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Session 1: Word List

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.

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

overweight

adj. weighing more than is considered normal, desirable, or healthy for a particular height and build

synonym: heavy, obese, fat

(1) dangerously **overweight**, (2) an **overweight** patient

The doctor advised him to lose weight and maintain a healthy diet to avoid becoming **overweight**.

nudist

n. a person who engages in social or solitary activities while not wearing clothing; a person who believes that being naked is natural and healthy and that clothing is

unnecessary in certain situations

synonym : naturist, clothes-free

(1) **nudist** resort, (2) **nudist** lifestyle

The **nudist** beach is a popular destination for those who enjoy being clothing-free.

compete

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

synonym : contend, contest, vie

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

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

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

pedal

n. a foot-operated lever or control, especially one used to control a vehicle, machine, or musical instrument

synonym : treadle, accelerator

(1) clutch **pedal**, (2) piano **pedal**

He pressed the **pedal** with all his might, but the car still wouldn't start.

sweat

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

synonym : perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

bounce

v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

synonym : bound, leap, spring

(1) **bounce** across the floor, (2) **bounce** back from failure

They will **bounce** between various emotional states.

- roll** v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
synonym : spin, swirl, wheel
(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks
He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.
- awkward** *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
synonym : embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy
(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date
The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation difficult.
- threshold** *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
synonym : anteroom, brink, verge
(1) the **threshold** between rooms, (2) high pain **threshold**
She's on the **threshold** of adulthood.
- foyer** *n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event
synonym : lobby, entrance hall, vestibule
(1) hotel **foyer**, (2) grand **foyer**
The elegant chandelier in the **foyer** was the centerpiece of the grand entrance.
- hallway** *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
synonym : foyer, corridor, entrance
(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor
He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.
- appreciate** v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
synonym : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value
We would **appreciate** an early reply.

monster

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

synonym: giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

perch

v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

synonym: sit, roost, squat

(1) **perch** on a ledge, (2) **perch** of a bird of prey

The bird **perched** on the branch, watching the world below.

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.

practically

adv. almost or nearly

synonym: almost, nearly, virtually

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

The store is **practically** empty.

fur

n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

synonym: hair, coat, pelt

(1) an artificial **fur**, (2) **fur** coat

The **fur** of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.

tickle

v. to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

synonym : titillate, make laugh

(1) **tickle** his ribs, (2) **tickle** her vanity

These models explain why you can't **tickle** yourself.

oatmeal

n. a type of cereal made from oats that have been ground or steel-cut

synonym : porridge, grits, meal

(1) **oatmeal** cookies, (2) **oatmeal** breakfast

I love starting my day with a bowl of warm **oatmeal** and fresh fruit.

raisin

n. a dried grape, typically made from certain varieties of grapes that are specifically grown for this purpose; a popular snack food or baking ingredient

synonym : dried grape, sultana, currant

(1) **raisin** pie, (2) **raisin** oatmeal cookies

The **raisin** bread had a deliciously sweet flavor.

shovel

n. a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials

synonym : excavator, scoop, trowel

(1) snow **shovel**, (2) **shovel** blade

The construction workers used a power **shovel** to dig the foundation for the building.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

broadband

n. a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data

transfer

(1) mobile **broadband**, (2) fiber-optic **broadband**

I need to upgrade my Internet plan to get faster **broadband** speeds.

scanty

adj. insufficient in quantity or extent; meager, limited, or inadequate; lacking in amount or supply

synonym: meager, insufficient, limited

(1) **scanty** resources, (2) **scanty** information

The party's budget was cut, resulting in a **scanty** amount of food and drinks for the guests.

clad

adj. dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance

synonym: dressed, covered, attired

(1) **clad** completely in black, (2) **clad** in armor

The athlete was **clad** in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

brick

n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

synonym: block, tile, paver

(1) **brick** wall, (2) dressed **brick**

The wall was made of hard **bricks** that had been used for centuries.

tin

n. a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a

thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes

synonym : can, container, receptacle

(1) **tin** can, (2) **tin** foil

The roof of the old shed was made of rusty **tin**.

scarecrow

n. an object, often made of straw or old clothes, that is placed in a field or garden to scare away birds and prevent them from damaging crops, typically designed to resemble a human figure

synonym : scare bird, straw man, effigy

(1) **scarecrow** costume, (2) **scarecrow** festival

The farmers placed a **scarecrow** in their cornfield to deter birds from eating the crops.

wizard

n. a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field

synonym : sorcerer, magician, alchemist

(1) a **wizard** at chess, (2) financial **wizard**

He was a **wizard** at solving complex mathematical equations.

hand-in-hand

adv. working together cooperatively; in close association; simultaneously, or in a synchronized manner

synonym : together, united, side by side

(1) work **hand-in-hand**, (2) succeed **hand-in-hand**

We walked **hand-in-hand** along the beach as the sunset.

skip

v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

synonym : bounce, spring, neglect

(1) **skip** across the country, (2) **skip** breakfast

We **skipped** the topic because it was too complicated.

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym : abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior
The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
synonym: battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**
There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**
The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

championship

n. a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support

synonym: crown, title, contest

(1) a world **championship**, (2) **championship** flag
His team won the **championship** for three years running.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls
One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym: alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price
Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

hygiene

n. the practice of maintaining cleanliness in the home and person to prevent illness

synonym: cleanliness, health, sanitation

(1) **hygiene** practices, (2) public **hygiene**

Good **hygiene** is important for preventing the spread of illness.

upkeep

n. the process of maintaining something in good condition or ensuring its proper functioning, especially a building, vehicle, or equipment

synonym: maintenance, care, preservation

(1) **upkeep** of a house, (2) equipment **upkeep**

Regular **upkeep** of your car can prolong its lifespan and prevent costly repairs.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

poem

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym : ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

shuffle

v. to move or mix around in a casual or unorganized way;
to walk with short, dragging steps

synonym : jumble, muddle, rearrange

(1) **shuffle** deck, (2) **shuffle** from side to side

She **shuffled** the cards before dealing them to the players.

unbelievable

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

synonym : unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym : anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

competitor

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

synonym : opponent, contender, contestant

(1) beat **competitor** offer, (2) domestic **competitor**

The gap between the company and its **competitors** has widened.

utterly

adv. completely or absolutely

synonym : absolutely, completely, perfectly

(1) **utterly** changed, (2) **utterly** ignorant

We are **utterly** opposed to any form of terrorism.

