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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### evolution

*n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

*synonym*: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

### puppet

*n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

*synonym*: marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

### basil

*n.* an herb with fragrant, green leaves that is used to flavor many different types of food, especially Italian and Thai cuisine

*synonym*: herb

(1) freshly chopped **basil**, (2) **basil** leaves

The **basil** in the garden was ready to be picked for tonight's pasta dish.

### hyena

*n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs

*synonym*: jackal, coyote, wild dog

(1) **hyena** den, (2) spotted **hyena**

The **hyena's** powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.

## ancestor

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather  
*synonym*: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## draft

*n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

*synonym*: blueprint, outline, rough drawing

(1) a working **draft**, (2) write the first **draft**

During debates in the legislature, the **draft** of the law caused a lot of controversies.

## articulate

*v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

*synonym*: express, state, utter

(1) **articulate** his position, (2) eloquently **articulate**

She was able to **articulate** her argument in the debate clearly.

## paw

*n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one

*synonym*: mitt, manus, talon

(1) **paw** print, (2) **paw** pad

The cat batted at the toy with its **paw**.

## attribute

*v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

*synonym*: ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute**

directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

## breath

*n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

*synonym* : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

## movement

*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

*synonym* : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

## onstage

*adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

## distinguish

*v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

*synonym* : determine, differentiate, characterize

(1) **distinguish** these two things, (2) **distinguish** man from the other animals

This study **distinguished** four different ways to run a business.

## despair

*n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

*synonym* : dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**  
His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

## struggle

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

*synonym*: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

## metaphor

*n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

*synonym*: conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

## emotional

*adj.* relating to people's feelings

*synonym*: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

## 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.

## up-to-the-minute

*adj.* completely current and timely; having the latest or most recent information or developments

*synonym*: current, modern, up-to-date

(1) use **up-to-the-minute** technology, (2) **up-to-the-minute** stock market data

The **up-to-the-minute** news coverage provided by this

channel is very informative.

**noun**

*n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects

(1) **noun** phrase, (2) proper **noun**

In some foreign languages, the gender of **nouns** exists.

**verb**

*n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

(1) complex **verb**, (2) an auxiliary **verb**

Use a singular **verb** if the subject is singular.

**prefer**

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

*synonym*: choose, like, favor

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

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

**construct**

*v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

*synonym*: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

**persuade**

*v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

*synonym*: convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

**bulk**

*n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something

*synonym*: majority, largeness, amount

(1) buy in **bulk**, (2) **bulk** data transfer

I received a parcel of great **bulk**.

## plywood

*n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles

*synonym*: panel board, veneer panel, plyboard

(1) flexible **plywood**, (2) **plywood** furniture

Manufacturing companies use large sheets of **plywood** to make furniture and fixtures.

## fabric

*n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

*synonym*: cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

## canoe

*n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

## workshop

*n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

*synonym*: studio, laboratory, atelier

(1) **workshop** attendee, (2) carpentry **workshop**

The artist held a **workshop** to teach students how to paint with watercolors.

## beneath

*adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something

*synonym*: down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

## avant-garde

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions

*synonym*: innovative, experimental, unconventional

(1) **avant-garde** art, (2) **avant-garde** music

The artist's **avant-garde** approach to sculpture challenged conventional ideas of art.

## punch

*v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

*synonym*: hit, strike, slap

(1) **punch** out numbers, (2) **punch** a ticket

He **punched** the wall in anger.

## discovery

*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

*synonym*: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

## 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.

## renew

*v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption

*synonym*: renovate, restore, revitalize

(1) **renew** a contract, (2) **renew** its corporate image

I have to **renew** my passport by the middle of September.

## miraculous

*adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

*synonym*: amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

## collaborate

*v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

*synonym*: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

## troupe

*n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production

*synonym*: company, ensemble, group

(1) **troupe** rehearsal, (2) circus **troupe**

The theater **troupe** is performing Hamlet this weekend.

## giraffe

*n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves

*synonym*: gazelle, okapi, camelopard

(1) **giraffe** pattern, (2) **giraffe** exhibit

The **giraffe's** long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.

## life-sized

*adj.* being of the same size as the person or thing represented

*synonym*: equivalent, same, equal

(1) a **life-sized** model, (2) **life-sized** wooden sculptures

This museum has a **life-sized** model of a mammoth.

## structure

*n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed



of many parts

*synonym*: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

## hoop

*n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

*synonym*: ring, circle, band

(1) **hoop** earring, (2) basketball **hoop**

The circus clown jumped through a fiery **hoop** as the audience gasped in amazement.

## ultimate

*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

*synonym*: highest, maximum, foremost

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

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

## stilt

*n.* a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground

*synonym*: pole, post, long-legs

(1) **stilt** grass, (2) **stilt** walking

The archeologists found ancient **stilt** houses that were preserved under the water.

## steer

*v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

*synonym*: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

## hind

*adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal

*synonym*: back, rear, posterior

(1) **hind** toe, (2) **hind** paw

The farmer noticed a **hind** leg injury on one of his cows and called the vet for help.

