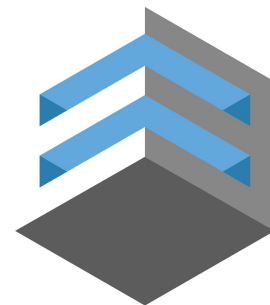


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Session 1: Word List

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.

economical

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

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

dismal

adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

synonym: gloomy, depressing, dreary

(1) **dismal** failure, (2) **dismal** performance

The weather was so **dismal** that we decided to stay indoors all day.

remark

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

synonym : comment, observation, statement

(1) a flattering **remark**, (2) **remark** dripping with bitterness
His candid **remark** at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.

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.

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym : comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up
Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

undoubtedly

adv. without a doubt; certainly; definitely

synonym : surely, unquestionably, indisputably

(1) **undoubtedly** successful, (2) **undoubtedly** talented
The singer's talent is **undoubtedly** one of the greatest in the music industry

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week
They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

workload

n. the amount of work that a person is expected to do in a specified time

synonym : duty, assignment

(1) the **workload** of the liver, (2) increase in **workload**
Our salary will rise proportionately to our **workload**.

bloodsucker

n. a small animal that feeds on blood, like a leech or a mosquito; a person who is seen as exploiting or taking advantage of others

synonym : leech, tick, parasite

(1) **bloodsucker** mosquito, (2) political **bloodsucker**

The lobbyist was accused of being a **bloodsucker**, using his influence to push through policies that only benefited his clients.

destroy

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

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

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

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

practically

adv. almost or nearly

synonym : almost, nearly, virtually

(1) **practically** constant, (2) **practically** impossible to find a parking spot

The store is **practically** empty.

in-between

adj. occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time

synonym : intermediate, middleman, halfway

(1) **in-between** meals, (2) **in-between** stages

She enjoyed floating in the ocean's **in-between** zone where the waves met the shoreline

pursue

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

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

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

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

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym : allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

download

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

synonym : load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

idiot

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

synonym : dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**

He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym : apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

sigh

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

synonym: breathe out, exhale, groan

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

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

impossibility

n. the state or condition of being impossible; something that is not possible or cannot be done

synonym: impracticality, infeasibility, impossibleness

(1) **impossibility** theorem, (2) **impossibility** of performance

According to the laws of physics, an event happening before its cause is a logical **impossibility**.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym: brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

competent

adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

synonym: skilled, able, capable

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

The judge ruled that the defendant was **competent** to stand trial.

damn

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

synonym: curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise

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

faint

adj. not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak

synonym : slight, vague, soft

(1) **faint** memory, (2) **faint** aroma of roses

She heard a **faint**, nearly invisible scream.

praise

n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

synonym : acclaim, honor, commendation

(1) attain critical **praise**, (2) universal **praise**

The drama series mainly received **praise**.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

obsessive

adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

synonym : compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

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.

biography

n. the story of a person's life written by someone else

synonym : bio, memoir, life history

(1) **biography** of an actor, (2) medical **biography**

This is a well-recorded **biography**.

- norm** *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
synonym: criterion, mean, standard
(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**
The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.
- strategy** *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
synonym: approach, procedure, scenario
(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**
Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.
- mathematics** *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus
(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition
He has a flair for **mathematics**.
- opportune** *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
synonym: suitable, timely, practical
(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.
- contrary** *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
synonym: opposing, contradictory, conflicting
(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence
The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.
- passion** *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
synonym: fervor, zeal, ardor
(1) **passion** hobby, (2) **passion** drive
Her **passion** for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym: endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

engage

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

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

comparison

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

synonym: equivalence, analogy, contrast

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

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

propose

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

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

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

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

merge

v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

synonym: combine, join, coalesce

(1) **merge** into a new party, (2) **merge** those systems into a new one

This consulting firm decided to **merge** the two companies into one.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

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.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

halfway

adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

synonym: middle, median, center

(1) **halfway** through my journey, (2) **halfway** decent job

The famous restaurant stands **halfway** up the hill.

enumerate

v. to list or mention a number of items or things one by one; to count or calculate systematically

synonym : list, count, itemize

(1) **enumerate** details, (2) **enumerate** options

I will **enumerate** all the items on the grocery list to ensure we remember everything.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

synonym : illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

audit

n. an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation

synonym : review, examination, inspection

(1) **audit** the books, (2) **audit** accounts

Our company will be **audited** by an accountant next week.

