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Session 1: Word List

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym: bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

strength

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

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

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

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

huddle

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

synonym: cluster, crowd, group

(1) **huddle** in a temporary shelter, (2) **huddle** around the open fire

The children **huddled** together for warmth in the cold winter

storm.

jigsaw

n. a tool with a fine-toothed blade used for cutting intricate curves and patterns in thin material such as wood or metal, typically with the blade being reciprocating; a type of puzzle that consists of irregularly shaped pieces that must be fitted together to form a complete picture

synonym : fretsaw, puzzle

(1) **jigsaw** puzzle, (2) **jigsaw** woodworking

The **jigsaw** blade needs to be changed before we can continue the project.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym : plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym : versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

playwright

n. a person who writes plays

synonym : dramatist, scribe, librettist

(1) acclaimed **playwright**, (2) a **playwright** attached to the theatre

The **playwright's** work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

balanced

adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

synonym : equitable, congruous, flat

(1) a **balanced** diet, (2) a well- **balanced** mind

We conducted a **balanced** assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

communist

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

synonym: socialist, marxist, leninist

(1) **communist** party, (2) **communist** activist

During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of **communist** ideology.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

mock

v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

synonym: gibe (or jibe), make fun of, laugh at

(1) **mock** his accent, (2) **mock** at his misfortune

It is impolite to **mock** fun of an international student's English mistakes.

retreat

n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

synonym: escape, withdrawal, vacation

(1) **retreat** deeper into their territory, (2) **retreat** in a mountain region

Many people go on a **retreat** to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

vain

adj. having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful

synonym : conceited, narcissistic, egotistic

(1) **vain** hope, (2) **vain** pursuit

He is in **vain** searching for a new job since he has no experience in the field.

crush

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

synonym : destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt

The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

dawn

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

synonym : daybreak, sunrise, advent

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

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

arrange

v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

synonym : set up, order, organize

(1) **arrange** the meeting, (2) the list was **arranged** alphabetically

I need to **arrange** plans with him for the celebration.

distill

v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

synonym : extract, condense, purify

(1) **distill** a liquid, (2) **distill** information

She decided to **distill** her thoughts into a more manageable list.

inconceivable

adj. hard to imagine or believe

synonym : unimaginable, impossible, unthinkable

(1) **inconceivable** pain, (2) **inconceivable** ideas

It would be **inconceivable** for him to alter his behavior.

saga

n. a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes

synonym : epic, tale, chronicle

(1) fantasy **saga**, (2) historical **saga**

The epic **saga** of the family's journey through time captivated readers worldwide.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym : challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym : fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym : mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

vessel

n. a ship or large boat

synonym : boat, ship, craft

(1) blood **vessels**, (2) naval **vessels**

The **vessel** arrived in port the following day.

pirate

n. (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea

synonym: buccaneer, corsair, privateer

(1) **pirate** treasure, (2) video **pirate**

The **pirate** captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.

rap

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

synonym: hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**

The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

poison

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

synonym: toxin, venom, pollutant

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

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

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

steady

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

synonym: stable, solid, secure

(1) **steady** increase, (2) take a **steady** job

The patient's vital signs are **steady**, indicating a stable condition.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym : motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

bow

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

synonym : bend, curve, arch

(1) **bow** and greet, (2) a **bow** wave

She **bow**ed to the audience after her performance.

dip

v. to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again

synonym : dunk, dive, plunge

(1) **dip** a pen in ink, (2) **dip** a chip in the sauce

Please **dip** up a bucketful of water from the well.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

bluff

- v. to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion

synonym: abrupt, cliff, precipice

(1) **bluff** the other side, (2) riverside **bluff**

He **bluffed** a person out of going.

bravado

- n. a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere

synonym: boldness, swagger, arrogance

(1) lose my **bravado**, (2) heroic **bravado**

The show of **bravado** by the bully only served to mask his insecurity and fear.

rig

- v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

synonym: set up, prepare, arrange

(1) **rig** an election, (2) **rig** a ship with new sails

He **rigged** the game so he could win the prize.

collapse

- v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

aft

- adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

refugee

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

synonym : emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym : inhabit, occupy, decide

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

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

suburb

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

synonym : outskirts, district, quarter

(1) **suburb** development, (2) **suburb** life

He grew up in the **suburbs** but always dreamed of living in the city.

demographic

n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

(1) **demographic** analyses, (2) **demographic** policy

Several **demographic** indicators correlate with care admission.

immigrant

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

synonym : settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

oblivious

adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

synonym : forgetful, clueless, unaware

(1) **oblivious** of his promise, (2) **oblivious** to our response
She was so engrossed in her work that she was **oblivious** to her surroundings.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

snippet

n. a small piece or brief extract of something

synonym: fragment, excerpt, brief

(1) **snippet** of wisdom, (2) code **snippet**

The journalist saved a **snippet** of the interview for later reference.

halting

adj. hesitant or wavering in speech or action; faltering; stopping or pausing repeatedly and intermittently

synonym: stuttering, hesitant, faltering

(1) **halting** speech, (2) **halting** progress

The negotiations between the two countries were proceeding in a **halting** manner.