## mechanism

*n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

*synonym*: means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

## nation

*n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

*synonym*: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

## rider

*n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message

*synonym*: passenger, commuter, traveler

(1) a motorcycle **rider**, (2) **rider** to a bill

The horse **rider** won first place in the equestrian competition.

## participate

*v.* to take part in something

*synonym*: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's

intramural sports program.

## cavalry

*n.* a highly mobile army unit

(1) troop of **cavalry**, (2) superbly trained **cavalry**

The **cavalry** regrouped and launched another attack.

## plow

*n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

*synonym*: plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil

The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

## depart

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

*synonym*: go away, leave, vacate

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

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

## brand

*n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

*synonym*: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

## 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.

## cardboard

*n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials

*synonym* : corrugated board, paperboard

(1) **cardboard** box, (2) **cardboard** cutout

I made a **cardboard** box to store my winter clothes in.

## manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

*synonym* : control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

## prototype

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

*synonym* : mock-up, precursor, model

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

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

## approve

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

*synonym* : accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measures, (2) unanimously **approve** a resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

## anticipate

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

*synonym* : forecast, predict, expect

(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

## crate

n. a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods

*synonym* : box, container, receptacle

(1) **crate** of apples, (2) beer **crate**

The shipping **crate** was filled with fragile glassware that must

be shipped carefully.

## cape

*n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

*synonym* : shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) **cape** cod, (2) red **cape**

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

## midnight

*n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

*synonym* : middle of the night, witching hour

(1) **midnight** snack, (2) **midnight** shift

I stayed up until **midnight** watching my favorite movie.

## pose

*v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

*synonym* : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

## gallop

*v.* (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly

*synonym* : canter, race, bound

(1) **gallop** a horse, (2) **gallop** off at top speed

The horse **galloped** across the field at a fast pace.

## stance

*n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal

*synonym* : attitude, standpoint, viewpoint

(1) change her **stance**, (2) the batting **stance**

He continued to support her political **stance**.

## 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.

## terrify

*v.* to frighten someone very much

*synonym* : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

## lid

*n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container

*synonym* : cover, top, cap

(1) container **lid**, (2) the **lid** of a box

He opened the **lid** of the jar to reveal the contents inside.

## clip

*n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

*synonym* : buckle, hook, pin

(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**

He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

## choreograph

*v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

## 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**.

## sequence

*n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

*synonym* : arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**  
We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next week.

## **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.

## **twig**

*n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual

*synonym* : branchlet, sprig, osier

(1) **twig** branch, (2) **twig** basket

The bird perched on a **twig** and sang a beautiful melody.

## **nick**

*n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge

*synonym* : incision, dent, indentation

(1) a **nick** on the fender of a car, (2) **nick** on my hand

The interviewer arrived in a **nick** of time.

## **redesign**

*v.* to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again

*synonym* : revamp, rework, remodel

(1) **redesign** project, (2) **redesign** of lifestyle

The company is planning to **redesign** its website.

## **skeleton**

*n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant

*synonym* : bones, frame, structure

(1) the steel **skeleton** of a building, (2) **skeleton** hand

Scientists studied the ancient **skeleton** to learn more about

the creature's anatomy.

## 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**.

## handmade

*adj.* made by hand rather than by machine or mass production methods; crafted manually or using traditional methods

*synonym*: handcrafted, homemade, artisanal

(1) **handmade** crafts, (2) **handmade** soap

The jewelry was all **handmade** by local artisans using traditional techniques.

## laser

*n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification

*synonym*: beam, bar, ray

(1) **laser** printer, (2) pulse **laser**

The company holds patents on core components of **laser** jet printers.

## aluminum

*n.* a chemical element with the symbol Al that visually resembles silver, used especially for making cooking equipment and aircraft parts

(1) a layer of **aluminum** foil, (2) an **aluminum** alloy

Some of the parts of this car are made of **aluminum** to reduce weight.

## flexible

*adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

*synonym*: adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire



You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

## mass

*n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

*synonym* : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

## unfortunately

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

*synonym* : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

## 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.

## irritate

*v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

*synonym* : annoy, vex, bother

(1) **irritate** skin, (2) **irritate** my partner

The sound of his chewing loudly **irritates** me during dinner.

## brake

*n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels

*synonym* : damper, restraint, check

(1) apply the **brake**, (2) **brake** pedal

The results of that election put a **brake** on political reform.

## **cable**

*n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

*synonym* : wire, cord, rope

(1) **cable** television, (2) coaxial **cable**

This system uses submarine **cables** to exchange information between continents.

## **separate**

*v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

*synonym* : disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

## **obvious**

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym* : apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

## **indicator**

*n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

*synonym* : barometer, signal, index

(1) **indicator** lamp, (2) performance **indicators**

Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor **indicator** of whether a business can be successfully run.

## **relax**

*v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

*synonym* : soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

## eyesight

*n.* the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness

*synonym*: vision, sight, eyes

(1) impaired **eyesight**, (2) acute **eyesight**

His excellent **eyesight** allowed him to spot the bird in the dense foliage.