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.

destiny

n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future

synonym : fate, future, outcome

(1) foreordained **destiny**, (2) **destiny** of the individual

It is said that our **destiny** is written in the stars.

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.

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.

settle

v. to reach an agreement or disagreement

synonym : inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

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.

cemetery

n. a burial ground or graveyard; a place where dead bodies are buried

synonym : graveyard, burial ground, memorial park

(1) **cemetery** plot, (2) historic **cemetery**

We visited the **cemetery** to pay our respects to our deceased loved ones.

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.

tomb

n. a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried

synonym: grave, burial site, mausoleum

(1) bury in **tomb**, (2) the ancient **tomb**

The **tomb** of the unknown soldier honored the bravery and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in battle.

inscribe

v. to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

synonym: engrave, carve, etch

(1) **inscribe** a message, (2) **inscribe** in her mind clearly

The artist **inscribed** a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

distinguished

adj. (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation

synonym: famous, outstanding, eminent

(1) a **distinguished** ancestry, (2) **distinguished** war services

The new CEO has a **distinguished** career

engineer

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

synonym: architect, creator, builder

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

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

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**.

lifetime

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

synonym: lifespan, duration

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

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

laureate

n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

(1) Oscar **laureate**, (2) poet **laureate**

The Nobel **laureate** delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

physics

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

(1) nuclear **physics**, (2) laws of **physics**

He studied the **physics** of radiation.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

unify

v. to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit

synonym: bring together, consolidate, merge

(1) **unify** the system, (2) **unify** the party

The people believe that they can **unify** the country.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym : show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

practicality

n. the quality of being practical or useful in real-life circumstances; the ability to make responsible decisions based on practical considerations rather than abstract or theoretical ones

synonym : usefulness, functionality, pragmatism

(1) the **practicality** of the solution, (2) lack of **practicality**

The company chose a more expensive option to prioritize **practicality** over aesthetics.

warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym : twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

spite

n. feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

synonym : malice, ill will, vindictiveness

(1) bear **spite** against him, (2) die in **spite** of intensive care

He did it out of **spite**, to annoy me.

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

accomplishment

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

synonym : success, achievement, complete

(1) proud of his **accomplishments**, (2) the

accomplishment of a social goal

Graduating from college was a major **accomplishment** for her.

spouse

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

synonym : partner, mate, wife

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

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

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym : forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

swear

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

synonym : declare, assert, curse

(1) **swear** an oath, (2) **swear** a blue streak

I **swear** I didn't mean to break your vase.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym : perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between

competing **worldviews**.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym: ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

mumble

v. to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately

synonym: murmur, mutter, whisper

(1) **mumble** a reply, (2) **mumble** under your breath

She tended to **mumble** when she was nervous or unsure of herself.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym: fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

shield

n. a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

synonym: guard, protection, safeguard

(1) a heat **shield**, (2) a **shield** for protecting against a bullet
Lead is an effective **shield** against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.

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.

magician

n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

synonym: illusionist, conjurer, wizard

(1) **magician's** hat, (2) street **magician**

The children were delighted with the **magician's** clever tricks.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym: dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym: disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

jail

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

- sin** *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
synonym : misdeed, guilt, wrong
(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission
Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.
- refuge** *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
synonym : shelter, fortress, hide-out
(1) **refuge** camp, (2) a harbor of **refuge**
Some of the emigres sought **refuge** in this country.
- fuzzy** *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
synonym : hazy, blurry, indistinct
(1) **fuzzy** logic, (2) **fuzzy** memory
The picture was **fuzzy** because it was taken with an old camera.
- wrap** *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
synonym : surround, cover, bandage
(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting
Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
- ridiculous** *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
synonym : absurd, fatuous, foolish
(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion
Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.
- evocative** *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
synonym : suggestive, stimulating, provocative

(1) **evocative** memories, (2) **evocative** language
The music was **evocative** of a bygone era.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
synonym: fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail
He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating
synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events
Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together
synonym: expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**
We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

ricochet

v. to rebound or deflect off a surface at an angle or series of angles, changing direction multiple times; to have a sudden and unintended effect or outcome; (noun) the motion of an object or a projectile that is deflected off a surface
synonym: bounce, rebound, spring

(1) **ricochet** off the walls, (2) **ricochet** into a crowd
The police officer fired a warning shot that **ricocheted** off the pavement and hit a nearby car.