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

synonym: amazing, astonishing, awesome

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

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

technique

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

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

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

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

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

medieval

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

synonym: gothic, knightly, antique

(1) **medieval** times, (2) **medieval** history

Only the **medieval** tower remained standing.

scholar

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

synonym: professor, pupil, learner

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

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

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

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.

eccentric

adj. weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way

synonym: bizarre, abnormal, curious

(1) display **eccentric** behavior, (2) **eccentric** characters

He was **eccentric**, but he was also a genius.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak
The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

amnesia

n. a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness

synonym: forgetfulness, blackout, memory loss

(1) childhood **amnesia**, (2) **amnesia** by trauma
The accident caused her to suffer from temporary **amnesia**, and she couldn't remember anything that happened before the collision.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

incredibly

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

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

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.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym: amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

spectrum

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym: glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

scintillate

v. to sparkle or shine brightly; to emit flashes of light; to be animated, brilliant, or lively in conversation or performance

synonym: sparkle, twinkle, glitter

(1) **scintillate** conversation, (2) **scintillate** in the moonlight

Her eyes **scintillated** with excitement as she opened her birthday presents.

antiquity

n. the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization

synonym: ancientness, oldness, hoariness

(1) remote **antiquity**, (2) unrecorded **antiquity**

The study of **antiquity** is important for understanding the history, culture, and civilization of the past and their influence on the present.

discipline

n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

synonym : training, restraint, field

(1) break **discipline**, (2) rigid **discipline**

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

cult

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

synonym : sect, faith, religion

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

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

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym : foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

laboriously

adv. with great effort, difficulty, or exertion; in a manner that requires a lot of physical or mental work

synonym : arduously, laboriously, toilsomely

(1) **laboriously** climb, (2) study **laboriously**

He worked **laboriously** on his research project, spending countless hours in the library.

furnish

v. to provide a room or building with furniture and fittings;
to provide something useful or necessary

synonym : equip, provide, fit out

(1) **furnish** a suitable occasion, (2) **furnish** the information

The new homeowners decided to **furnish** the living room with new furniture.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

alphabet

n. a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

synonym : ABC's

(1) letters of an **alphabet**, (2) an **alphabet** of manual signs

He strove to memorize the Hebrew **alphabet**.

scroll

n. a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

synonym : manuscript, document, parchment

(1) roll up a **scroll**, (2) **scroll** through a document

The house owner loved the large hanging **scroll** in the guest room.

codex

n. a manuscript book, especially one written in the medieval period, before the invention of printing

synonym : manuscript, tome, document

(1) **codex** manuscript, (2) medieval **codex**

The archaeologists found a **codex** buried alongside a mummy in an underground tomb.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories
I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

progressive

adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

synonym: advanced, forward-thinking, modern

(1) **progressive** taxation, (2) **progressive** development
The **progressive** approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

externalize

v. to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed

synonym: express, manifest, materialize

(1) **externalize** responsibilities, (2) **externalize** costs
It's important to **externalize** your feelings and not keep them bottled up.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same
Essentially, a society is an organism.

outsource

v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

synonym: delegate, contract out, farm out

(1) **outsource** a non-core function, (2) **outsource** to India

The company decided to **outsource** its IT services to a third-party provider.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

synonym : perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

singular

n. being only one of its kind; unique

synonym : unique, sole, individual

(1) **singular** purpose, (2) **singular** goal

The **singular** beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

synonym : victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**

The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym : workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

brain

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

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

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

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

structural

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

synonym : architectural, basic, anatomical

(1) **structural** analyses, (2) **structural** reorganization

The earthquake resulted in significant **structural** destruction.

anatomical

adj. of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts

synonym : physical, bodily, structural

(1) **anatomical** structure, (2) **anatomical** elements

The **anatomical** model of the human body was used to teach

medical students.

MRI *n.* (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body
(1) **MRI** brain image, (2) cardiac **MRI**
The **MRI** machine uses powerful magnets to produce detailed images of the inside of the body.

scan *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
synonym: look over, scrutinize, browse
(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF
She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

snowflake *n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement
synonym: flake, crystal, ice pellet
(1) delicate **snowflake**, (2) **snowflake** pattern
The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with delicate **snowflake** ornaments.

involve *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
synonym: implicate, include, engage
(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk
The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

spatial *adj.* of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things
synonym: dimensional, geographical
(1) **spatial** ability, (2) **spatial** distribution

He carefully determined the **spatial** relations of every piece of the stage set.

navigation

n. the act of directing a ship or airplane from place to place; advice or information intended to resolve a problem or challenge, especially as given by someone in authority

synonym: sailing, seafaring, pilotage

(1) **navigation** system, (2) visual **navigation**

The plane's **navigation** system had problems, which mechanics found.

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym: aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

catch-up

v. to try to make progress by working harder or faster, especially to make up for lost time or a disadvantage

synonym: catch up on, make up for, compensate

(1) **catch-up** with schedule, (2) **catch-up** over coffee

I must **catch-up** on my work and finish the report before the deadline.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

binary

n. a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1

synonym: twofold, double

(1) a **binary** number, (2) trading in **binary** options

A **binary** star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.

digit

n. one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

synonym: number, integer, numeral

(1) **digit** identifier, (2) the **digit** in the hundreds place

We must enter a six- **digit** number to unlock the safe.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

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

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

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

refer

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

synonym: cite, allude, mention

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

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

elaborate

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

synonym: detailed, intricate, complicated

(1) an **elaborate** hat, (2) **elaborate** Ponzi scheme

He proposed an **elaborate** program of public works.

encode

v. to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission

synonym: transcribe, convert

(1) **encode** data, (2) **encode** information

The software can **encode** and decode encrypted messages.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

nifty

adj. attractive and stylish; clever and ingenious; neat and handy

synonym: cool, clever, ingenious

(1) **nifty** gadget, (2) **nifty** idea

The car has a **nifty** feature that alerts you when you're about to veer off the road.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

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

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

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

untethered

adj. not tied or secured to anything; free to move or roam without restriction or confinement

synonym : free, loose, unattached

(1) **untethered** phone, (2) **untethered** from reality

The bird flew **untethered** in the sky.

skull

n. a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

synonym : cranium, scalp, brain

(1) **skull** fracture, (2) have a thick **skull**

Archaeologists found a Neanderthal **skull** at that historic site.

noun

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

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

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

association

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

synonym : affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**

His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

hook

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

synonym : buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

lowercase

n. a letter or typeface that is small in size and typically sits below the baseline of a line of text; opposite of uppercase

synonym : small letters, minuscule

(1) **lowercase** alphabet, (2) change to **lowercase**

Please type your password in all **lowercase** letters.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

palace

n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.

synonym : mansion, manor, castle

(1) a **palace** garden, (2) ancestral **palace**

The imperial **palace** is currently undergoing reforms.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym : versifier, rhymers, writer

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

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

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym : go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

banquet

n. a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration

synonym : feast, meal, dinner

(1) **banquet** hall, (2) host a **banquet**

We had a delicious **banquet** at the hotel for our anniversary dinner.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym: amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

synonym: bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

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.

mangle

v. to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape

synonym: crush, deform, disfigure

(1) **mangle** my foot, (2) **mangled** their favorite toy

The machine **mangled** the sheet of metal beyond repair.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym: acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

bury

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

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

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

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

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym: disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**

Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym: combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

survivor

n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

synonym : subsister

(1) ovarian cancer **survivor**, (2) a single **survivor**

The shipwreck **survivor** was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

wreckage

n. the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery

synonym : debris, remains, demolition

(1) **wreckage** recovery, (2) ship **wreckage**

The **wreckage** of the plane was scattered across the field after the crash.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

intuitive

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

synonym : involuntary, instinctive, innate

(1) **intuitive** eating, (2) **intuitive** judgment

I had an **intuitive** feeling that I might be pregnant.

word-for-word

adj. characterized by or involving an exact replication or recitation of what has been said or written, without alteration or interpretation

synonym : verbatim, exact, literal

(1) a **word-for-word** report, (2) **word-for-word** copy

The translator provided a **word-for-word** translation of the document.