## string

*n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

*synonym*: line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

## tendon

*n.* a strong, fibrous cord of tissue that connects muscle to bone

*synonym*: tissue, sinew, ligament

(1) **tendon** grafting, (2) **tendon** collagen

**Tendon** injuries are common among athletes.

## automatically

*adv.* without needing a direct human control

*synonym*: mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted

Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

## unpredictable

*adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

*synonym*: uncertain, variable, random

(1) dangerously **unpredictable** person, (2) **unpredictable** outcome

The weather in this region is often **unpredictable**, with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

## hoof

*n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle

*synonym*: foot, paw

(1) **hoof** mark, (2) clean **hoof**

The horse's **hoof** was injured and needed to be treated by a veterinarian.

### immediately

*adv.* now or without delay

*synonym*: directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

### convincing

*adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true

*synonym*: clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

### complexity

*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

*synonym*: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

### possibility

*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

*synonym*: chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

### split

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

*synonym*: break, divide, break apart

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

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

## expand

*v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

*synonym*: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

## naturalism

*n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

(1) **naturalism** in literature, (2) philosophical **naturalism**

The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of **naturalism**, as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.

## quiver

*v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion

*synonym*: shake, tremble, shiver

(1) **quiver** in the breeze, (2) **quiver** with excitement

The archer's hands **quivered** as he aimed the arrow at the target.

## aesthetic

*adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

*synonym*: beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling

My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

## dimension

*n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

*synonym*: extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

## durable

*adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed

*synonym*: enduring, stable, long-lasting

(1) **durable** peace, (2) **durable** materials

Our company's products are made of highly **durable**

materials.

## **mold**

*n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

*synonym* : cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

## **practical**

*adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

*synonym* : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

## **see-through**

*adj.* allowing light to pass through so that objects on the other side can be seen clearly; lacking in substance or depth; transparent or obvious

*synonym* : transparent, clear, translucent

(1) **see-through** packaging, (2) **see-through** curtains

Her **see-through** blouse was a bit too revealing for a formal work event.

## **nylon**

*n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.

(1) **nylon** cloth, (2) **nylon** thread

We supply the military with durable vests made of **nylon**.

## **mesh**

*n.* a material made of a network of wire, plastic, or thread

*synonym* : netting, weave, lattice

(1) a **mesh** fence, (2) the **mesh** of a basket

The **mesh** fabric was breathable and comfortable to wear.

## **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.

## skeletal

*adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones);  
very thin or emaciated

*synonym*: bony, emaciated, gaunt

(1) **skeletal** system, (2) **skeletal** muscles

The older man was skinny and **skeletal** and not in good health.

## solid

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

*synonym*: stable, reliable, hard

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

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

## fellow

*adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is  
in the same class, profession, or situation as you

*synonym*: buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

## 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.

## pace

*n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or  
the rate at which something happens or changes

*synonym*: gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

## incredibly

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

*synonym*: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

## thorough

*adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate

*synonym*: complete, comprehensive, meticulous

(1) **thorough** investigation, (2) provide **thorough** analysis

A **thorough** brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. a con\_\_\_\_\_ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
2. na\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
3. sk\_\_\_\_\_on hand *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
4. ap\_\_\_\_\_e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
5. se\_\_\_\_\_te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
6. pr\_\_\_r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
7. p\_w print *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
8. me\_\_\_\_\_or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
9. la\_\_r printer *n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification

ANSWERS: 1. convincing, 2. nation, 3. skeleton, 4. approve, 5. separate, 6. prefer, 7. paw, 8. metaphor, 9. laser

10. the in\_\_\_\_\_on of new techniques      *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
11. a scientific di\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
12. create a br\_\_d logo      *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
13. 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
14. record driving aut\_\_\_\_\_lly      *adv.* without needing a direct human control
15. gi\_\_\_\_\_e exhibit      *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
16. ha\_\_\_\_\_de soap      *adj.* made by hand rather than by machine or mass production methods; crafted manually or using traditional methods
17. re\_\_x a series of muscles      *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
18. ca\_\_e race      *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

ANSWERS: 10. invention, 11. discovery, 12. brand, 13. stick, 14. automatically, 15. giraffe, 16. handmade, 17. relax, 18. canoe

19. m\_\_d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
20. new di\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
21. an\_\_\_\_\_or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
22. the se\_\_\_\_\_ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
23. 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
24. buy in b\_\_k *n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
25. an al\_\_\_\_\_um alloy *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Al that visually resembles silver, used especially for making cooking equipment and aircraft parts
26. h\_\_d toe *adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
27. exquisitely cho\_\_\_\_\_phed *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

ANSWERS: 19. mold, 20. dimension, 21. ancestor, 22. sequence, 23. stick, 24. bulk, 25. aluminum, 26. hind, 27. choreograph

28. en\_\_\_e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
29. a n\_\_k on the fender of a car *n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
30. st\_\_t grass *n.* a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground
31. pl\_\_\_\_\_d furniture *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
32. nice fe\_\_\_w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
33. st\_\_\_\_\_le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
34. pr\_\_\_r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
35. h\_\_p earring *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
36. br\_\_\_h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