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**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
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adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
3. universal pr___e
n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
4. irr_____al numbers
adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
5. the wo_____ad of the liver
n. the amount of work that a person is expected to do in a specified time
6. id__t driver
n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
7. co_____de that he is healthy
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
8. cultural n__m
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

ANSWERS: 1. grave, 2. dismal, 3. praise, 4. irrational, 5. workload, 6. idiot, 7. conclude, 8. norm

9. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
10. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
11. 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
12. en_____te options *v.* to list or mention a number of items or things one by one; to count or calculate systematically
13. fa__t memory *adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak
14. ma_____an's hat *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
15. co_____ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
16. ha_____y decent job *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
17. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 9. conversation, 10. mad, 11. grave, 12. enumerate, 13. faint, 14. magician, 15. contrary, 16. halfway, 17. engineer

18. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
19. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
20. un__y the system *v.* to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit
21. fa__t aroma of roses *adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak
22. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
23. s__h deeply *v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
24. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
25. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
26. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
27. bury in t__b *n.* a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried
28. pra_____ly constant *adv.* almost or nearly

ANSWERS: 18. economical, 19. ridiculous, 20. unify, 21. faint, 22. attach, 23. sigh, 24. alternative, 25. mathematics, 26. brain, 27. tomb, 28. practically

29. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
30. medical bi_____hy *n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else
31. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
32. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
33. do_____ad the assignment from the website *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
34. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
35. sp___e tax deduction *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
36. 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
37. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 29. relation, 30. biography, 31. pursue, 32. mathematics, 33. download, 34. hero, 35. spouse, 36. hell, 37. engage

38. forgive a s_n *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
39. me__e those systems into a new one *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
40. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
41. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
42. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
43. sw__r a blue streak *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
44. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
45. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
46. die in sp__e of intensive care *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
47. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
48. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
49. in_____be a message *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

ANSWERS: 38. sin, 39. merge, 40. conversation, 41. creative, 42. weird, 43. swear, 44. settle, 45. appropriate, 46. spite, 47. lifetime, 48. risky, 49. inscribe

50. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
51. a heat sh____d *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
52. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
53. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
54. 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
55. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
56. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
57. raw ta____t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

ANSWERS: 50. ridiculous, 51. shield, 52. exchange, 53. damn, 54. discuss, 55. grab, 56. conclude, 57. talent

58. attain critical pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
59. au__t accounts *n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
60. a sh___d for protecting against a bullet *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
61. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
62. en_____te details *v.* to list or mention a number of items or things one by one; to count or calculate systematically
63. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
64. what an id__t *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
65. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
66. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

ANSWERS: 58. praise, 59. audit, 60. shield, 61. damn, 62. enumerate, 63. propose, 64. idiot, 65. strategy, 66. worldview

67. a person of diverse ta___ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
68. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
69. sc___e the birds away *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
70. an irr_____al request *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
71. un___y the party *v.* to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit
72. proud of his acc_____ents *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
73. ce_____ry plot *n.* a burial ground or graveyard; a place where dead bodies are buried
74. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
75. ri_____et into a crowd *v.* to rebound or deflect off a surface at an angle or series of angles, changing direction multiple times; to have a sudden and unintended effect or outcome; (noun) the motion of an object or a projectile that is deflected off a surface
76. a ri___y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

ANSWERS: 67. talent, 68. terrifying, 69. scare, 70. irrational, 71. unify, 72. accomplishment, 73. cemetery, 74. doe, 75. ricochet, 76. risky