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym : education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

synonym : narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

wager

n. a bet or gamble, typically involving a sum of money, on the outcome of an event or situation

synonym : bet, stake, gamble

(1) friendly **wager**, (2) make a **wager**

I placed a **wager** with my friend who would win the basketball game.

recall

v. to remember something

synonym : remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name

She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

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.

stink

v. to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical

synonym: reek, smell, odor

(1) **stink** up the place, (2) **stink** badly

The garbage in the alley began to **stink** after a few hot days.

unforgettable

adj. impossible to forget

synonym: indelible, ineffable, memorable

(1) have an **unforgettable** night, (2) **unforgettable** moment

The dinner we had at the five-star restaurant was an **unforgettable** culinary experience.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

introduction

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

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

anecdote

n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

synonym: story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym: subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

screw

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

synonym: tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**

He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym: expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

topos

n. a Greek term referring to a traditional or recurring theme or motif in literature or art; a specific location or place that holds symbolic or cultural significance

synonym: place, location, site

(1) architectural **topos**, (2) cultural **topos**

The author's novel explores the **topos** of love and loss uniquely and thoughtfully.

vestige

n. a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished

synonym: trace, remnant, relic

(1) a **vestige** of a castle wall, (2) a **vestige** of the virus

The abandoned building was a **vestige** of the city's past, with nothing left but memories.

rhetoric

n. speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

synonym : oratory, eloquence, persuasion

(1) the **rhetoric** of a debate, (2) high-flown **rhetoric**

He was known for his powerful **rhetoric** and ability to persuade people with his words.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

subculture

n. a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture

synonym : underground culture, alternative culture

(1) **subculture** movement, (2) **subculture** fashion

The punk **subculture** emerged in the 1970s as a response to mainstream society and its values.

pathological

adj. relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

synonym : aberrant, diseased, abnormal

(1) **pathological** liar, (2) **pathological** condition

The doctor was concerned that the patient's **pathological** fear of germs impacted their daily life.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym : dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

dramatic

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

synonym : striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea
The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

mass

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

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

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.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

yearbook

n. a book published annually by a school, college, or other organization featuring photographs and records of the previous year's events and the individuals involved in them

synonym : annual, yearly

(1) **yearbook** photography, (2) college **yearbook**

I still like flipping through my high school **yearbook** to remember old friends.

flea

n. a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds

synonym : pulex, siphonaptera, biter

(1) local **flea** market, (2) **flea** infestation

The **flea-borne** disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym: startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

ludicrous

adj. so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd

synonym: absurd, ridiculous, farcical

(1) **ludicrous** idea, (2) **ludicrous** behavior

It's **ludicrous** to blame the teachers for the education system's failures.

hilarious

adj. extremely funny

synonym: funny, comical, amusing

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

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

kit

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

synonym: set, package, bundle

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

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

muff

n. a tube-shaped garment for keeping the hands warm; a failure or mistake; (verb, of sports) to fail to hold onto the ball

synonym: mitt, glove, (verb) fumble

(1) **muff** a speech, (2) woolen **muff**

She wore a fur **muff** to keep her hands warm during the winter.

goggle

v. to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that

are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

synonym : gaze, gawk, gape

(1) **goggle** his eyes, (2) infrared **goggles**

The software company bought the VR **goggles** manufacturer.

mask

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

synonym : disguise, camouflage, conceal

(1) **mask** body odor, (2) an oxygen **mask**

The politician tried to **mask** the corruption.

pinhole

n. a tiny hole in a material, often made by a needle, that allows light or other substances to pass through

synonym : aperture, perforation, pore

(1) **pinhole** image, (2) **pinhole** leak

The camera's **pinhole** lens creates a unique blur effect in photographs.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym : divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

experiment

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

synonym : experimentation, investigation

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

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

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

program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

journalism

n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast

synonym: reporting, news media, writing

(1) **journalism** ethics, (2) tabloid **journalism**

She plans to study **journalism** in college and become a reporter.

epilogue

n. a concluding section or speech that follows the main body of a literary work or other performance; a postscript that concludes an event or speech

synonym: afterword, conclusion, postscript

(1) **epilogue** scene, (2) write an **epilogue**

The novel's **epilogue** provides a glimpse into the characters' lives after the story's main events.

haywire

adj. out of control or malfunctioning; disordered or chaotic;
(noun) a type of wire that is used to tie bales of hay, straw, or other crops

synonym: chaotic, disordered, crazy

(1) **haywire** behavior, (2) **haywire** machine

The electronics in my car went **haywire** after the battery died.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

engage

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

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

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

(2) **engage** a new employee

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

shortcut

n. an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one

synonym : bypass, cutoff, alternative

(1) take a **shortcut**, (2) keyboard **shortcuts**

There is no **shortcut** to success.

depth

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

synonym : deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water

The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

memorable

adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

synonym: extraordinary, noteworthy, unforgettable

(1) create **memorable** experiences, (2) least **memorable** song

His passionate speech makes a **memorable** impression.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

latent

adj. existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant

synonym: dormant, inactive, potential

(1) **latent** desire, (2) **latent** threat

Many people have **latent** talents they are not aware of.

Session 2: Spelling

1. joint rec_____on
n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
2. college ye_____ok
n. a book published annually by a school, college, or other organization featuring photographs and records of the previous year's events and the individuals involved in them
3. succeed han_____and
adv. working together cooperatively; in close association; simultaneously, or in a synchronized manner
4. re____l the incident
v. to remember something
5. exp_____nt design
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
6. former co_____ue
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
7. bi_____e behavior
adj. very strange or unusual
8. conduct fi_____nd research
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
9. display ec_____ic behavior
adj. weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way
10. bo____g day
adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
11. en____e information
v. to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission

ANSWERS: 1. recognition, 2. yearbook, 3. hand-in-hand, 4. recall, 5. experiment, 6. colleague, 7. bizarre, 8. firsthand, 9. eccentric, 10. boring, 11. encode

12. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
13. ana_____al elements *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
14. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
15. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
16. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
17. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
18. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
19. ut_____y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
20. sh_____e deck *v.* to move or mix around in a casual or unorganized way; to walk with short, dragging steps
21. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
22. vi_____ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

ANSWERS: 12. journalist, 13. anatomical, 14. experiment, 15. spectrum, 16. introduction, 17. illustrate, 18. essentially, 19. utterly, 20. shuffle, 21. collapse, 22. visualize

23. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
24. personal an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
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29. sneak p__k *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
30. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
31. ba_____t hall *n.* a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration
32. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
33. an ove_____ht patient *adj.* weighing more than is considered normal, desirable, or healthy for a particular height and build

ANSWERS: 23. prop, 24. anecdote, 25. depth, 26. dramatic, 27. memorable, 28. tragic, 29. peek, 30. hire, 31. banquet, 32. poet, 33. overweight

34. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
35. M_I brain image *n.* (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body
36. re___l his name *v.* to remember something
37. try hard to me____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
38. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
39. lo_____se alphabet *n.* a letter or typeface that is small in size and typically sits below the baseline of a line of text; opposite of uppercase
40. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
41. change to lo_____se *n.* a letter or typeface that is small in size and typically sits below the baseline of a line of text; opposite of uppercase
42. roll up a sc___l *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
43. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
44. sc__w the cap *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

ANSWERS: 34. relative, 35. MRI, 36. recall, 37. memorize, 38. invention, 39. lowercase, 40. vary, 41. lowercase, 42. scroll, 43. bury, 44. screw

45. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
46. cause unb_____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
47. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
48. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
49. sci_____te conversation *v.* to sparkle or shine brightly; to emit flashes of light; to be animated, brilliant, or lively in conversation or performance
50. aquatic co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
51. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
52. sc_____y information *adj.* insufficient in quantity or extent; meager, limited, or inadequate; lacking in amount or supply
53. ut_____y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
54. am_____a by trauma *n.* a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness

ANSWERS: 45. straight, 46. unbelievable, 47. refer, 48. insight, 49. scintillate, 50. compound, 51. transform, 52. scanty, 53. utterly, 54. amnesia

55. cha_____hip flag *n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support
56. ancestral pa___e *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
57. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
58. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
59. all in a sw__t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
60. the grand ch_____on *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
61. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
62. go___e his eyes *v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes
63. beat com_____or offer *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

ANSWERS: 55. championship, 56. palace, 57. incredible, 58. involve, 59. sweat, 60. champion, 61. cult, 62. goggle, 63. competitor

64. nu___t resort *n.* a person who engages in social or solitary activities while not wearing clothing; a person who believes that being naked is natural and healthy and that clothing is unnecessary in certain situations
65. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
66. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
67. a first-aid k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
68. infrared go___es *v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes
69. ep_____ue scene *n.* a concluding section or speech that follows the main body of a literary work or other performance; a postscript that concludes an event or speech
70. sub_____re movement *n.* a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture
71. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
72. s__p across the country *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

ANSWERS: 64. nudist, 65. instruction, 66. technique, 67. kit, 68. goggle, 69. epilogue, 70. subculture, 71. phrase, 72. skip

73. a female sc__w v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
74. the curved shape of a h__k n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
75. r__l down his cheeks v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
76. share my in_____ts n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
77. piano pe__l n. a foot-operated lever or control, especially one used to control a vehicle, machine, or musical instrument
78. in___e guests v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
79. fu_____h a suitable occasion v. to provide a room or building with furniture and fittings; to provide something useful or necessary
80. s__p breakfast v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
81. an artificial f_r n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

ANSWERS: 73. screw, 74. hook, 75. roll, 76. insight, 77. pedal, 78. invite, 79. furnish, 80. skip, 81. fur

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| 82. an oxygen m__k | <i>v.</i> to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it |
| 83. mobile br_____nd | <i>n.</i> a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer |
| 84. sk__l fracture | <i>n.</i> a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape |
| 85. inv_____te a data leak | <i>v.</i> to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth |
| 86. co_____t car | <i>n.</i> an idea or principle associated with something abstract |
| 87. ec_____ic characters | <i>adj.</i> weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way |
| 88. su_____e you're right | <i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible |
| 89. word ass_____ons | <i>n.</i> a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship |
| 90. self-int_____ion | <i>n.</i> a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market |

ANSWERS: 82. mask, 83. broadband, 84. skull, 85. investigate, 86. concept, 87. eccentric, 88. suppose, 89. association, 90. introduction

91. ext_____ze responsibilities *v.* to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed
92. certain ex___t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
93. pi_____e image *n.* a tiny hole in a material, often made by a needle, that allows light or other substances to pass through
94. sp_____l distribution *adj.* of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things
95. delicate sn_____ke *n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement
96. f__a infestation *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
97. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
98. make a wa__r *n.* a bet or gamble, typically involving a sum of money, on the outcome of an event or situation

ANSWERS: 91. externalize, 92. extent, 93. pinhole, 94. spatial, 95. snowflake, 96. flea, 97. prop, 98. wager

99. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
100. pat_____cal condition *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
101. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
102. n__n phrase *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
103. keyboard sh_____uts *n.* an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one
104. p__k at others' misfortune *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
105. la_____t desire *adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
106. hi_____us mistake *adj.* extremely funny
107. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
108. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
109. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
110. a hat h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

ANSWERS: 99. principle, 100. pathological, 101. distract, 102. noun, 103. shortcut, 104. peek, 105. latent, 106. hilarious, 107. entirely, 108. topic, 109. fascinate, 110. hook

111. di____ct attention from the real issue
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
112. s__n the face of the man
v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
113. unrecorded an____ty
n. the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
114. vi____l navigation
adj. relating to seeing or sight
115. str____al reorganization
adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
116. a seafaring na____n
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
117. a world cha____hip
n. a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support
118. re__r to a map
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
119. medieval co__x
n. a manuscript book, especially one written in the medieval period, before the invention of printing
120. the pa____x of the heap
n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
121. tr____rm heat into power
v. to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 111. distract, 112. scan, 113. antiquity, 114. visual, 115. structural, 116. nation, 117. championship, 118. refer, 119. codex, 120. paradox, 121. transform

122. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
123. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
124. m__k body odor *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
125. a wi___d at chess *n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
126. pat_____cal liar *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
127. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
128. vi_____ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
129. a ve_____e of a castle wall *n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished
130. infrared sp_____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
131. hour of ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

ANSWERS: 122. mass, 123. investigate, 124. mask, 125. wizard, 126. pathological, 127. brain, 128. visualize, 129. vestige, 130. spectrum, 131. entertainment

132. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
133. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
134. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
135. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
136. a close co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
137. the rh_____ic of a debate *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
138. cardiac M_l *n.* (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body
139. a ve_____e of the virus *n.* a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished
140. en___e data *v.* to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission
141. ma___ed their favorite toy *v.* to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape

ANSWERS: 132. shocking, 133. participate, 134. bury, 135. smartphone, 136. contest, 137. rhetoric, 138. MRI, 139. vestige, 140. encode, 141. mangle

142. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
143. ou_____ce to India *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
144. create me_____le experiences *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
145. sc___l through a document *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
146. high-flown rh_____ic *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
147. architectural to__s *n.* a Greek term referring to a traditional or recurring theme or motif in literature or art; a specific location or place that holds symbolic or cultural significance
148. t_n poorly *v.* to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun
149. ye_____ok photography *n.* a book published annually by a school, college, or other organization featuring photographs and records of the previous year's events and the individuals involved in them
150. ovarian cancer su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

ANSWERS: 142. brain, 143. outsource, 144. memorable, 145. scroll, 146. rhetoric, 147. topos, 148. tan, 149. yearbook, 150. survivor

151. sub_____re fashion *n.* a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture
152. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
153. a ch_____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
154. t_n can *n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes
155. funny an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
156. a bi_____y number *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
157. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
158. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
159. sh___l blade *n.* a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials
160. sw__t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

ANSWERS: 151. subculture, 152. incredibly, 153. champion, 154. tin, 155. anecdote, 156. binary, 157. engage, 158. memorize, 159. shovel, 160. sweat

161. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
162. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
163. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
164. re____t the adventure *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
165. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
166. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
167. in____ve eating *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
168. pra____ly impossible to find a parking spot *adv.* almost or nearly
169. ni__y gadget *adj.* attractive and stylish; clever and ingenious; neat and handy
170. have a thick sk__l *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
171. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
172. t_n after sun exposure *v.* to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun

ANSWERS: 161. ultimate, 162. mass, 163. roll, 164. recount, 165. basis, 166. feat, 167. intuitive, 168. practically, 169. nifty, 170. skull, 171. topic, 172. tan

173. a dr____ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
174. st__k badly *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
175. the aftermath of this tr____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
176. the ex____t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
177. estimate pr____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
178. equipment up____p *n.* the process of maintaining something in good condition or ensuring its proper functioning, especially a building, vehicle, or equipment
179. 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
180. a China-based jou____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
181. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 173. dramatic, 174. stink, 175. tragedy, 176. extent, 177. precise, 178. upkeep, 179. temple, 180. journalist, 181. process

182. tr___c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
183. wor_____ord copy *adj.* characterized by or involving an exact replication or recitation of what has been said or written, without alteration or interpretation
184. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
185. a single su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
186. a speech co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
187. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
188. high pain th_____ld *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
189. a com_____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
190. sp_____l ability *adj.* of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things
191. rigid dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

ANSWERS: 182. tragic, 183. word-for-word, 184. invite, 185. survivor, 186. contest, 187. bunch, 188. threshold, 189. competitive, 190. spatial, 191. discipline

192. ca____up with schedule *v.* to try to make progress by working harder or faster, especially to make up for lost time or a disadvantage
193. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
194. nu____t lifestyle *n.* a person who engages in social or solitary activities while not wearing clothing; a person who believes that being naked is natural and healthy and that clothing is unnecessary in certain situations
195. go through a mir____us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
196. la____t threat *adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
197. a rock fr__k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
198. oa____l cookies *n.* a type of cereal made from oats that have been ground or steel-cut
199. domestic com____or *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
200. remote an____ty *n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
201. a pa____e garden *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
202. br__k wall *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

ANSWERS: 192. catch-up, 193. ultimate, 194. nudist, 195. miraculous, 196. latent, 197. freak, 198. oatmeal, 199. competitor, 200. antiquity, 201. palace, 202. brick

203. the stock market co____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
204. trading in bi____y options *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
205. inc____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
206. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
207. pe__h of a bird of prey *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
208. ext____ze costs *v.* to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed
209. historical co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
210. at____d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
211. a st____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

ANSWERS: 203. collapse, 204. binary, 205. incredible, 206. invest, 207. perch, 208. externalize, 209. context, 210. attend, 211. straight

212. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
213. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
214. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
215. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
216. friendly wa__r *n.* a bet or gamble, typically involving a sum of money, on the outcome of an event or situation
217. harmful co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
218. host a ba_____t *n.* a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration
219. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
220. tabloid jou_____sm *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
221. ou_____ce a non-core function *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
222. a wor_____ord report *adj.* characterized by or involving an exact replication or recitation of what has been said or written, without alteration or interpretation

ANSWERS: 212. relative, 213. incredibly, 214. firsthand, 215. fascinating, 216. wager, 217. compound, 218. banquet, 219. crazy, 220. journalism, 221. outsource, 222. word-for-word

223. fr__k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
224. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
225. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
226. unt_____ed phone *adj.* not tied or secured to anything; free to move or roam without restriction or confinement
227. de__h camera *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
228. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
229. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
230. di__t identifier *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
231. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
232. a narrative p__m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
233. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 223. freak, 224. brilliant, 225. ridiculous, 226. untethered, 227. depth, 228. precise, 229. vary, 230. digit, 231. argue, 232. poem, 233. process

234. nav_____on system *n.* the act of directing a ship or airplane from place to place; advice or information intended to resolve a problem or challenge, especially as given by someone in authority
235. mo_____r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
236. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
237. mil_____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
238. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
239. sh_____e from side to side *v.* to move or mix around in a casual or unorganized way; to walk with short, dragging steps
240. an el_____te hat *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
241. an aw_____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
242. letters of an al_____et *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
243. lu_____us behavior *adj.* so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd
244. hotel fo__r *n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event

ANSWERS: 234. navigation, 235. monster, 236. bunch, 237. millennium, 238. fascinate, 239. shuffle, 240. elaborate, 241. awkward, 242. alphabet, 243. ludicrous, 244. foyer

245. me____al times *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
246. bo___e back from failure *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
247. dangerously ove_____ht *adj.* weighing more than is considered normal, desirable, or healthy for a particular height and build
248. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
249. horde of mo_____rs *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
250. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
251. sc_____ow festival *n.* an object, often made of straw or old clothes, that is placed in a field or garden to scare away birds and prevent them from damaging crops, typically designed to resemble a human figure
252. ra___n oatmeal cookies *n.* a dried grape, typically made from certain varieties of grapes that are specifically grown for this purpose; a popular snack food or baking ingredient
253. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
254. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 245. medieval, 246. bounce, 247. overweight, 248. nation, 249. monster, 250. competition, 251. scarecrow, 252. raisin, 253. visual, 254. appreciate

255. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
256. str_____al analyses *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
257. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
258. lu_____us idea *adj.* so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd
259. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
260. m__f a speech *n.* a tube-shaped garment for keeping the hands warm; a failure or mistake; (verb, of sports) to fail to hold onto the ball
261. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
262. c__d in armor *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
263. financial wi_____d *n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
264. ra_____n pie *n.* a dried grape, typically made from certain varieties of grapes that are specifically grown for this purpose; a popular snack food or baking ingredient
265. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry

ANSWERS: 255. statistics, 256. structural, 257. amazing, 258. ludicrous, 259. ancient, 260. muff, 261. ancient, 262. clad, 263. wizard, 264. raisin, 265. poet

266. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
267. f_r coat *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
268. ima_____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
269. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
270. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
271. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
272. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
273. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
274. take a sh_____ut *n.* an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one
275. have an unf_____ble night *adj.* impossible to forget
276. 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
277. pro_____ve taxation *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

ANSWERS: 266. principle, 267. fur, 268. imaginative, 269. weird, 270. amazing, 271. normally, 272. normally, 273. pave, 274. shortcut, 275. unforgettable, 276. temple, 277. progressive

278. com_____ve position *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
279. grand fo__r *n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event
280. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
281. ma___e my foot *v.* to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape
282. visual nav_____on *n.* the act of directing a ship or airplane from place to place; advice or information intended to resolve a problem or challenge, especially as given by someone in authority
283. the th_____ld between rooms *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
284. bo___e across the floor *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
285. snow sh___l *n.* a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials
286. fu_____h the information *v.* to provide a room or building with furniture and fittings; to provide something useful or necessary

ANSWERS: 278. competitive, 279. foyer, 280. feat, 281. mangle, 282. navigation, 283. threshold, 284. bounce, 285. shovel, 286. furnish