ANSWERS: 28. engage, 29. nick, 30. stilt, 31. plywood, 32. fellow, 33. struggle, 34. prefer, 35. hoop, 36. breath

37. beer cr\_\_e *n.* a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods
38. 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
39. the br\_\_d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
40. appeared on\_\_\_\_\_e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
41. so\_\_d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
42. st\_\_r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
43. the ul\_\_\_\_\_te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
44. en\_\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
45. p\_w pad *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
46. p\_\_w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

ANSWERS: 37. crate, 38. tradition, 39. brand, 40. onstage, 41. solid, 42. steer, 43. ultimate, 44. engineer, 45. paw, 46. plow

47. ant\_\_\_\_\_te your kind cooperation      *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
48. tr\_\_\_e rehearsal      *n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
49. ae\_\_\_\_\_ic feeling      *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
50. be\_\_\_\_\_h contempt      *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
51. te\_\_\_n grafting      *n.* a strong, fibrous cord of tissue that connects muscle to bone
52. impaired ey\_\_\_\_\_ht      *n.* the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness
53. circus tr\_\_\_e      *n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
54. the threats te\_\_\_\_\_y him      *v.* to frighten someone very much
55. re\_\_x at home      *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
56. a m\_\_h fence      *n.* a material made of a network of wire, plastic, or thread
57. eloquently art\_\_\_\_\_te      *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
58. de\_\_\_t from the faith      *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
59. br\_\_e pedal      *n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels

ANSWERS: 47. anticipate, 48. troupe, 49. aesthetic, 50. beneath, 51. tendon, 52. eyesight, 53. troupe, 54. terrify, 55. relax, 56. mesh, 57. articulate, 58. depart, 59. brake

60. ex\_\_\_d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
61. a layer of al\_\_\_\_\_um foil *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Al that visually resembles silver, used especially for making cooking equipment and aircraft parts
62. re\_\_w a contract *v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption
63. visual me\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
64. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
65. unp\_\_\_\_\_ble outcome *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
66. container l\_d *n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
67. the ground be\_\_\_\_\_h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
68. use up-\_\_\_\_\_ute technology *adj.* completely current and timely; having the latest or most recent information or developments
69. human ev\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
70. de\_\_\_\_\_r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
71. the m\_\_h of a basket *n.* a material made of a network of wire, plastic, or thread

ANSWERS: 60. expand, 61. aluminum, 62. renew, 63. metaphor, 64. complexity, 65. unpredictable, 66. lid, 67. beneath, 68. up-to-the-minute, 69. evolution, 70. despair, 71. mesh

72. sk\_\_\_\_al system *adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
73. col\_\_\_\_\_te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
74. ex\_\_\_d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
75. red c\_\_e *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
76. dis\_\_\_\_\_sh man from the other animals *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
77. p\_\_e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
78. in\_\_\_\_\_or lamp *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
79. a working dr\_\_t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
80. st\_\_r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
81. provide th\_\_\_\_\_gh analysis *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
82. basketball h\_\_p *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
83. aut\_\_\_\_\_lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control

ANSWERS: 72. skeletal, 73. collaborate, 74. expand, 75. cape, 76. distinguish, 77. pose, 78. indicator, 79. draft, 80. steer, 81. thorough, 82. hoop, 83. automatically



84. attempt to pe\_\_\_\_\_de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
85. em\_\_\_\_\_al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
86. sp\_\_t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
87. st\_\_t walking *n.* a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground
88. lif\_\_\_\_\_ed wooden sculptures *adj.* being of the same size as the person or thing represented
89. du\_\_\_\_\_e materials *adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
90. 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
91. mi\_\_\_\_\_ht shift *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
92. fa\_\_\_c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

ANSWERS: 84. persuade, 85. emotional, 86. split, 87. stilt, 88. life-sized, 89. durable, 90. introduction, 91. midnight, 92. fabric

93. re\_\_\_\_\_gn of lifestyle      *v.* to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
94. sp\_\_t a reward equally      *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
95. di\_\_\_\_\_ar after a week      *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
96. proper n\_\_n      *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
97. the ul\_\_\_\_\_te luxury      *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
98. early pr\_\_\_\_\_pe      *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
99. ga\_\_\_p a horse      *v.* (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly
100. complete a pr\_\_\_\_\_pe product      *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
101. 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
102. qu\_\_\_r in the breeze      *v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
103. com\_\_\_\_\_ty theory      *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 93. redesign, 94. split, 95. disappear, 96. noun, 97. ultimate, 98. prototype, 99. gallop, 100. prototype, 101. background, 102. quiver, 103. complexity

104. en\_\_\_e in environmental protection activities      *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
105. up-\_\_\_\_\_ute stock market data      *adj.* completely current and timely; having the latest or most recent information or developments
106. qu\_\_\_r with excitement      *v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
107. hold your br\_\_\_h      *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
108. ga\_\_\_p off at top speed      *v.* (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly
109. critical m\_\_\_s      *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
110. cr\_\_\_e of apples      *n.* a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods
111. the st\_\_\_\_\_re of a machine      *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
112. t\_\_\_g basket      *n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
113. ev\_\_\_\_\_on theory      *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