77. sc__e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
78. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
79. imp_____ity of performance *n.* the state or condition of being impossible; something that is not possible or cannot be done
80. und_____ly talented *adv.* without a doubt; certainly; definitely
81. di___l performance *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
82. sp___e visa *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
83. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
84. wa___r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
85. co_____nt personnel *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
86. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
87. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
88. ch__r me up *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
89. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

ANSWERS: 77. scare, 78. lifetime, 79. impossibility, 80. undoubtedly, 81. dismal, 82. spouse, 83. engineer, 84. wander, 85. competent, 86. grand, 87. disappear, 88. cheer, 89. comparison

90. a person of ge___s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
91. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
92. imp_____ity theorem *n.* the state or condition of being impossible; something that is not possible or cannot be done
93. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
94. nuclear ph___s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
95. ob_____ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
96. mu___e under your breath *v.* to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
97. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
98. in_____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
99. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
100. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 90. genius, 91. settle, 92. impossibility, 93. demonstrate, 94. physics, 95. obsessive, 96. mumble, 97. excuse, 98. interrupt, 99. appropriate, 100. invention

101. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
102. fu__y logic *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
103. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
104. ob_____ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
105. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
106. the fas_____on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
107. ha_____y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
108. bear sp__e against him *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
109. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 101. magic, 102. fuzzy, 103. phrase, 104. obsessive, 105. opportune, 106. fascination, 107. halfway, 108. spite, 109. exchange

110. the clear co____ry *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
111. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
112. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
113. rapt in fas_____on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
114. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
115. poet la____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
116. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
117. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
118. a flattering re____k *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

ANSWERS: 110. contrary, 111. norm, 112. wrap, 113. fascination, 114. worldview, 115. laureate, 116. encounter, 117. relation, 118. remark

119. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
120. wa___r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
121. pra_____ly impossible to find a parking spot *adv.* almost or nearly
122. re___e camp *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
123. 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
124. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
125. ri_____et off the walls *v.* to rebound or deflect off a surface at an angle or series of angles, changing direction multiple times; to have a sudden and unintended effect or outcome; (noun) the motion of an object or a projectile that is deflected off a surface
126. a harbor of re___e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

ANSWERS: 119. invention, 120. wander, 121. practically, 122. refuge, 123. hell, 124. grab, 125. ricochet, 126. refuge

127. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
128. co_____nt authority *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
129. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
130. become w__ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
131. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
132. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
133. au__t the books *n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
134. in-_____en meals *adj.* occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time

ANSWERS: 127. decide, 128. competent, 129. sacrifice, 130. warp, 131. demonstrate, 132. encounter, 133. audit, 134. in-between

135. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
136. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
137. fu__y memory *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
138. pa_____n hobby *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
139. in_____be in her mind clearly *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
140. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
141. the pra_____ity of the solution *n.* the quality of being practical or useful in real-life circumstances; the ability to make responsible decisions based on practical considerations rather than abstract or theoretical ones
142. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
143. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
144. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
145. me__e into a new party *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
146. the acc_____ent of a social goal *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

ANSWERS: 135. alternative, 136. grand, 137. fuzzy, 138. passion, 139. inscribe, 140. strategy, 141. practicality, 142. wrap, 143. terrifying, 144. engage, 145. merge, 146. accomplishment

155. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
156. dis_____hed war services *adj.* (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation
157. 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
158. Oscar la_____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
159. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
160. 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
161. abruptly in_____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
162. sw___r an oath *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
163. increase in wo_____ad *n.* the amount of work that a person is expected to do in a specified time

ANSWERS: 155. pursue, 156. distinguished, 157. decide, 158. laureate, 159. mad, 160. discuss, 161. interrupt, 162. swear, 163. workload

164. bi_____hy of an actor *n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else
165. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
166. blo_____er mosquito *n.* a small animal that feeds on blood, like a leech or a mosquito; a person who is seen as exploiting or taking advantage of others
167. ev_____ve memories *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
168. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
169. political blo_____er *n.* a small animal that feeds on blood, like a leech or a mosquito; a person who is seen as exploiting or taking advantage of others
170. 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
171. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
172. ch__r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