287. a scholarship ass_____on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
288. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
289. clutch pe__l *n.* a foot-operated lever or control, especially one used to control a vehicle, machine, or musical instrument
290. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
291. cultural to__s *n.* a Greek term referring to a traditional or recurring theme or motif in literature or art; a specific location or place that holds symbolic or cultural significance
292. ni__y idea *adj.* attractive and stylish; clever and ingenious; neat and handy
293. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
294. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
295. in_____ve judgment *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
296. the di__t in the hundreds place *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
297. pi_____e leak *n.* a tiny hole in a material, often made by a needle, that allows light or other substances to pass through

ANSWERS: 287. association, 288. participate, 289. pedal, 290. invest, 291. topos, 292. nifty, 293. ridiculous, 294. modern, 295. intuitive, 296. digit, 297. pinhole

298. lab_____ly climb *adv.* with great effort, difficulty, or exertion; in a manner that requires a lot of physical or mental work
299. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
300. sci_____te in the moonlight *v.* to sparkle or shine brightly; to emit flashes of light; to be animated, brilliant, or lively in conversation or performance
301. el_____te Ponzi scheme *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
302. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
303. si_____ar purpose *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
304. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
305. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
306. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
307. sc_____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
308. unf_____ble moment *adj.* impossible to forget
309. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

ANSWERS: 298. laboriously, 299. lab, 300. scintillate, 301. elaborate, 302. random, 303. singular, 304. context, 305. crazy, 306. random, 307. scholar, 308. unforgettable, 309. technique

310. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
311. co__x manuscript *n.* a manuscript book, especially one written in the medieval period, before the invention of printing
312. ti___e her vanity *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
313. ca_____up over coffee *v.* to try to make progress by working harder or faster, especially to make up for lost time or a disadvantage
314. noted sc_____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
315. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
316. an al_____et of manual signs *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
317. sc_____ow costume *n.* an object, often made of straw or old clothes, that is placed in a field or garden to scare away birds and prevent them from damaging crops, typically designed to resemble a human figure
318. sc___y resources *adj.* insufficient in quantity or extent; meager, limited, or inadequate; lacking in amount or supply
319. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
320. proper n__n *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects

ANSWERS: 310. cognitive, 311. codex, 312. tickle, 313. catch-up, 314. scholar, 315. weird, 316. alphabet, 317. scarecrow, 318. scanty, 319. compete, 320. noun

321. oa____l breakfast *n.* a type of cereal made from oats that have been ground or steel-cut
322. fiber-optic br_____nd *n.* a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer
323. c__d completely in black *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
324. ship wr_____ge *n.* the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery
325. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
326. bo____g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
327. up____p of a house *n.* the process of maintaining something in good condition or ensuring its proper functioning, especially a building, vehicle, or equipment
328. st__k up the place *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
329. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
330. ti____e his ribs *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

ANSWERS: 321. oatmeal, 322. broadband, 323. clad, 324. wreckage, 325. hire, 326. boring, 327. upkeep, 328. stink, 329. basis, 330. tickle

331. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
332. write an ep_____ue *n.* a concluding section or speech that follows the main body of a literary work or other performance; a postscript that concludes an event or speech
333. public hy_____e *n.* the practice of maintaining cleanliness in the home and person to prevent illness
334. ha_____e behavior *adj.* out of control or malfunctioning; disordered or chaotic; (noun) a type of wire that is used to tie bales of hay, straw, or other crops
335. pe__h on a ledge *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
336. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
337. local f__a market *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
338. pra_____ly constant *adv.* almost or nearly
339. dressed br__k *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

ANSWERS: 331. brilliant, 332. epilogue, 333. hygiene, 334. haywire, 335. perch, 336. argue, 337. flea, 338. practically, 339. brick

340. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
341. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
342. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
343. s__m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
344. wr_____ge recovery *n.* the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery
345. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
346. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
347. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
348. an aw_____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
349. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
350. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

ANSWERS: 340. millennium, 341. fascinating, 342. alien, 343. slam, 344. wreckage, 345. illustrate, 346. involve, 347. essentially, 348. awkward, 349. hallway, 350. compete

351. woolen m__f *n.* a tube-shaped garment for keeping the hands warm; a failure or mistake; (verb, of sports) to fail to hold onto the ball
352. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
353. break dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
354. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
355. unt_____ed from reality *adj.* not tied or secured to anything; free to move or roam without restriction or confinement
356. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
357. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
358. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
359. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
360. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
361. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 351. muff, 352. suppose, 353. discipline, 354. psychology, 355. untethered, 356. competition, 357. unbelievable, 358. imaginative, 359. instruction, 360. entertainment, 361. statistics

362. jou_____sm ethics *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
363. common in _____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
364. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
365. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
366. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
367. sh_____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
368. me_____al history *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
369. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
370. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
371. work han_____and *adv.* working together cooperatively; in close association; simultaneously, or in a synchronized manner
372. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

ANSWERS: 362. journalism, 363. invention, 364. recognition, 365. psychology, 366. phrase, 367. shocking, 368. medieval, 369. fundamental, 370. modern, 371. hand-in-hand, 372. colleague

373. improve co_____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
374. resident al__ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
375. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
376. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
377. pro_____ve development *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
378. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
379. si_____ar goal *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
380. study lab_____ly *adv.* with great effort, difficulty, or exertion; in a manner that requires a lot of physical or mental work
381. a mir_____us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
382. t_n foil *n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes

ANSWERS: 373. cognitive, 374. alien, 375. poem, 376. fundamental, 377. progressive, 378. photograph, 379. singular, 380. laboriously, 381. miraculous, 382. tin

383. hy____e practices *n.* the practice of maintaining cleanliness in the home and person to prevent illness
384. wax a ha____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
385. ha____e machine *adj.* out of control or malfunctioning; disordered or chaotic; (noun) a type of wire that is used to tie bales of hay, straw, or other crops
386. a tr____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
387. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
388. at____d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
389. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
390. a hi____us anecdote *adj.* extremely funny
391. childhood am____a *n.* a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness
392. app____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
393. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

ANSWERS: 383. hygiene, 384. hallway, 385. haywire, 386. tragedy, 387. entirely, 388. attend, 389. scan, 390. hilarious, 391. amnesia, 392. appreciate, 393. lab

394. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
395. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
396. survival k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
397. s__m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
398. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
399. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
400. ana_____al structure *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
401. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
402. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
403. re_____t a conversation with him *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story

ANSWERS: 394. concept, 395. paradox, 396. kit, 397. slam, 398. photograph, 399. pave, 400. anatomical, 401. cult, 402. smartphone, 403. recount

404. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
405. sn_____ke pattern *n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement
406. the story is bi_____e *adj.* very strange or unusual

ANSWERS: 404. engage, 405. snowflake, 406. bizarre

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It's important to _____ your feelings and not keep them bottled up.
v. to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed
2. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
3. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.
adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding
4. She took a quick _____ inside the box before closing it again.
n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
5. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.
adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
6. Her eyes _____ with excitement as she opened her birthday presents.
v. to sparkle or shine brightly; to emit flashes of light; to be animated, brilliant, or lively in conversation or performance
7. Please hang your towel on a _____.
n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
8. The party's budget was cut, resulting in a _____ amount of food and drinks for the guests.
adj. insufficient in quantity or extent; meager, limited, or inadequate; lacking in amount or supply