ANSWERS: 104. engage, 105. up-to-the-minute, 106. quiver, 107. breath, 108. gallop, 109. mass, 110. crate, 111. structure, 112. twig, 113. evolution

114. du\_\_\_\_e peace *adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
115. se\_\_\_\_te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
116. a motorcycle ri\_\_r *n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message
117. a fl\_\_\_\_le wire *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
118. a lif\_\_\_\_ed model *adj.* being of the same size as the person or thing represented
119. ri\_\_r to a bill *n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message
120. imm\_\_\_\_ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
121. pu\_\_h a ticket *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
122. ava\_\_\_\_de music *adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions

ANSWERS: 114. durable, 115. separate, 116. rider, 117. flexible, 118. life-sized, 119. rider, 120. immediately, 121. punch, 122. avant-garde

123. ava\_\_\_\_\_de art *adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions
124. at your own p\_\_e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
125. troop of ca\_\_\_\_y *n.* a highly mobile army unit
126. a hand-loomed fa\_\_\_\_c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
127. st\_\_\_\_\_re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
128. write him an answer imm\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* now or without delay
129. ha\_\_\_\_de crafts *adj.* made by hand rather than by machine or mass production methods; crafted manually or using traditional methods
130. a photo st\_\_\_\_o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
131. vulnerable to man\_\_\_\_\_te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
132. b\_\_k data transfer *n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something

ANSWERS: 123. avant-garde, 124. pace, 125. cavalry, 126. fabric, 127. structure, 128. immediately, 129. handmade, 130. studio, 131. manipulate, 132. bulk

133. di\_\_\_\_\_ar without a trace      *v.*    to cease to exist or be visible
134. change her st\_\_\_e      *n.*    a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
135. a m\_\_s of molten rock      *n.*    a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
136. te\_\_\_n collagen      *n.*    a strong, fibrous cord of tissue that connects muscle to bone
137. a seafaring na\_\_\_n      *n.*    a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
138. n\_\_n phrase      *n.*    a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
139. nat\_\_\_\_\_sm in literature      *n.*    a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
140. tie c\_\_p      *n.*    a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
141. carpentry wo\_\_\_\_\_op      *n.*    a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

ANSWERS: 133. disappear, 134. stance, 135. mass, 136. tendon, 137. nation, 138. noun, 139. naturalism, 140. clip, 141. workshop

142. ca\_\_\_\_\_rd box *n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials
143. a mir\_\_\_\_\_us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
144. retie the st\_\_\_\_g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
145. te\_\_\_\_\_y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
146. 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
147. em\_\_\_\_\_al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
148. co\_\_\_\_\_ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
149. ae\_\_\_\_\_ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
150. gain pr\_\_\_\_\_al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
151. music st\_\_\_\_o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
152. pulse la\_\_r *n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification

ANSWERS: 142. cardboard, 143. miraculous, 144. string, 145. terrify, 146. hell, 147. emotional, 148. construct, 149. aesthetic, 150. practical, 151. studio, 152. laser

153. 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
154. junior fe\_\_\_w      *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
155. mi\_\_\_\_\_ht snack      *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
156. get inc\_\_\_\_\_ly insecure      *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
157. ant\_\_\_\_\_te a black future      *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
158. col\_\_\_\_\_te on a press release      *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
159. hy\_\_a den      *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
160. p\_\_e a challenge      *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
161. pr\_\_\_\_\_al English      *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
162. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons      *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
163. ny\_\_n cloth      *n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.

ANSWERS: 153. introduction, 154. fellow, 155. midnight, 156. incredibly, 157. anticipate, 158. collaborate, 159. hyena, 160. pose, 161. practical, 162. obvious, 163. nylon



164. superbly trained ca\_\_\_\_y *n.* a highly mobile army unit
165. flexible pl\_\_\_\_d *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
166. write the first dr\_\_t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
167. spotted hy\_\_a *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
168. even more unf\_\_\_\_ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
169. unanimously ap\_\_\_\_e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
170. defense me\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
171. re\_\_w its corporate image *v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption
172. freshly chopped ba\_\_l *n.* an herb with fragrant, green leaves that is used to flavor many different types of food, especially Italian and Thai cuisine
173. common in\_\_\_\_on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
174. ca\_\_\_\_rd cutout *n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials

ANSWERS: 164. cavalry, 165. plywood, 166. draft, 167. hyena, 168. unfortunately, 169. approve, 170. mechanism, 171. renew, 172. basil, 173. invention, 174. cardboard

175. cho\_\_\_\_\_ph a stage performance     *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
176. c\_\_e cod     *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
177. a circular mo\_\_\_\_\_nt     *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
178. dis\_\_\_\_\_sh these two things     *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
179. ny\_\_n thread     *n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.
180. coaxial ca\_\_e     *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
181. the steel sk\_\_\_\_\_on of a building     *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
182. man\_\_\_\_\_te figures     *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
183. 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: 175. choreograph, 176. cape, 177. movement, 178. distinguish, 179. nylon, 180. cable, 181. skeleton, 182. manipulate, 183. tradition

