\_ and has won several awards for her artwork.

- n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

158. 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

159. \_\_\_\_\_ is the foundation of our economy.

- n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

160. I used to play with my younger male \_\_\_\_\_ when I was a little girl.

- n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

161. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?

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

162. Her resistance \_\_\_\_\_ under his persuasion.

- v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

ANSWERS: 155. specimen, 156. fundraise, 157. drawing, 158. pump, 159. Agriculture, 160. cousins, 161. suppose, 162. melted



163. His hometown was where he first acquired the \_\_\_\_\_ of wood carving.

*n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

164. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

165. The wedding dress had beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ on the bodice.

*n.* the art or skill of decorating fabric with thread, yarn, or other material, often by creating designs or pictures with stitches or patterns

166. The Queen attested the \_\_\_\_\_ of state ministers to their portfolios.

*n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

ANSWERS: 163. craft, 164. adventures, 165. embroidery, 166. installation