ANSWERS: 1. externalize, 2. colleague, 3. cognitive, 4. peek, 5. brilliant, 6. scintillated, 7. hook, 8. scanty

9. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
10. 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
11. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
12. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
- v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
13. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.
- adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
14. The store is _____ empty.
- adv.* almost or nearly
15. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
16. The _____ bread had a deliciously sweet flavor.
- n.* a dried grape, typically made from certain varieties of grapes that are specifically grown for this purpose; a popular snack food or baking ingredient

ANSWERS: 9. mass, 10. invite, 11. involves, 12. investigated, 13. random, 14. practically, 15. rolled, 16. raisin

17. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
18. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
19. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
n. a subject that is being discussed or written about
20. She _____ the cards before dealing them to the players.
v. to move or mix around in a casual or unorganized way; to walk with short, dragging steps
21. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
22. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
23. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.
n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
24. We are _____ opposed to any form of terrorism.
adv. completely or absolutely
25. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.
adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

ANSWERS: 17. experiments, 18. bunch, 19. topic, 20. shuffled, 21. insights, 22. hallway, 23. champion, 24. utterly, 25. shocking

26. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
v. to give somebody a job
27. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
28. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
29. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
30. She entertained the guests with _____ about her travels and experiences.
n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
31. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
32. The study of _____ is important for understanding the history, culture, and civilization of the past and their influence on the present.
n. the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
33. She is a hard worker but not very _____.
adj. having or showing new and creative ideas
34. The house owner loved the large hanging _____ in the guest room.
n. a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

ANSWERS: 26. hire, 27. distract, 28. amazing, 29. ridiculous, 30. anecdotes, 31. lab, 32. antiquity, 33. imaginative, 34. scroll

35. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

36. The magic tricks _____ the children.

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

37. The pond's _____ was around five feet.

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

38. He worked _____ on his research project, spending countless hours in the library.

adv. with great effort, difficulty, or exertion; in a manner that requires a lot of physical or mental work

39. We would _____ an early reply.

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

40. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

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

41. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

42. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 35. incredible, 36. fascinated, 37. depth, 38. laboriously, 39. appreciate, 40. brain, 41. invention, 42. modern

43. I must _____ on my work and finish the report before the deadline.
v. to try to make progress by working harder or faster, especially to make up for lost time or a disadvantage
44. The _____ of the plane was scattered across the field after the crash.
n. the remains of something that has been destroyed, ruined, severely damaged, or crashed, usually referring to vehicles, buildings, or machinery
45. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
46. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.
n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
47. I love starting my day with a bowl of warm _____ and fresh fruit.
n. a type of cereal made from oats that have been ground or steel-cut
48. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.
n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
49. The dinner we had at the five-star restaurant was an _____ culinary experience.
adj. impossible to forget
50. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 43. catch-up, 44. wreckage, 45. context, 46. association, 47. oatmeal, 48. tragedy, 49. unforgettable, 50. transformed

51. She vividly _____ getting laid off several years ago.

v. to remember something

52. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

53. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

54. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

55. The _____ design of the interface made the operation difficult.

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

56. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

57. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

58. The plane's _____ system had problems, which mechanics found.

n. the act of directing a ship or airplane from place to place; advice or information intended to resolve a problem or challenge, especially as given by someone in authority

ANSWERS: 51. recalls, 52. dramatic, 53. process, 54. feat, 55. awkward, 56. concept, 57. fascinating, 58. navigation

59. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.

n. a person who writes poetry

60. The content is _____ and informative for me.

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

61. The farmers placed a _____ in their cornfield to deter birds from eating the crops.

n. an object, often made of straw or old clothes, that is placed in a field or garden to scare away birds and prevent them from damaging crops, typically designed to resemble a human figure

62. The _____ disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.

n. a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds

63. He was _____ but he was also a genius.

adj. weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way

64. The punk _____ emerged in the 1970s as a response to mainstream society and its values.

n. a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture

65. 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

66. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

ANSWERS: 59. poet, 60. precise, 61. scarecrow, 62. flea-borne, 63. eccentric, 64. subculture, 65. temple, 66. scanned

67. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
68. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
69. He pressed the _____ with all his might, but the car still wouldn't start.
n. a foot-operated lever or control, especially one used to control a vehicle, machine, or musical instrument
70. She tried to _____ the layout of the new house in her mind.
v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
71. He was a _____ at solving complex mathematical equations.
n. a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
72. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
adj. relating to seeing or sight
73. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
74. In some foreign languages, the gender of _____ exists.
n. a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
75. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

ANSWERS: 67. instruction, 68. participated, 69. pedal, 70. visualize, 71. wizard, 72. visual, 73. fundamental, 74. nouns, 75. relatives

76. The shipwreck _____ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.
n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
77. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
78. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.
n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected
79. She had a master's degree in _____.
n. the scientific study of mind and behavior
80. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.
n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
81. The machine _____ the sheet of metal beyond repair.
v. to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape
82. Archaeologists found a Neanderthal _____ at that historic site.
n. a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
83. We _____ the topic because it was too complicated.
v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
84. We walked _____ along the beach as the sunset.
adv. working together cooperatively; in close association; simultaneously, or in a synchronized manner

ANSWERS: 76. survivor, 77. memorize, 78. freak, 79. psychology, 80. Alien, 81. mangled, 82. skull, 83. skipped, 84. hand-in-hand

85. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

86. The ____ of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.

n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

87. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

88. The accident caused her to suffer from temporary _____ and she couldn't remember anything that happened before the collision.

n. a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness

89. There is no _____ to success.

n. an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one

90. They will _____ between various emotional states.

v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

91. His team won the _____ for three years running.

n. a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support

92. A _____ star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.

n. a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1

93. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

ANSWERS: 85. unbelievable, 86. fur, 87. weird, 88. amnesia, 89. shortcut, 90. bounce, 91. championship, 92. binary, 93. spectrum

94. The _____ model of the human body was used to teach medical students.
adj. of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
95. The bird _____ on the branch, watching the world below.
v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
96. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
97. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.
adj. involving competition or competitiveness
98. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.
adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
99. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
100. The author's novel explores the _____ of love and loss uniquely and thoughtfully.
n. a Greek term referring to a traditional or recurring theme or motif in literature or art; a specific location or place that holds symbolic or cultural significance
101. She wiped the _____ off her forehead with a towel.
n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

ANSWERS: 94. anatomical, 95. perched, 96. compete, 97. competitive, 98. tragic, 99. crazy, 100. topos, 101. sweat

102. The imperial _____ is currently undergoing reforms.

n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.