184. tense piano st\_\_\_gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
185. at\_\_\_\_\_te directly to sales *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
186. earliest human an\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
187. the crosswise di\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
188. inc\_\_\_\_\_ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
189. art\_\_\_\_\_te his position *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
190. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
191. st\_\_\_\_\_le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
192. clean h\_\_f *n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
193. performance in\_\_\_\_\_ors *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
194. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 184. string, 185. attribute, 186. ancestor, 187. dimension, 188. incredibly, 189. articulate, 190. possibility, 191. struggle, 192. hoof, 193. indicator, 194. possibility

195. walk on\_\_\_\_\_e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
196. 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
197. deeply p\_\_w the soil *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
198. the runner's p\_\_e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
199. h\_\_f mark *n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
200. see\_\_\_\_\_gh curtains *adj.* allowing light to pass through so that objects on the other side can be seen clearly; lacking in substance or depth; transparent or obvious
201. mo\_\_\_\_\_nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
202. wo\_\_\_\_\_op attendee *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

ANSWERS: 195. onstage, 196. background, 197. plow, 198. pace, 199. hoof, 200. see-through, 201. movement, 202. workshop

203. ir\_\_\_\_te my partner      *v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore
204. the DNA se\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
205. corporate pu\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
206. short video c\_\_p      *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
207. make a ca\_\_e trip      *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
208. par\_\_\_\_te in the program      *v.* to take part in something
209. a casting m\_\_d      *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
210. dangerously unp\_\_\_\_ble person      *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
211. t\_\_g branch      *n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual

ANSWERS: 203. irritate, 204. sequence, 205. puppet, 206. clip, 207. canoe, 208. participate, 209. mold, 210. unpredictable, 211. twig

212. complex v\_\_b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
213. acute ey\_\_\_\_ht *n.* the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness
214. so\_\_d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
215. the l\_d of a box *n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
216. con\_\_\_\_\_ng biochemical explanation *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
217. a civil en\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
218. the batting st\_\_\_e *n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
219. untold de\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
220. see\_\_\_\_\_gh packaging *adj.* allowing light to pass through so that objects on the other side can be seen clearly; lacking in substance or depth; transparent or obvious
221. h\_\_d paw *adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
222. pu\_\_h out numbers *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

ANSWERS: 212. verb, 213. eyesight, 214. solid, 215. lid, 216. convincing, 217. engineer, 218. stance, 219. despair, 220. see-through, 221. hind, 222. punch

223. ba\_\_l leaves *n.* an herb with fragrant, green leaves that is used to flavor many different types of food, especially Italian and Thai cuisine
224. co\_\_\_\_\_ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
225. re\_\_\_\_\_gn project *v.* to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
226. pu\_\_\_t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
227. apply the br\_\_e *n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels
228. the great di\_\_\_\_\_ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
229. sk\_\_\_\_\_al muscles *adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
230. gi\_\_\_\_\_e pattern *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
231. unf\_\_\_\_\_ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 223. basil, 224. construct, 225. redesign, 226. puppet, 227. brake, 228. discovery, 229. skeletal, 230. giraffe, 231. unfortunately

232. pe\_\_\_\_de enough people      *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
233. philosophical nat\_\_\_\_\_sm      *n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
234. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s      *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
235. go through a mir\_\_\_\_\_us change      *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
236. ca\_\_e television      *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
237. 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
238. ir\_\_\_\_\_te skin      *v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore
239. fl\_\_\_\_\_le schedules      *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
240. at\_\_\_\_\_te the change to their marriage      *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

ANSWERS: 232. persuade, 233. naturalism, 234. obvious, 235. miraculous, 236. cable, 237. hell, 238. irritate, 239. flexible, 240. attribute



241. th\_\_\_\_gh investigation *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
242. the me\_\_\_\_\_sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
243. n\_\_k on my hand *n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
244. arrive and de\_\_\_\_t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
245. an auxiliary v\_\_b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
246. par\_\_\_\_\_te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something

ANSWERS: 241. thorough, 242. mechanism, 243. nick, 244. depart, 245. verb, 246. participate

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His excellent \_\_\_\_\_ allowed him to spot the bird in the dense foliage.  
*n.* the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness
2. 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
3. I made a \_\_\_\_\_ box to store my winter clothes in.  
*n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials
4. The horse's \_\_\_\_\_ was injured and needed to be treated by a veterinarian.  
*n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
5. A suspension order from the court is effective \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* now or without delay
6. Management must take \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for the accident.  
*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
7. He \_\_\_\_\_ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.  
*v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
8. The treatments were done but, \_\_\_\_\_ were unsuccessful.  
*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 1. eyesight, 2. hell, 3. cardboard, 4. hoof, 5. immediately, 6. ultimate, 7. constructs, 8. unfortunately,

9. Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor \_\_\_\_\_ of whether a business can be successfully run.
- n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
10. The birds \_\_\_\_\_ open water areas with reeds around them.
- v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
11. We \_\_\_\_\_ heavy snowfall tomorrow.
- v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
12. Overall \_\_\_\_\_ are approximately 400x200mm.
- n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
13. The horse \_\_\_\_\_ won first place in the equestrian competition.
- n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message
14. A great stretch of the lake lay \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
15. The company holds patents on core components of \_\_\_\_\_ jet printers.
- n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
16. The economy is growing at a supercharged \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

ANSWERS: 9. indicator, 10. prefer, 11. anticipate, 12. dimensions, 13. rider, 14. beneath, 15. laser, 16. pace

17. He \_\_\_\_\_ the wall in anger.

*v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

18. She was able to \_\_\_\_\_ her argument in the debate clearly.

*v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

19. Some of the parts of this car are made of \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce weight.

*n.* a chemical element with the symbol Al that visually resembles silver, used especially for making cooking equipment and aircraft parts

20. The \_\_\_\_\_ of water is called ice.

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

21. I received a parcel of great \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something

22. These synthetic \_\_\_\_\_ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

*n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

23. The theater \_\_\_\_\_ is performing Hamlet this weekend.

*n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 17. punched, 18. articulate, 19. aluminum, 20. solid-state, 21. bulk, 22. fabrics, 23. troupe, 24. movement

25. Use a singular \_\_\_\_\_ if the subject is singular.

*n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

26. This museum has a \_\_\_\_\_ model of a mammoth.

*adj.* being of the same size as the person or thing represented

27. The \_\_\_\_\_ powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.

*n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs

28. 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

29. She agreed to \_\_\_\_\_ with him in creating new artwork.

*v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

30. 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

31. Human \_\_\_\_\_ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

*adj.* relating to people's feelings

32. Several cities are experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ high unemployment rates.

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

ANSWERS: 25. verb, 26. life-sized, 27. hyena's, 28. studio, 29. collaborate, 30. stick, 31. emotional, 32. incredibly

33. In some foreign languages, the gender of \_\_\_\_\_ exists.

*n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects

34. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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

35. There's a new \_\_\_\_\_ of hero in the movies now.

*n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

36. The older man was skinny and \_\_\_\_\_ and not in good health.

*adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated

37. The results of that election put a \_\_\_\_\_ on political reform.

*n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels

38. The politician was merely a \_\_\_\_\_ for the wealthy elite.

*n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

39. The project's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

40. The majority of students actively \_\_\_\_\_ in the college's intramural sports program.

*v.* to take part in something

ANSWERS: 33. nouns, 34. engineer, 35. brand, 36. skeletal, 37. brake, 38. puppet, 39. complexity, 40. participated

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.
- n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
42. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ of pearls around her neck.
- n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
43. We supply the military with durable vests made of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.
44. The bird perched on a \_\_\_\_\_ and sang a beautiful melody.
- n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
45. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
46. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
47. The artist's \_\_\_\_\_ approach to sculpture challenged conventional ideas of art.
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions

ANSWERS: 41. giraffe's, 42. string, 43. nylon, 44. twig, 45. separate, 46. struggle, 47. avant-garde

48. The \_\_\_\_\_ news coverage provided by this channel is very informative.

*adj.* completely current and timely; having the latest or most recent information or developments

49. The horse \_\_\_\_\_ across the field at a fast pace.

*v.* (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly

50. The captain told him to \_\_\_\_\_ the ship north.

*v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

51. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_.

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

52. The farmer noticed a \_\_\_\_\_ leg injury on one of his cows and called the vet for help.

*adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal

53. The chemicals \_\_\_\_\_ a massive health risk.

*v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

54. My boss wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ of the plan.

*v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

55. Her concept is highly \_\_\_\_\_ and helpful.

*adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

ANSWERS: 48. up-to-the-minute, 49. galloped, 50. steer, 51. invention, 52. hind, 53. pose, 54. approve, 55. practical



56. 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
57. The artist held a \_\_\_\_\_ to teach students how to paint with watercolors.
- n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
58. The shipping \_\_\_\_\_ was filled with fragile glassware that must be shipped carefully.
- n.* a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods
59. Manufacturing companies use large sheets of \_\_\_\_\_ to make furniture and fixtures.
- n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
60. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden was ready to be picked for tonight's pasta dish.
- n.* an herb with fragrant, green leaves that is used to flavor many different types of food, especially Italian and Thai cuisine
61. He had \_\_\_\_\_ the dance in this play himself.
- v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
62. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 56. introduction, 57. workshop, 58. crate, 59. plywood, 60. basil, 61. choreographed, 62. discovery

63. \_\_\_\_\_ injuries are common among athletes.