ANSWERS: 164. biography, 165. destroy, 166. bloodsucker, 167. evocative, 168. creative, 169. bloodsucker, 170. germ, 171. excuse, 172. cheer

173. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
174. at___h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
175. foreordained de____y *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
176. de____y of the individual *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
177. pa_____n drive *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
178. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
179. lack of pra_____ity *n.* the quality of being practical or useful in real-life circumstances; the ability to make responsible decisions based on practical considerations rather than abstract or theoretical ones
180. street ma_____an *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
181. be in j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

ANSWERS: 173. brain, 174. attach, 175. destiny, 176. destiny, 177. passion, 178. sacrifice, 179. practicality, 180. magician, 181. jail

182. ease of com_____on	<i>n.</i> the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
183. the state of being we__d	<i>adj.</i> extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
184. und_____ly successful	<i>adv.</i> without a doubt; certainly; definitely
185. county j__l	<i>n.</i> a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
186. ready-made ph___es	<i>n.</i> a group of words that mean something specific when used together
187. she is ma__c	<i>n.</i> beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
188. de_____y the ecosystem	<i>v.</i> to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
189. historic ce_____ry	<i>n.</i> a burial ground or graveyard; a place where dead bodies are buried
190. pr_____e changes	<i>v.</i> to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
191. a dis_____hed ancestry	<i>adj.</i> (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation
192. do_____ad files from the Internet	<i>v.</i> to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

ANSWERS: 182. comparison, 183. weird, 184. undoubtedly, 185. jail, 186. phrase, 187. magic, 188. destroy, 189. cemetery, 190. propose, 191. distinguished, 192. download

193. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
194. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
195. w__p under pressure *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
196. the ancient t__b *n.* a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried
197. mu___e a reply *v.* to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
198. ev_____ve language *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
199. laws of ph____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
200. s_n of omission *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

ANSWERS: 193. opportune, 194. genius, 195. warp, 196. tomb, 197. mumble, 198. evocative, 199. physics, 200. sin

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
2. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.
adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
3. Her _____ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.
adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
4. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
5. Our company will be _____ by an accountant next week.
n. an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
6. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.
adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
7. The _____ of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.
n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
8. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

ANSWERS: 1. sacrifice, 2. risky, 3. obsessive, 4. strategy, 5. audited, 6. appropriate, 7. spouse, 8. hero

9. She tended to _____ when she was nervous or unsure of herself.
- v.* to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
10. His candid _____ at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.
- n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
11. According to the laws of physics, an event happening before its cause is a logical _____.
- n.* the state or condition of being impossible; something that is not possible or cannot be done
12. Some of the emigres sought _____ in this country.
- n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
13. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
14. 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
15. This is a well-recorded _____.
- n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else

ANSWERS: 9. mumble, 10. remark, 11. impossibility, 12. refuge, 13. creative, 14. germ, 15. biography

16. Lead is an effective _____ against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.
- n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
17. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
18. Our salary will rise proportionately to our _____.
- n.* the amount of work that a person is expected to do in a specified time
19. This consulting firm decided to _____ the two companies into one.
- v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
20. He has a flair for _____.
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
21. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.
- v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
22. 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
23. He was ____ with joy to see the results.
- adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

ANSWERS: 16. shield, 17. engineer, 18. workload, 19. merge, 20. mathematics, 21. cheered, 22. brain, 23. mad

24. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing _____.
- n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
25. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
- v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
26. He _____ in relief when he finally found his lost keys.
- v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
27. Her _____ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.
- n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
28. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
- adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
29. We _____ a cease-fire.
- v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
30. He studied the _____ of radiation.
- n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
31. Mozart was a musical _____.
- n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
32. He acted like an _____ and spilled his drink all over the floor.
- n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

ANSWERS: 24. worldviews, 25. propose, 26. sighed, 27. passion, 28. ridiculous, 29. concluded, 30. physics, 31. genius, 32. idiot

33. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.

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

34. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

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

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

36. The famous restaurant stands _____ up the hill.

adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

37. It is said that our _____ is written in the stars.

n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future

38. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

39. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.

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

40. She heard a _____ nearly invisible scream.

adj. not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak

41. He did it out of _____ to annoy me.

n. feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

ANSWERS: 33. lifetime, 34. wander, 35. relations, 36. halfway, 37. destiny, 38. excuse, 39. scare, 40. faint, 41. spite,

42. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
43. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.
adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
44. The picture was _____ because it was taken with an old camera.
adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
45. The singer's talent is _____ one of the greatest in the music industry
adv. without a doubt; certainly; definitely
46. The people believe that they can _____ the country.
v. to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit
47. 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
48. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.
v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
49. I looked at the painting in _____.
n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

ANSWERS: 42. alternative, 43. irrational, 44. fuzzy, 45. undoubtedly, 46. unify, 47. decide, 48. exchange, 49. fascination

50. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

51. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

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

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

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

53. The artist _____ a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

v. to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

54. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

55. The store is _____ empty.

adv. almost or nearly

56. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

57. 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

58. 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

ANSWERS: 50. jail, 51. destroyed, 52. economical, 53. inscribed, 54. weird, 55.

practically, 56. encounter, 57. doe, 58. graves

59. She intends to _____ a political career.
- v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
60. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
- v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
61. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
- v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
62. I don't want to _____ for second best.
- v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
63. The lobbyist was accused of being a _____ using his influence to push through policies that only benefited his clients.
- n. a small animal that feeds on blood, like a leech or a mosquito; a person who is seen as exploiting or taking advantage of others
64. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
65. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
- adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
66. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 59. pursue, 60. engaged, 61. Wrap, 62. settle, 63. bloodsucker, 64. grab, 65. grand, 66. invention

67. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
68. We visited the _____ to pay our respects to our deceased loved ones.
n. a burial ground or graveyard; a place where dead bodies are buried
69. Graduating from college was a major _____ for her.
n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
70. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
71. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?
v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
72. The _____ of the unknown soldier honored the bravery and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in battle.
n. a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried
73. The music was _____ of a bygone era.
adj. tending to evoke or bring something to mind
74. 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
75. I _____ I didn't mean to break your vase.
v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

ANSWERS: 67. opportune, 68. cemetery, 69. accomplishment, 70. disappear, 71. demonstrate, 72. tomb, 73. evocative, 74. discuss, 75. swear

76. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.
- n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
77. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide _____.
- n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
78. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
- v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
79. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.
- v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
80. The Nobel _____ delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.
- n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
81. The ship's hull was _____ from years of use in rough seas.
- v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
82. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
83. The company chose a more expensive option to prioritize _____ over aesthetics.
- n.* the quality of being practical or useful in real-life circumstances; the ability to make responsible decisions based on practical considerations rather than abstract or theoretical ones

ANSWERS: 76. talents, 77. sins, 78. attach, 79. interrupted, 80. laureate, 81. warped, 82. conversation, 83. practicality

84. The new CEO has a _____ career

adj. (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation

85. 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

86. She enjoyed floating in the ocean's _____ zone where the waves met the shoreline

adj. occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time

87. The children were delighted with the _____ clever tricks.

n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

88. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

89. The weather was so _____ that we decided to stay indoors all day.

adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

90. I need to _____ the latest update for my computer's operating system.

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

ANSWERS: 84. distinguished, 85. hell, 86. in-between, 87. magician's, 88. contrary, 89. dismal, 90. download

91. The judge ruled that the defendant was _____ to stand trial.
adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
92. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating
93. The drama series mainly received _____.
n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
94. I will _____ all the items on the grocery list to ensure we remember everything.
v. to list or mention a number of items or things one by one; to count or calculate systematically
95. I've included the two designs for a _____.
n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
96. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
97. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
98. We bought a Spanish _____ book.
n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

ANSWERS: 91. competent, 92. terrifying, 93. praise, 94. enumerate, 95. comparison, 96. damn, 97. norms, 98. phrase

99. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.

- n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

100. The police officer fired a warning shot that _____ off the pavement and hit a nearby car.

- v.* to rebound or deflect off a surface at an angle or series of angles, changing direction multiple times; to have a sudden and unintended effect or outcome; (noun) the motion of an object or a projectile that is deflected off a surface

ANSWERS: 99. magic, 100. ricocheted