exchange

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

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

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

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

assembly

n. a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws

for a specific region or country

synonym: crowd, gathering, mass

(1) **assembly** line, (2) **assembly** hall

This company's **assembly** plant is an enormous facility.

shift

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

synonym: transition, change, modification

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

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

qualification

n. an official record of an exam showing that you have completed

synonym: credentials, capability, adequacy

(1) **qualifications** for the job, (2) possess distinctive **qualifications**

Applicants must possess a verified teaching **qualification**.

allocate

v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose

synonym: apportion, assign, distribute

(1) **allocate** resource, (2) **allocate** budgets

The company **allocated** a portion of its profits to developing new products.

tuition

n. the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services

synonym: fee, schooling, education

(1) **tuition** assistance, (2) a college **tuition**

His father cannot afford his **tuition**.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym : anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread
People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

secondhand

adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else

synonym : used, pre-owned, recycled

(1) **secondhand** car, (2) **secondhand** information
He was excited to find a vintage suit at the **secondhand** shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

uniform

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

synonym : livery, outfit

(1) at a **uniform** temperature, (2) our school **uniform**
This country has a nationally **uniform** culture.

ankle

n. the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg

synonym : mortise joint

(1) **ankle** injury, (2) pair of **ankle** boots
He accidentally sprained his **ankle** playing squash.

sear

v. to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time

synonym : scorch, cook, burn

(1) **sear** tissue using a hot iron, (2) **sear** the memory into your mind
Be careful not to **sear** the meat too long, as it can become tough and chewy.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

slit

n. a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

synonym : slash, incision, cut

(1) **slit** pocket, (2) **slit** the fabric

He made a small **slit** in the paper to fit it in the envelope.

occasional

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

synonym : infrequent, sporadic, irregular

(1) **occasional** visitor, (2) **occasional** assistance

She only visited her grandparents on **occasional** weekends.

graffiti

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

synonym : street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

stiffen

v. to make or become stiff or rigid; to become inflexible or unyielding in one's attitude or behavior

synonym : harden, solidify, tense

(1) **stiffen** joints, (2) **stiffen** penalties

The cold weather made my muscles **stiffen** up.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym : decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

bypass

n. an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed;
(verb) to go past or round

(1) gastric **bypass** operation, (2) **bypass** circuit

This patient must undergo **bypass** surgery.

exhausted

adj. extremely tired

synonym: drowsy, depleted, fatigued

(1) the **exhausted** food sources, (2) **exhausted** parents

The **exhausted** runner fell to the ground and gasped.

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.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

nightmare

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

synonym: agony, misery, suffering

(1) have a **nightmare**, (2) **nightmare** situation

Life as a waiter was a big **nightmare** for him.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym: change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**
The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

inflexible

adj. not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding
synonym: rigid, unyielding, unadaptable

(1) **inflexible** rule, (2) take an **inflexible** stance
His **inflexible** schedule did not allow for any changes.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody
synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land
The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

sponsor

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
synonym: back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group
Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

parallel

adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
synonym: aligned, side-by-side, similar

(1) a **parallel** case, (2) **parallel** processing
He walked a road **parallel** to the railroad.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature
He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
synonym: unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure
The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

enmesh

v. to entangle or involve someone or something in a complicated or difficult situation; to catch or trap as if in a net or mesh; to become entangled or caught up in something

synonym: entangle, trap, ensnare

(1) **enmesh** the fly in its web, (2) become **enmeshed** in legal battles

Her family drama **enmeshed** her in a web of lies and deceit.

precarious

adj. not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

synonym: precariousness, instability, uncertainty

(1) **precarious** job, (2) **precarious** financial situation

She had a **precarious** hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

synonym: calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**
Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
synonym: aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**
That incident led to his **isolation**.

catapult

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance
synonym: launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism
The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

tan

v. to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun
synonym: brown, sunburn

(1) **tan** after sun exposure, (2) **tan** poorly
She spent the whole summer **tanning** on the beach.

anonymous

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source
synonym: nameless, unidentified, unnamed

(1) **anonymous** letter, (2) **anonymous** house
She received several **anonymous** calls.

resident

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
synonym: dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

(1) a **resident** of the city, (2) **resident** tax
Visa renewal for **resident** foreigners in this country is once every five years.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

venue

n. a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed

synonym : location, site, arena

(1) **venue** capacity, (2) wedding **venue**

The concert **venue** was packed with excited fans.

protocol

n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

synonym : procedure, system, method

(1) draft a **protocol**, (2) **protocol** breach

The company has a strict **protocol** for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

cutlery

n. a collective term for utensils used for eating and serving food, typically made of metal, such as knives, forks, and spoons

synonym : silverware, utensils, flatware

(1) silver **cutlery**, (2) plastic **cutlery**

The restaurant set the table with gleaming **cutlery** for the fine dining experience.

routine

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

synonym : habit, custom, procedure

(1) **routine** business, (2) a built-in diagnostic **routine**

She studies gardening on a **routine** basis.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

unsung

adj. not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed

synonym: unknown, unrecognized, unappreciated

(1) **unsung** accomplishment, (2) **unsung** songwriter

The community's **unsung** heroes often go unnoticed but are essential to its well-being.

asleep

adj. in a state of sleep

synonym: sleeping, fallen, at rest

(1) **asleep** at the wheel, (2) dead **asleep**

He lay down and fell **asleep** immediately.

unemployed

adj. not having a job, although able to work

synonym: idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

neglect

v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

synonym: delinquency, carelessness, decay

(1) **neglect** to call, (2) **neglect** ethical issues

He **neglected** his health to make the project a success.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym: edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

disenfranchise

v. to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote

synonym: deny, exclude, marginalize

(1) **disenfranchise** voters, (2) **disenfranchise** citizens

The new citizenship laws will **disenfranchise** many immigrants.

candid

adj. honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

synonym: honest, frank, straightforward

(1) **candid** conversation, (2) in my **candid** opinion

The **candid** photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

frontier

n. a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

synonym: border, boundary, borderland

(1) **frontier** disputes, (2) the Italian **frontier** with Switzerland

He worked at the **frontier** of behavioral economics.

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.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

outsider

n. a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

synonym : stranger, foreigner, alien

(1) **outsider** perspective, (2) **outsider** artist

Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an **outsider** at times.

insider

n. a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field

synonym : mole, privileged person

(1) **insider** trading, (2) company **insider**

He's a Wall Street **insider** with a lot of valuable information.

presumption

n. an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

synonym : assumption, arrogance, audacity

(1) **presumption** against forfeiture, (2) **presumption** of guilt

It is a common **presumption** that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.

province

n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

synonym : area, section, region

(1) Bengal **province**, (2) home **province**

A network of railways has developed over the **province**.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym : area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something

new.

encourage

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

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

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

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

implacable

adj. incapable of being appeased or pacified; relentless, unstoppable, or unyielding

synonym: inflexible, relentless, unyielding

(1) **implacable** criticism, (2) **implacable** hatred

Despite multiple negotiations, the opposing sides remained **implacable** and unwilling to compromise.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

mixture

n. a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties

synonym: blend, amalgam, concoction

(1) **mixture** of emotions, (2) perfect **mixture**

The paint was a **mixture** of different pigments to achieve the desired color.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym : humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym : audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

hunch

v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

synonym : crouch, guess, speculate

(1) **hunch** against the rain, (2) **hunch** up the shoulders

I **hunch** over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

irresistible

adj. impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling

synonym : resistless, overpowering, compelling

(1) **irresistible** charm, (2) **irresistible** force

The aroma of freshly baked cookies was **irresistible** to her.

penny

n. a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

synonym : cent, coin, copper

(1) **penny** stock, (2) save a **penny**

I found a lucky **penny** on the ground while walking to work this morning.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym : luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

decision

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

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

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

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

relocate

v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

synonym : emigrate, resettle, migrate

(1) **relocate** a company, (2) **relocate** with a new job

The university **relocated** to campuses several miles away.

adventure

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

synonym : experience, happening, incident

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

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

- norm** *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
synonym: criterion, mean, standard
(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**
The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.
- mandarin** *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
synonym: Chinese, Beijing dialect
(1) ancient **mandarin** house, (2) **Mandarin** Chinese
Mandarin dialects typically have relatively few vowels.
- prosecute** *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
synonym: charge, sue, bring to trial
(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case
The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.
- temple** *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
synonym: shrine, mosque, synagogue
(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**
He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.
- casket** *n.* a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation
synonym: coffin, sarcophagus, chest
(1) plain **casket**, (2) wooden **casket**
The funeral director closed the **casket** and secured it with screws.
- 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.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym : friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

sinew

n. a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience

synonym : tendon, ligament, muscle fiber

(1) flexible **sinews**, (2) **sinew** injury

The hunter aimed at the animal's **sinew**, knowing it would be a fatal shot.

thwart

v. to prevent something from happening or succeeding

synonym : hinder, block, obstruct

(1) **thwart** enemy plans, (2) **thwart** attempts

He **thwarted** the thief's attempt to steal the painting.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym : conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym: courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

unperturbed

adj. not troubled, worried, or disturbed; calm and composed; not affected by emotional or external factors

synonym: calm, composed, peaceful

(1) **unperturbed** confidence, (2) **unperturbed** demeanor

Despite the criticism, he remained **unperturbed** and continued with his work.

row

n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

synonym: line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees

He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cr__h coffee beans
v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
2. su___b development
n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
3. muscular st_____th
n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
4. dem_____ic policy
n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
5. a built-in diagnostic ro_____e
n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
6. br_____nt performance
adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
7. ji___w woodworking
n. a tool with a fine-toothed blade used for cutting intricate curves and patterns in thin material such as wood or metal, typically with the blade being reciprocating; a type of puzzle that consists of irregularly shaped pieces that must be fitted together to form a complete picture
8. a mailing la__l
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 1. crush, 2. suburb, 3. strength, 4. demographic, 5. routine, 6. brilliant, 7. jigsaw, 8. label

9. as___p at the wheel *adj.* in a state of sleep
10. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
11. cultural n___m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
12. inc_____ble pain *adj.* hard to imagine or believe
13. ca_____lt mechanism *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
14. video pi___e *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
15. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
16. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
17. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
18. ha_____g progress *adj.* hesitant or wavering in speech or action; faltering; stopping or pausing repeatedly and intermittently
19. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
20. flexible si__ws *n.* a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience
21. s__r the memory into your mind *v.* to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time

ANSWERS: 9. asleep, 10. defeat, 11. norm, 12. inconceivable, 13. catapult, 14. pirate, 15. vast, 16. possibility, 17. brave, 18. halting, 19. grant, 20. sinew, 21. sear

22. ou____er artist *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
23. s__r tissue using a hot iron *v.* to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time
24. st____n joints *v.* to make or become stiff or rigid; to become inflexible or unyielding in one's attitude or behavior
25. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
26. Ma_____in Chinese *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
27. th___t enemy plans *v.* to prevent something from happening or succeeding
28. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
29. the list was ar_____ed alphabetically *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
30. mi_____ht snack *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
31. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 22. outsider, 23. sear, 24. stiffen, 25. invite, 26. mandarin, 27. thwart, 28. confront, 29. arrange, 30. midnight, 31. silent

32. sp____r a contest *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
33. occ_____al assistance *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
34. ob_____us of his promise *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
35. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
36. al_____te resource *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
37. inc_____ble ideas *adj.* hard to imagine or believe
38. si__w injury *n.* a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience
39. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
40. historical s__a *n.* a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes
41. plain ca____t *n.* a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation

ANSWERS: 32. sponsor, 33. occasional, 34. oblivious, 35. bond, 36. allocate, 37. inconceivable, 38. sinew, 39. aft, 40. saga, 41. casket

42. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
43. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
44. unp_____ed confidence *adj.* not troubled, worried, or disturbed; calm and composed; not affected by emotional or external factors
45. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
46. at a un_____m temperature *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
47. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
48. riverside bl__f *v.* to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion
49. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 42. decision, 43. mathematics, 44. unperturbed, 45. temple, 46. uniform, 47. scar, 48. bluff, 49. privilege

50. lose my br____o *n.* a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere
51. ve__e capacity *n.* a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed
52. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
53. bl__f the other side *v.* to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion
54. the re_____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
55. r_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
56. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
57. re_____nt tax *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

ANSWERS: 50. bravado, 51. venue, 52. encourage, 53. bluff, 54. refugee, 55. rap, 56. dawn, 57. resident

58. sec_____nd car *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
59. ji____w puzzle *n.* a tool with a fine-toothed blade used for cutting intricate curves and patterns in thin material such as wood or metal, typically with the blade being reciprocating; a type of puzzle that consists of irregularly shaped pieces that must be fitted together to form a complete picture
60. heroic br_____o *n.* a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere
61. fantasy s__a *n.* a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes
62. pi____e treasure *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
63. re_____te a company *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
64. business ho_____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
65. pe__y stock *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

ANSWERS: 58. secondhand, 59. jigsaw, 60. bravado, 61. saga, 62. pirate, 63. relocate, 64. horizon, 65. penny

66. have a ni_____re *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
67. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
68. gastronomic ad_____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
69. lack of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
70. powerful ca_____lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
71. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
72. the ex_____ed food sources *adj.* extremely tired
73. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
74. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
75. gr_____ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
76. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 66. nightmare, 67. aft, 68. adventure, 69. humility, 70. catapult, 71. defy, 72. exhausted, 73. exchange, 74. zone, 75. graffiti, 76. decision

77. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
78. v__n pursuit *adj.* having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful
79. Chinese cl____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
80. take an inf____le stance *adj.* not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding
81. hu___e around the open fire *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
82. the event ho____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
83. reg____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
84. gr____ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
85. di____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
86. po___n ivy *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

ANSWERS: 77. shift, 78. vain, 79. classic, 80. inflexible, 81. huddle, 82. horizon, 83. regardless, 84. graffiti, 85. disguise, 86. poison

87. d_p a pen in ink
v. to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
88. take a st___y job
adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
89. co_____st activist
adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
90. imp_____le hatred
adj. incapable of being appeased or pacified; relentless, unstoppable, or unyielding
91. ch__t melodies
n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
92. hu__h up the shoulders
v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
93. a college tu_____n
n. the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
94. by___s circuit
n. an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed; (verb) to go past or round

ANSWERS: 87. dip, 88. steady, 89. communist, 90. implacable, 91. chant, 92. hunch, 93. tuition, 94. bypass

95. naval ve___ls	<i>n.</i> a ship or large boat
96. re____t in a mountain region	<i>n.</i> the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
97. se___e a dispute	<i>v.</i> to reach an agreement of disagreement
98. re____e the computer error	<i>v.</i> to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
99. major paradigm sh__t	<i>n.</i> a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
100. develop an attitude of hu____ty	<i>n.</i> the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
101. mathematical pu___e	<i>n.</i> a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; <i>(verb)</i> to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
102. de___e centigrade	<i>n.</i> a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
103. a p__t of sorts	<i>n.</i> a person who writes poetry
104. a r_w of cherry trees	<i>n.</i> an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; <i>(verb)</i> to propel a boat through the water using oars
105. people who are une____ed	<i>adj.</i> not having a job, although able to work

ANSWERS: 95. vessel, 96. retreat, 97. settle, 98. resolve, 99. shift, 100. humility, 101. puzzle, 102. degree, 103. poet, 104. row, 105. unemployed

106. pre_____on against forfeiture *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
107. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
108. a b_w wave *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
109. st_____n penalties *v.* to make or become stiff or rigid; to become inflexible or unyielding in one's attitude or behavior
110. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
111. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
112. sec_____nd information *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
113. ni_____re situation *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
114. ha_____g speech *adj.* hesitant or wavering in speech or action; faltering; stopping or pausing repeatedly and intermittently

ANSWERS: 106. presumption, 107. bond, 108. bow, 109. stiffen, 110. collapse, 111. transition, 112. secondhand, 113. nightmare, 114. halting

115. re_____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
116. a profit ma____n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
117. dis_____ise citizens *v.* to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote
118. in____e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
119. ar_____e the meeting *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
120. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
121. 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
122. imp_____le criticism *adj.* incapable of being appeased or pacified; relentless, unstoppable, or unyielding
123. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
124. re_____te with a new job *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
125. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

ANSWERS: 115. resolve, 116. margin, 117. disenfranchise, 118. invite, 119. arrange, 120. monk, 121. movement, 122. implacable, 123. brilliant, 124. relocate, 125. row

126. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
127. pre_____us financial situation *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
128. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
129. code sn_____t *n.* a small piece or brief extract of something
130. become en___hed in legal battles *v.* to entangle or involve someone or something in a complicated or difficult situation; to catch or trap as if in a net or mesh; to become entangled or caught up in something
131. ex_____ed parents *adj.* extremely tired
132. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
133. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
134. un___g songwriter *adj.* not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed

ANSWERS: 126. capture, 127. precarious, 128. monk, 129. snippet, 130. enmesh, 131. exhausted, 132. mathematics, 133. chant, 134. unsung

135. pr_____te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
136. br___e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
137. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
138. sn_____t of wisdom *n.* a small piece or brief extract of something
139. as_____ly hall *n.* a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country
140. a pla_____ht attached to the theatre *n.* a person who writes plays
141. the wan light of d___n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
142. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
143. fr_____er disputes *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
144. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
145. su___b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

ANSWERS: 135. prosecute, 136. brave, 137. silent, 138. snippet, 139. assembly, 140. playwright, 141. dawn, 142. suffer, 143. frontier, 144. strength, 145. suburb

146. ma___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
147. mi_____e of emotions *n.* a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties
148. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
149. ob_____us to our response *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
150. make a da___g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
151. irr_____ble force *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
152. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
153. a steam en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
154. s__t the fabric *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

ANSWERS: 146. margin, 147. mixture, 148. collapse, 149. oblivious, 150. daring, 151. irresistible, 152. privilege, 153. engine, 154. slit

155. pre_____on of guilt *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
156. home pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
157. s__t pocket *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
158. crossword pu_____e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
159. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
160. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

ANSWERS: 155. presumption, 156. province, 157. slit, 158. puzzle, 159. label, 160. fiction

161. dead as ___p	<i>adj.</i> in a state of sleep
162. occ_____al visitor	<i>adj.</i> happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
163. pr_____te criminal	<i>v.</i> to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
164. dem_____ic analyses	<i>n.</i> a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
165. en_____ge antisocial behavior	<i>v.</i> to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
166. pos_____ty of a major earthquake	<i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true
167. carry a s__r	<i>n.</i> a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
168. ca_____e customers' hearts	<i>v.</i> to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
169. co_____st party	<i>adj.</i> relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
170. a well-ba_____ed mind	<i>adj.</i> taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

ANSWERS: 161. asleep, 162. occasional, 163. prosecute, 164. demographic, 165. encourage, 166. possibility, 167. scar, 168. capture, 169. communist, 170. balanced

171. po___n bilateral relations *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
172. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
173. draft a pr____ol *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
174. political op____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
175. sense of op____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
176. tra____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
177. the country's is____on *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
178. dis_____ise voters *v.* to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote

ANSWERS: 171. poison, 172. zone, 173. protocol, 174. optimism, 175. optimism, 176. transition, 177. isolation, 178. disenfranchise

179. ca___d conversation	<i>adj.</i> honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
180. ad_____re film	<i>n.</i> a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
181. reg_____ss of the difficulties	<i>adv.</i> not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
182. perfect mi_____e	<i>n.</i> a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties
183. pair of an__e boots	<i>n.</i> the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg
184. irr_____ble charm	<i>adj.</i> impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
185. the Italian fr_____er with Switzerland	<i>n.</i> a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
186. a ba_____ed diet	<i>adj.</i> taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
187. d_p a chip in the sauce	<i>v.</i> to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
188. al_____te budgets	<i>v.</i> to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
189. face rel_____ss pressure	<i>adj.</i> persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
190. pr_____ol breach	<i>n.</i> a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

ANSWERS: 179. candid, 180. adventure, 181. regardless, 182. mixture, 183. ankle, 184. irresistible, 185. frontier, 186. balanced, 187. dip, 188. allocate, 189. relentless,

190. protocol

191. plastic cu____y *n.* a collective term for utensils used for eating and serving food, typically made of metal, such as knives, forks, and spoons
192. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
193. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
194. an____us letter *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
195. t_n poorly *v.* to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun
196. wooden ca____t *n.* a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation
197. tu____n assistance *n.* the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
198. ast____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
199. te____e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
200. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody

ANSWERS: 191. cutlery, 192. violent, 193. defy, 194. anonymous, 195. tan, 196. casket, 197. tuition, 198. astonishing, 199. temple, 200. grant

201. a pa_____el case *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
202. mi_____ht shift *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
203. hu___e in a temporary shelter *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
204. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
205. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
206. v__n hope *adj.* having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful
207. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
208. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
209. a re_____nt of the city *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
210. silver cu_____y *n.* a collective term for utensils used for eating and serving food, typically made of metal, such as knives, forks, and spoons

ANSWERS: 201. parallel, 202. midnight, 203. huddle, 204. settle, 205. immigrant, 206. vain, 207. vast, 208. immigrant, 209. resident, 210. cutlery

211. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
212. un_____g accomplishment *adj.* not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed
213. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
214. victim of sexual ab___e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
215. st___y increase *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
216. get a r_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
217. r_g an election *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
218. Bengal pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

ANSWERS: 211. entitle, 212. unsung, 213. exchange, 214. abuse, 215. steady, 216. rap, 217. rig, 218. province

219. de___t a global power	<i>v.</i> to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
220. a cr___y scheme	<i>adj.</i> stupid or not sensible; very angry
221. in____r trading	<i>n.</i> a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field
222. a court p___t	<i>n.</i> a person who writes poetry
223. sp____r a local group	<i>v.</i> to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
224. tr___c death	<i>adj.</i> causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
225. co____t level	<i>n.</i> a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
226. m__k at his misfortune	<i>v.</i> to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
227. an air-cooled en___e	<i>n.</i> a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
228. global re____e crisis	<i>n.</i> a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
229. gastric by___s operation	<i>n.</i> an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed; (verb) to go past or round

ANSWERS: 219. defeat, 220. crazy, 221. insider, 222. poet, 223. sponsor, 224. tragic, 225. comfort, 226. mock, 227. engine, 228. refugee, 229. bypass

230. inf_____le rule *adj.* not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding
231. r_g a ship with new sails *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
232. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
233. ou_____er perspective *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
234. assignment for the une_____ed youth *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
235. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
236. ne_____t ethical issues *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
237. t_n after sun exposure *v.* to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun
238. b_w and greet *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

ANSWERS: 230. inflexible, 231. rig, 232. entitle, 233. outsider, 234. unemployed, 235. fiction, 236. neglect, 237. tan, 238. bow

239. as_____ly line *n.* a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country
240. bachelor's de_____e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
241. cr____y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
242. rel_____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
243. th____t attempts *v.* to prevent something from happening or succeeding
244. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
245. company in_____r *n.* a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field
246. tr____c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
247. an____e injury *n.* the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg
248. pa_____el processing *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
249. the problem of drug ab____e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

ANSWERS: 239. assembly, 240. degree, 241. crazy, 242. relentless, 243. thwart, 244. violent, 245. insider, 246. tragic, 247. ankle, 248. parallel, 249. abuse

250. pre_____us job	<i>adj.</i> not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
251. an_____us house	<i>adj.</i> having no known name, identity, or known source
252. words of co_____t	<i>n.</i> a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
253. is_____on booth	<i>n.</i> the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
254. unp_____ed demeanor	<i>adj.</i> not troubled, worried, or disturbed; calm and composed; not affected by emotional or external factors
255. en___h the fly in its web	<i>v.</i> to entangle or involve someone or something in a complicated or difficult situation; to catch or trap as if in a net or mesh; to become entangled or caught up in something
256. qua_____ions for the job	<i>n.</i> an official record of an exam showing that you have completed
257. wedding ve___e	<i>n.</i> a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed
258. our school un_____m	<i>adj.</i> always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

ANSWERS: 250. precarious, 251. anonymous, 252. comfort, 253. isolation, 254. unperturbed, 255. enmesh, 256. qualification, 257. venue, 258. uniform

259. co_____nt the issue	<i>v.</i>	to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
260. blood ve___ls	<i>n.</i>	a ship or large boat
261. make ast_____ng gains	<i>adj.</i>	surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
262. di_____l a liquid	<i>v.</i>	to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
263. possess distinctive qua_____ions	<i>n.</i>	an official record of an exam showing that you have completed
264. di_____l information	<i>v.</i>	to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
265. in my ca___d opinion	<i>adj.</i>	honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
266. ne_____t to call	<i>v.</i>	to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
267. ancient ma_____in house	<i>n.</i>	an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
268. da___g escape	<i>adj.</i>	brave and taking risks
269. a cl_____c experiment	<i>adj.</i>	judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
270. acclaimed pla_____ht	<i>n.</i>	a person who writes plays
271. di_____se his voice	<i>v.</i>	to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

ANSWERS: 259. confront, 260. vessel, 261. astonishing, 262. distill, 263. qualification, 264. distill, 265. candid, 266. neglect, 267. mandarin, 268. daring, 269. classic, 270. playwright, 271. disguise

272. cr__h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
273. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
274. ro_____e business *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
275. m__k his accent *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
276. su____r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
277. re_____t deeper into their territory *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
278. save a pe__y *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
279. hu__h against the rain *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
280. 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

ANSWERS: 272. crush, 273. norm, 274. routine, 275. mock, 276. suffer, 277. retreat, 278. penny, 279. hunch, 280. movement

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Life as a waiter was a big _____ for him.
n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream
2. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.
adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
3. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
4. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
5. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.
n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
6. He is in _____ searching for a new job since he has no experience in the field.
adj. having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful
7. He walked a road _____ to the railroad.
adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
8. The army used a _____ to launch large rocks over the castle walls.
n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

ANSWERS: 1. nightmare, 2. tragic, 3. norms, 4. strength, 5. adventures, 6. vain, 7. parallel, 8. catapult

9. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
10. During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of _____ ideology.
adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
11. The epic _____ of the family's journey through time captivated readers worldwide.
n. a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes
12. He grew up in the _____ but always dreamed of living in the city.
n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
13. This country has a nationally _____ culture.
adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
14. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.
adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
15. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
16. The children _____ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.
v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

ANSWERS: 9. possibility, 10. communist, 11. saga, 12. suburbs, 13. uniform, 14. regardless, 15. invite, 16. huddled

17. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
18. The ascetic _____ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.
n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
19. The community warmly welcomed the _____.
n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
20. He _____ a person out of going.
v. to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion
21. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.
adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
22. She had a _____ hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.
adj. not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
23. His father cannot afford his _____.
n. the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
24. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.
n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

ANSWERS: 17. zone, 18. monk, 19. refugees, 20. bluffed, 21. brave, 22. precarious, 23. tuition, 24. row

25. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.
v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
26. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
27. Applicants must possess a verified teaching _____.
n. an official record of an exam showing that you have completed
28. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
29. This patient must undergo _____ surgery.
n. an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed; (verb) to go past or round
30. They had formed a friendship _____.
n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
31. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
32. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.
n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
33. Despite multiple negotiations, the opposing sides remained _____ and unwilling to compromise.
adj. incapable of being appeased or pacified; relentless, unstoppable, or unyielding

ANSWERS: 25. confront, 26. degree, 27. qualification, 28. settle, 29. bypass, 30. bond, 31. crazy, 32. margin, 33. implacable

34. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

35. The cold weather made my muscles _____ up.

v. to make or become stiff or rigid; to become inflexible or unyielding in one's attitude or behavior

36. She was so engrossed in her work that she was _____ to her surroundings.

adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

37. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

38. A network of railways has developed over the _____.

n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

39. The car was completely _____ in the accident.

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

40. He's a Wall Street _____ with a lot of valuable information.

n. a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field

41. Several _____ indicators correlate with care admission.

n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

ANSWERS: 34. relentless, 35. stiffen, 36. oblivious, 37. privilege, 38. province, 39. crushed, 40. insider, 41. demographic

42. The company has a strict _____ for handling sensitive information to ensure security.
- n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
43. His _____ schedule did not allow for any changes.
- adj.* not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding
44. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
- n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
45. I _____ over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.
- v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
46. The university _____ to campuses several miles away.
- v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
47. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
- v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
48. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.
- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 42. protocol, 43. inflexible, 44. chant, 45. hunch, 46. relocated, 47. collapsed, 48. exchange

49. The _____ arrived in port the following day.

n. a ship or large boat

50. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

51. The new ____ album is getting a lot of attention.

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

52. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

53. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.

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

54. She spent the whole summer _____ on the beach.

v. to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun

55. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

56. The _____ work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

n. a person who writes plays

ANSWERS: 49. vessel, 50. brilliant, 51. rap, 52. violent, 53. dawn, 54. tanning, 55. puzzle, 56. playwright's

57. He _____ the game so he could win the prize.

- v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

58. We conducted a _____ assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

- adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

59. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.

- v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

60. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

- n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

61. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.

- n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

62. The journalist saved a _____ of the interview for later reference.

- n.* a small piece or brief extract of something

63. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.

- v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

64. Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an _____ at times.

- n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

ANSWERS: 57. rigged, 58. balanced, 59. sponsors, 60. temple, 61. engine, 62. snippet, 63. defeat, 64. outsider

65. It is a common _____ that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.

n. an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

66. The negotiations between the two countries were proceeding in a _____ manner.

adj. hesitant or wavering in speech or action; faltering; stopping or pausing repeatedly and intermittently

67. She _____ to the audience after her performance.

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

68. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

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

69. My father was _____ for so long.

adj. not having a job, although able to work

70. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

71. It would be _____ for him to alter his behavior.

adj. hard to imagine or believe

ANSWERS: 65. presumption, 66. halting, 67. bowed, 68. encouraged, 69. unemployed, 70. silent, 71. inconceivable

72. Her choices become increasingly _____ and creative.

adj. brave and taking risks

73. The attorney decided to _____ the suspect for stealing from the store.

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

74. The restaurant set the table with gleaming _____ for the fine dining experience.

n. a collective term for utensils used for eating and serving food, typically made of metal, such as knives, forks, and spoons

75. He has a flair for _____.

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

76. He _____ his health to make the project a success.

v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

77. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

78. 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

79. Visa renewal for _____ foreigners in this country is once every five years.

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

ANSWERS: 72. daring, 73. prosecute, 74. cutlery, 75. mathematics, 76. neglected, 77. scar, 78. movement, 79. resident

80. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.

- v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

81. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

- n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

82. I need to _____ plans with him for the celebration.

- v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

83. The _____ blade needs to be changed before we can continue the project.

- n.* a tool with a fine-toothed blade used for cutting intricate curves and patterns in thin material such as wood or metal, typically with the blade being reciprocating; a type of puzzle that consists of irregularly shaped pieces that must be fitted together to form a complete picture

84. Despite the criticism, he remained _____ and continued with his work.

- adj.* not troubled, worried, or disturbed; calm and composed; not affected by emotional or external factors

85. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

86. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.

- adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

87. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.

- n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

ANSWERS: 80. entitled, 81. horizon, 82. arrange, 83. jigsaw, 84. unperturbed, 85. vast, 86. astonishing, 87. optimism

88. Please ___ up a bucketful of water from the well.
v. to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
89. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.
n. a person who writes poetry
90. The company _____ a portion of its profits to developing new products.
v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
91. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
92. 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
93. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.
adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
94. The paint was a _____ of different pigments to achieve the desired color.
n. a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties
95. I found a lucky _____ on the ground while walking to work this morning.
n. a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

ANSWERS: 88. dip, 89. poet, 90. allocated, 91. label, 92. midnight, 93. classic, 94. mixture, 95. penny

96. He was excited to find a vintage suit at the _____ shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else

97. This company's _____ plant is an enormous facility.

n. a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country

98. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

99. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

100. Truth is stranger than _____.

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

101. The _____ runner fell to the ground and gasped.

adj. extremely tired

102. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

103. She received several _____ calls.

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source

ANSWERS: 96. secondhand, 97. assembly, 98. immigrants, 99. comfort, 100. fiction, 101. exhausted, 102. defy, 103. anonymous

104. This company _____ its battery problem completely.
v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
105. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
106. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
107. The patient's vital signs are _____ indicating a stable condition.
adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
108. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
109. The show of _____ by the bully only served to mask his insecurity and fear.
n. a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere
110. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
111. The plant's leaves contain a deadly _____ that can cause hallucinations and seizures.
n. a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

ANSWERS: 104. resolves, 105. transition, 106. abuse, 107. steady, 108. suffers, 109. bravado, 110. decision, 111. poison

112. He worked at the _____ of behavioral economics.

n. a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

113. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

114. He accidentally sprained his _____ playing squash.

n. the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg

115. Her family drama _____ her in a web of lies and deceit.

v. to entangle or involve someone or something in a complicated or difficult situation; to catch or trap as if in a net or mesh; to become entangled or caught up in something

116. She decided to _____ her thoughts into a more manageable list.

v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

117. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

118. The concert _____ was packed with excited fans.

n. a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed

119. He lay down and fell _____ immediately.

adj. in a state of sleep

120. She studies gardening on a _____ basis.

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

ANSWERS: 112. frontier, 113. humility, 114. ankle, 115. enmeshed, 116. distill, 117. capture, 118. venue, 119. asleep, 120. routine

121. That incident led to his _____.

- n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

122. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.

- v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

123. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the _____ on the buildings downtown.

- n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

124. The community's _____ heroes often go unnoticed but are essential to its well-being.

- adj.* not praised or famous but deserving to be recognized for one's accomplishments or contributions; not publicized or acclaimed

125. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

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

126. The hunter aimed at the animal's _____ knowing it would be a fatal shot.

- n.* a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience

127. The new citizenship laws will _____ many immigrants.

- v.* to prevent someone from having the right to vote or from having an equal opportunity to vote

128. The _____ captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.

- n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea

ANSWERS: 121. isolation, 122. disguised, 123. graffiti, 124. unsung, 125. shift, 126. sinew, 127. disenfranchise, 128. pirate

129. She only visited her grandparents on _____ weekends.

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

130. The _____ photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

adj. honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

131. Be careful not to _____ the meat too long, as it can become tough and chewy.

v. to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time

132. It is impolite to _____ fun of an international student's English mistakes.

v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

133. The aroma of freshly baked cookies was _____ to her.

adj. impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling

134. _____ dialects typically have relatively few vowels.

n. an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China

135. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

136. The _____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

137. He _____ the thief's attempt to steal the painting.

v. to prevent something from happening or succeeding

ANSWERS: 129. occasional, 130. candid, 131. sear, 132. mock, 133. irresistible, 134. Mandarin, 135. granted, 136. aft, 137. thwarted

138. He made a small _____ in the paper to fit it in the envelope.

- n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

139. The funeral director closed the _____ and secured it with screws.

- n.* a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation

140. Many people go on a _____ to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

- n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

ANSWERS: 138. slit, 139. casket, 140. retreat