*n.* a strong, fibrous cord of tissue that connects muscle to bone

64. The archeologists found ancient \_\_\_\_\_ houses that were preserved under the water.

*n.* a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground

65. The archer's hands \_\_\_\_\_ as he aimed the arrow at the target.

*v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion

66. He continued to support her political \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal

67. You can be more \_\_\_\_\_ and creative in your approach.

*adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

68. My \_\_\_\_\_ standards are quite different from hers.

*adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

69. 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

70. They hope to \_\_\_\_\_ their business worldwide.

*v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

ANSWERS: 63. Tendon, 64. stilt, 65. quivered, 66. stance, 67. flexible, 68. aesthetic, 69. tradition, 70. expand

71. It would be best not to \_\_\_\_\_ your associates into doing complex tasks.  
*v.* to frighten someone very much
72. The flying car is presently in the \_\_\_\_\_ stage.  
*n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
73. The weather in this region is often \_\_\_\_\_ with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.  
*adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
74. This system uses submarine \_\_\_\_\_ to exchange information between continents.  
*n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
75. He performed his magic trick \_\_\_\_\_ leaving the audience in awe.  
*adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
76. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.  
*v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
77. The interviewer arrived in a \_\_\_\_\_ of time.  
*n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
78. The circus clown jumped through a fiery \_\_\_\_\_ as the audience gasped in amazement.  
*n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

ANSWERS: 71. terrify, 72. prototype, 73. unpredictable, 74. cables, 75. onstage, 76. persuade, 77. nick, 78. hoop

79. He discovered unique \_\_\_\_\_ for photochemical reactions.

- n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

80. Mushrooms and \_\_\_\_\_ are fungi.

- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

81. 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

82. During debates in the legislature, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law caused a lot of controversies.

- n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

83. This study \_\_\_\_\_ four different ways to run a business.

- v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

84. Scientists studied the ancient \_\_\_\_\_ to learn more about the creature's anatomy.

- n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant

85. He fastens some sheets of paper with a \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

ANSWERS: 79. mechanisms, 80. mold, 81. background, 82. draft, 83. distinguished, 84. skeleton, 85. clip

86. The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

87. He bated his \_\_\_\_\_ when talking about this affair.

- n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

88. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ recovery.

- adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

89. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

90. His friend's death drove him to \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

91. The \_\_\_\_\_ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

- n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

92. I found her assertion pretty \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true

93. The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of \_\_\_\_\_ as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.

- n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

ANSWERS: 86. plow, 87. breath, 88. miraculous, 89. nation, 90. despair, 91. possibility, 92. convincing, 93. naturalism,

94. He \_\_\_\_\_ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.
- v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
95. The cat batted at the toy with its \_\_\_\_.
- n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
96. We do move forward with those tasks in \_\_\_\_\_ next week.
- n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
97. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
98. Our subscription plan is \_\_\_\_\_ renewed.
- adv.* without needing a direct human control
99. They watched the train \_\_\_\_\_ into the distance.
- v.* to cease to exist or be visible
100. They study the \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe.
- n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
101. I stayed up until \_\_\_\_\_ watching my favorite movie.
- n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
102. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 94. attributes, 95. paw, 96. sequence, 97. metaphors, 98. automatically, 99. disappear, 100. evolution, 101. midnight, 102. obvious

103. Our company's products are made of highly \_\_\_\_\_ materials.

*adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed

104. Companies often \_\_\_\_\_ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

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

105. The jewelry was all \_\_\_\_\_ by local artisans using traditional techniques.

*adj.* made by hand rather than by machine or mass production methods; crafted manually or using traditional methods

106. Her \_\_\_\_\_ blouse was a bit too revealing for a formal work event.

*adj.* allowing light to pass through so that objects on the other side can be seen clearly; lacking in substance or depth; transparent or obvious

107. The company is planning to \_\_\_\_\_ its website.

*v.* to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again

108. The \_\_\_\_\_ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

*n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

109. The \_\_\_\_\_ fabric was breathable and comfortable to wear.

*n.* a material made of a network of wire, plastic, or thread

110. I have to \_\_\_\_\_ my passport by the middle of September.

*v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption

ANSWERS: 103. durable, 104. split, 105. handmade, 106. see-through, 107. redesign, 108. mass, 109. mesh, 110. renew

111. He is the kind of \_\_\_\_\_ who only works for his success.

*adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

112. The rules were \_\_\_\_\_ after the new executive arrived.

*v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

113. 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

114. The \_\_\_\_\_ regrouped and launched another attack.

*n.* a highly mobile army unit

115. A \_\_\_\_\_ brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

*adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate

116. He opened the \_\_\_\_ of the jar to reveal the contents inside.

*n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container

117. After the accident, the police found an empty \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

118. The sound of his chewing loudly \_\_\_\_\_ me during dinner.

*v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

119. The organizational \_\_\_\_\_ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

*n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 111. fellow, 112. relaxed, 113. engaged, 114. cavalry, 115. thorough, 116. lid, 117. canoe, 118. irritates, 119. structure



120. We \_\_\_\_\_ before the temperature fell below zero.

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

121. The superhero wore a flowing \_\_\_\_\_ as part of their costume.

*n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

122. Please tell me how to \_\_\_\_\_ this computer.

*v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

123. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 120. departed, 121. cape, 122. manipulate, 123. ancestor