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

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

104. The truth was more _____ than expected.

adj. very strange or unusual

105. Many people have _____ talents they are not aware of.

adj. existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant

106. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

107. There are many theories to explain this _____.

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

108. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

109. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

ANSWERS: 102. palace, 103. tanning, 104. bizarre, 105. latent, 106. principle, 107. paradox, 108. journalists, 109. contest

110. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
111. Please type your password in all _____ letters.
n. a letter or typeface that is small in size and typically sits below the baseline of a line of text; opposite of uppercase
112. The athlete was _____ in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.
adj. dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
113. Our world is in the third _____.
n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
114. His passionate speech makes a _____ impression.
adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
115. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
116. He quickly learned the military _____.
n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

ANSWERS: 110. nation, 111. lowercase, 112. clad, 113. millennium, 114. memorable, 115. cult, 116. discipline

117. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

- v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it;
(noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

118. The novel's _____ provides a glimpse into the characters' lives after the story's main events.

- n.* a concluding section or speech that follows the main body of a literary work or other performance; a postscript that concludes an event or speech

119. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.

- adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

120. They _____ events that have already occurred.

- v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story

121. The doctor advised him to lose weight and maintain a healthy diet to avoid becoming _____.

- adj.* weighing more than is considered normal, desirable, or healthy for a particular height and build

122. He proposed an _____ program of public works.

- adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

123. We must enter a six-_____ number to unlock the safe.

- n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

124. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

- n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

ANSWERS: 117. screw, 118. epilogue, 119. firsthand, 120. recount, 121. overweight, 122. elaborate, 123. digit, 124. basis

125. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

126. The politician tried to _____ the corruption.

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

127. The new homeowners decided to _____ the living room with new furniture.

v. to provide a room or building with furniture and fittings; to provide something useful or necessary

128. I had an _____ feeling that I might be pregnant.

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

129. The roof of the old shed was made of rusty _____.

n. a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes

130. The _____ beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

n. being only one of its kind; unique

131. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.

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

132. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 125. competition, 126. mask, 127. furnish, 128. intuitive, 129. tin, 130. singular, 131. engaged, 132. photograph

133. He was known for his powerful _____ and ability to persuade people with his words.

n. speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

134. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

135. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

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

136. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

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

137. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

138. Only the _____ tower remained standing.

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

139. The gap between the company and its _____ has widened.

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

140. The elegant chandelier in the _____ was the centerpiece of the grand entrance.

n. an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event

ANSWERS: 133. rhetoric, 134. extent, 135. suppose, 136. collapsed, 137. ultimate, 138. medieval, 139. competitors, 140. foyer

141. The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with delicate _____ ornaments.

- n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement

142. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

- adv.* usually; under normal conditions

143. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

- n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together

144. I still like flipping through my high school _____ to remember old friends.

- n.* a book published annually by a school, college, or other organization featuring photographs and records of the previous year's events and the individuals involved in them

145. She wore a fur _____ to keep her hands warm during the winter.

- n.* a tube-shaped garment for keeping the hands warm; a failure or mistake; (verb, of sports) to fail to hold onto the ball

146. He made a _____ recovery.

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

147. The software company bought the VR _____ manufacturer.

- v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

148. She's on the _____ of adulthood.

- n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

ANSWERS: 141. snowflake, 142. normally, 143. phrase, 144. yearbook, 145. muff, 146. miraculous, 147. goggles, 148. threshold

149. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

150. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

151. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

152. These models explain why you can't _____ yourself.

v. to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

153. The ____ machine uses powerful magnets to produce detailed images of the inside of the body.

n. (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body

154. It's _____ to blame the teachers for the education system's failures.

adj. so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd

155. The electronics in my car went _____ after the battery died.

adj. out of control or malfunctioning; disordered or chaotic; (noun) a type of wire that is used to tie bales of hay, straw, or other crops

156. The construction workers used a power _____ to dig the foundation for the building.

n. a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials

ANSWERS: 149. straight, 150. entertainment, 151. boring, 152. tickle, 153. MRI, 154. ludicrous, 155. haywire, 156. shovel

157. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
- v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
158. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.
- v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
159. She _____ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.
- v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
160. This car has a _____ engine.
- n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
161. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
162. He carefully determined the _____ relations of every piece of the stage set.
- adj. of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things
163. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
164. I need to upgrade my Internet plan to get faster _____ speeds.
- n. a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer

ANSWERS: 157. paved, 158. vary, 159. slammed, 160. monster, 161. argue, 162. spatial, 163. introduction, 164. broadband

165. The garbage in the alley began to _____ after a few hot days.

v. to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical

166. Regular _____ of your car can prolong its lifespan and prevent costly repairs.

n. the process of maintaining something in good condition or ensuring its proper functioning, especially a building, vehicle, or equipment

167. The car has a _____ feature that alerts you when you're about to veer off the road.

adj. attractive and stylish; clever and ingenious; neat and handy

168. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

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

169. Good _____ is important for preventing the spread of illness.

n. the practice of maintaining cleanliness in the home and person to prevent illness

170. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

171. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.

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

172. The translator provided a _____ translation of the document.

adj. characterized by or involving an exact replication or recitation of what has been said or written, without alteration or interpretation

ANSWERS: 165. stink, 166. upkeep, 167. nifty, 168. technique, 169. hygiene, 170. Essentially, 171. scholar, 172. word-for-word

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

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

174. A great ____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

175. The _____ approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

176. There is plenty of space to ____ everyone.

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

177. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

178. We have finally lost our last ____.

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

179. The software can _____ and decode encrypted messages.

v. to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission

180. The wall was made of hard _____ that had been used for centuries.

n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

ANSWERS: 173. kit, 174. poem, 175. progressive, 176. bury, 177. ancient, 178. prop, 179. encode, 180. bricks

181. We must _____ to this matter.

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

182. I placed a _____ with my friend who would win the basketball game.

n. a bet or gamble, typically involving a sum of money, on the outcome of an event or situation

183. The abandoned building was a _____ of the city's past, with nothing left but memories.

n. a trace, mark, or evidence of something that once existed but has now disappeared or diminished

184. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

185. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

186. The comedian's stand-up routine was _____.

adj. extremely funny

187. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

188. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

ANSWERS: 181. attend, 182. wager, 183. vestige, 184. invest, 185. structural, 186. hilarious, 187. incredibly, 188. recognition

189. He strove to memorize the Hebrew _____.

n. a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

190. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

191. The _____ beach is a popular destination for those who enjoy being clothing-free.

n. a person who engages in social or solitary activities while not wearing clothing; a person who believes that being naked is natural and healthy and that clothing is unnecessary in certain situations

192. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

193. The bird flew _____ in the sky.

adj. not tied or secured to anything; free to move or roam without restriction or confinement

194. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

195. We had a delicious _____ at the hotel for our anniversary dinner.

n. a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration

196. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 189. alphabet, 190. compound, 191. nudist, 192. entirely, 193. untethered, 194. illustrate, 195. banquet, 196. statistics

197. The doctor was concerned that the patient's _____ fear of germs impacted their daily life.

adj. relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

198. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

199. The company decided to _____ its IT services to a third-party provider.

v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

200. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

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

201. She plans to study _____ in college and become a reporter.

n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast

202. The archaeologists found a _____ buried alongside a mummy in an underground tomb.

n. a manuscript book, especially one written in the medieval period, before the invention of printing

203. The camera's _____ lens creates a unique blur effect in photographs.

n. a tiny hole in a material, often made by a needle, that allows light or other substances to pass through

ANSWERS: 197. pathological, 198. smartphones, 199. outsource, 200. refer, 201. journalism, 202. codex, 203. pinhole

ANSWERS: