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Session 1: Word List

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

synonym: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

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.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

bang

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

synonym: crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down

My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

belly

n. the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

synonym: stomach, abdomen, gut

(1) the **belly** of the ship, (2) with an empty **belly**

She had a tattoo just above her **belly** button.

mount

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

synonym: climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

ornithologist

n. a person who studies, observes or is an expert in the scientific field of ornithology, which is the study of birds

synonym: birdwatcher, avian expert

(1) amateur **ornithologist**, (2) **ornithologist** group
The documentary featured interviews with several renowned **ornithologists** discussing the bird population decline.

necrophilia

n. a psychological disorder characterized by an abnormal attraction to, fixation on, or sexual interest in corpses or the dead

synonym: necromania

(1) **necrophilia** pathology, (2) criminal **necrophilia**
He was committed to a mental institution due to his **necrophilia** tendencies.

homosexual

adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

synonym: gay, same-sex attracted

(1) **homosexual** rights, (2) **homosexual** marriage
The law was repealed to protect the rights of **homosexual** citizens.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife
It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

aft

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

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

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

freezer

n. a device that keeps food, beverages, or other perishable items at low temperatures to maintain their freshness or preserve them for later use

synonym: refrigerator, icebox, cooler

(1) portable **freezer**, (2) **freezer** bag

I put the ice cream in the **freezer** to keep it from melting.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

possess

v. to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

synonym: keep, maintain, own

(1) **possess** a basic knowledge, (2) **possess** divine powers

He **possesses** a good sense of humor.

mallard

n. a common species of duck found in various parts of the world

synonym: drake, wild duck

(1) female **mallard**, (2) **mallard** breeding season

We spotted a beautiful **mallard** swimming in the pond at the park.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

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.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym: structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house

He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the phenomenon.

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**.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym: push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

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.

ceremony

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

synonym: ritual, rite, observance

(1) **ceremony** hall, (2) **ceremony** location

The wedding **ceremony** was a beautiful and emotional event.

laureate

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

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

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

fellow

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

synonym: buddy, mate, affiliate

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

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

courtship

n. the period of time when two individuals go through the process of getting to know each other, often with the intent of forming a romantic or intimate relationship

synonym: romance, wooing, lovemaking

(1) traditional **courtship**, (2) romantic **courtship**

The movie depicts an old-fashioned **courtship** between the two main characters.

ostrich

n. a large flightless bird native to Africa with a long neck, legs, and bill

synonym: bird, flightless bird

(1) **ostrich** eggs, (2) **ostrich** feathers

The farmers raise **ostriches** for their meat, eggs, and feathers.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym: clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

demonstrate

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

synonym : show, illustrate, display

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

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

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym : affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

fame

n. the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

synonym : celebrity, renown, stardom

(1) leap into **fame**, (2) his undying **fame**

Good **fame** is better than a good face.

specimen

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

synonym : example, sample, model

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

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

avian

adj. relating to or characteristic of birds

synonym : bird-like, feathered, winged

(1) **avian** influenza, (2) **avian** habitat

The expert on **avian** species studied the behavior of different

types of birds.

influenza

n. (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

synonym : grippe, flu

(1) an epidemic outbreak of **influenza**, (2) **influenza B** strain

The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of **influenza**.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym : connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

observation

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

synonym : watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

misbehave

v. to behave badly

synonym : act up, fool around, trespass

(1) **misbehave** with language, (2) the student who had **misbehaved**

It was unbelievable that they should **misbehave**.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

moose

n. a large deer native to the northern forests of North America and Eurasia

synonym: elk, deer, antelope

(1) **moose** hunting, (2) **moose** population

The antlers of a bull **moose** can grow up to 6 feet in width and weigh over 60 pounds.

bronze

n. a dark red-brown metal that is created by combining copper and tin

(1) win **bronze**, (2) **bronze** coin

The statue is made of **bronze**.

statue

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

synonym: sculpture, figurine, monument

(1) a beautiful **statue**, (2) the ancient Egyptian **statues**

The **statue** of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

bison

n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

synonym: buffalo

(1) endangered **bison**, (2) American **bison's** meat

Large herds of **bison** used to live on the plains of this area.

goldfish

n. a small, freshwater fish with bright scales and a round body, often kept as a pet or used as a decorative element in ponds or aquariums

(1) **goldfish** pond, (2) breeding **goldfish**

I enjoy watching the **goldfish** swim around in their tank.

toad

n. a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible

synonym : frog, amphibian, batrachian

(1) **toad** in the garden, (2) **toad** caught in the trap

The kids went on a scavenger hunt in the park and found a **toad** under a big leaf.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym : empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

barn

n. a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock

synonym : shed, outbuilding, granary

(1) **barn** building, (2) a **barn** for cows

The old **barn** on the farm was used to store hay and other equipment.

swallow

v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

synonym : consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail
I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

turkey

n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

(1) swell like a **turkey**, (2) **turkey** breast meat
They prepared a stuffed **turkey** for Thanksgiving.

premise

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

synonym: assumption, postulate, supposition

(1) the major **premise**, (2) make a **premise**

The book's **premise** is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

juvenile

adj. relating to or characteristic of youth or young people; immature

synonym: youthful, boyish, childlike

(1) exhibit **juvenile** behavior, (2) **juvenile** justice

The detective suspected that the vandalism was the work of **juvenile** delinquents.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

conclude

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

synonym: complete, finish, decide

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

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym : immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

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.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

mad

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

synonym : crazy, insane, furious

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

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

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym : peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

blackbird

n. a medium-sized, mostly black bird that is native to Europe and North America, which is a popular subject in literature, poetry, and folklore

synonym : thrush, songbird, merl

(1) flock of **blackbirds**, (2) shy **blackbird**

The **blackbird's** sweet song filled the air and brought peace to the garden.

clunky

adj. heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement

synonym : clumsy, bulky, burdensome

(1) **clunky** phrasing, (2) **clunky** robot

Refined character portrayal makes up for **clunky** gameplay.

intruder

n. someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something

synonym : trespasser, intruder, interloper

(1) illegal **intruder**, (2) infrared **intruder** system

The homeowner called the police when they spotted an **intruder** in their backyard.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym : domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

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**.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym : barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

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.

discuss

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

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

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

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

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

synonym: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair

The interests of the two countries **collide**.

collision

n. an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict

synonym: crash, impact, smash

(1) **collision** detection, (2) come into **collision** with my friend

The **collision** of tectonic plates can result in new mountain ranges, such as the Himalayas or the Alps.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. b__n building | <i>n.</i> a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock |
| 2. mo__t a hill | <i>v.</i> to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone |
| 3. exhibit ju____le behavior | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characteristic of youth or young people; immature |
| 4. permanent br__n damage | <i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling |
| 5. the ancient Egyptian st____es | <i>n.</i> a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way |
| 6. the to__c of the book | <i>n.</i> a subject that is being discussed or written about |
| 7. b__g a phone down | <i>v.</i> to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise |
| 8. ce____ny hall | <i>n.</i> a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn |
| 9. br____e coin | <i>n.</i> a dark red-brown metal that is created by combining copper and tin |
| 10. p__r review | <i>n.</i> a person who has the same age, status, or ability |

ANSWERS: 1. barn, 2. mount, 3. juvenile, 4. brain, 5. statue, 6. topic, 7. bang, 8. ceremony, 9. bronze, 10. peer

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| 11. gets m_d easily | <i>adj.</i> insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry |
| 12. f__e police officer | <i>adj.</i> not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit |
| 13. a sexual u__e | <i>v.</i> to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist |
| 14. a sw____w tail | <i>v.</i> to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations |
| 15. fr____r bag | <i>n.</i> a device that keeps food, beverages, or other perishable items at low temperatures to maintain their freshness or preserve them for later use |
| 16. co____t car | <i>n.</i> an idea or principle associated with something abstract |
| 17. win br___e | <i>n.</i> a dark red-brown metal that is created by combining copper and tin |
| 18. the rem____le breadth of knowledge | <i>adj.</i> worthy of attention because unusual or special |
| 19. in___e criticism | <i>v.</i> to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place |
| 20. os____h eggs | <i>n.</i> a large flightless bird native to Africa with a long neck, legs, and bill |
| 21. ins_____ize a system | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |

ANSWERS: 11. mad, 12. fake, 13. urge, 14. swallow, 15. freezer, 16. concept, 17. bronze, 18. remarkable, 19. invite, 20. ostrich, 21. institutionalize

22. po____s a basic knowledge *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
23. a b__n for cows *n.* a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
24. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
25. establish his ki____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
26. flock of bl____rds *n.* a medium-sized, mostly black bird that is native to Europe and North America, which is a popular subject in literature, poetry, and folklore
27. infrared in____er system *n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something
28. rem____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
29. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
30. amateur orn______ist *n.* a person who studies, observes or is an expert in the scientific field of ornithology, which is the study of birds
31. the fr____rk of a house *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

ANSWERS: 22. possess, 23. barn, 24. invite, 25. kingdom, 26. blackbird, 27. intruder, 28. remarkable, 29. frame, 30. ornithologist, 31. framework

32. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
33. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
34. poet la____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
35. orn_____ist group *n.* a person who studies, observes or is an expert in the scientific field of ornithology, which is the study of birds
36. illegal in____er *n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something
37. an in____t reply *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
38. cl__y phrasing *adj.* heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement
39. interim cu____r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
40. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

ANSWERS: 32. brain, 33. slide, 34. laureate, 35. ornithologist, 36. intruder, 37. instant, 38. clunky, 39. curator, 40. victim

41. mo__e hunting *n.* a large deer native to the northern forests of North America and Eurasia
42. make dr____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
43. portable fr____r *n.* a device that keeps food, beverages, or other perishable items at low temperatures to maintain their freshness or preserve them for later use
44. cl____y robot *adj.* heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement
45. po____s divine powers *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
46. round of ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
47. tu____y breast meat *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
48. ma____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
49. botanical sp____en *n.* an individual example or sample of something, typically used to represent a larger group or category
50. re____e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 41. moose, 42. dramatic, 43. freezer, 44. clunky, 45. possess, 46. applause, 47. turkey, 48. maximum, 49. specimen, 50. relate

51. co____e in midair *v.* to hit something violently when moving
52. a beautiful st___e *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
53. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
54. t__d caught in the trap *n.* a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible
55. the ma_____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
56. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
57. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
58. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
59. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
60. mo__e population *n.* a large deer native to the northern forests of North America and Eurasia

ANSWERS: 51. collide, 52. statue, 53. mad, 54. toad, 55. maximum, 56. frame, 57. observation, 58. develop, 59. planet, 60. moose

61. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
62. with an empty be__y *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
63. mo__t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
64. earn ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
65. vi__m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
66. swell like a tu____y *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
67. Oscar la____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
68. breeding go____sh *n.* a small, freshwater fish with bright scales and a round body, often kept as a pet or used as a decorative element in ponds or aquariums

ANSWERS: 61. ultimate, 62. belly, 63. mount, 64. applause, 65. victim, 66. turkey, 67. laureate, 68. goldfish

69. co____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
70. American bi__n's meat *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
71. get in____t access *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
72. hom_____al marriage *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
73. ju_____le justice *adj.* relating to or characteristic of youth or young people; immature
74. co____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
75. t__d in the garden *n.* a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible
76. his undying f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
77. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
78. av__n influenza *adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds
79. co____e head-on *v.* to hit something violently when moving
80. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 69. conclude, 70. bison, 71. instant, 72. homosexual, 73. juvenile, 74. conclude, 75. toad, 76. fame, 77. observation, 78. avian, 79. collide, 80. medicinal

81. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
82. os_____h feathers *n.* a large flightless bird native to Africa with a long neck, legs, and bill
83. go_____sh pond *n.* a small, freshwater fish with bright scales and a round body, often kept as a pet or used as a decorative element in ponds or aquariums
84. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
85. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
86. sw_____w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
87. female ma_____d *n.* a common species of duck found in various parts of the world
88. co_____on detection *n.* an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict
89. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
90. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
91. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 81. peer, 82. ostrich, 83. goldfish, 84. biology, 85. topic, 86. swallow, 87. mallard, 88. collision, 89. aft, 90. slide, 91. medicinal

92. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
93. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
94. endangered bi__n *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
95. ob____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
96. pi__n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
97. the major pr____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
98. sp____en collection *n.* an individual example or sample of something, typically used to represent a larger group or category
99. pl__t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 92. fake, 93. develop, 94. bison, 95. observe, 96. pigeon, 97. premise, 98. specimen, 99. planet

100. in_____za B strain *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
101. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
102. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
103. the student who had mi_____ved *v.* to behave badly
104. come into co_____on with my friend *n.* an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict
105. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
106. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
107. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
108. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
109. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
110. ob_____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 100. influenza, 101. aft, 102. colleague, 103. misbehave, 104. collision, 105. decide, 106. biology, 107. ultimate, 108. colleague, 109. institutionalize, 110. observe

111. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
112. b__g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
113. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
114. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
115. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
116. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
117. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
118. romantic co_____ip *n.* the period of time when two individuals go through the process of getting to know each other, often with the intent of forming a romantic or intimate relationship
119. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
120. cu_____r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

ANSWERS: 111. concept, 112. bang, 113. discuss, 114. identify, 115. territory, 116. discuss, 117. demonstrate, 118. courtship, 119. decide, 120. curator

121. an epidemic outbreak of in_____za *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
122. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
123. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
124. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
125. leap into f___e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
126. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
127. a racing pi___n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
128. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
129. legal fr_____rk *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

ANSWERS: 121. influenza, 122. relate, 123. dam, 124. fellow, 125. fame, 126. identify, 127. pigeon, 128. demonstrate, 129. framework

130. traditional co_____ip *n.* the period of time when two individuals go through the process of getting to know each other, often with the intent of forming a romantic or intimate relationship
131. ce_____ny location *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
132. hom_____al rights *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
133. a dr_____ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
134. ma_____d breeding season *n.* a common species of duck found in various parts of the world
135. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
136. junior fe_____w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
137. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
138. nec_____ia pathology *n.* a psychological disorder characterized by an abnormal attraction to, fixation on, or sexual interest in corpses or the dead
139. criminal nec_____ia *n.* a psychological disorder characterized by an abnormal attraction to, fixation on, or sexual interest in corpses or the dead
140. mi_____ve with language *v.* to behave badly

ANSWERS: 130. courtship, 131. ceremony, 132. homosexual, 133. dramatic, 134. mallard, 135. dam, 136. fellow, 137. territory, 138. necrophilia, 139. necrophilia, 140. misbehave

141. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
142. a subordinate ki____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
143. shy bl____rd *n.* a medium-sized, mostly black bird that is native to Europe and North America, which is a popular subject in literature, poetry, and folklore
144. make a pr____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
145. av__n habitat *adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds
146. the be__y of the ship *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

ANSWERS: 141. urge, 142. kingdom, 143. blackbird, 144. premise, 145. avian, 146. belly

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The kids went on a scavenger hunt in the park and found a _____ under a big leaf.
n. a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible
2. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.
adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
3. The expert on _____ species studied the behavior of different types of birds.
adj. relating to or characteristic of birds
4. The _____ sweet song filled the air and brought peace to the garden.
n. a medium-sized, mostly black bird that is native to Europe and North America, which is a popular subject in literature, poetry, and folklore
5. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
6. He was committed to a mental institution due to his _____ tendencies.
n. a psychological disorder characterized by an abnormal attraction to, fixation on, or sexual interest in corpses or the dead
7. The museum _____ conserved the ancient manuscripts.
n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. toad, 2. fellow, 3. avian, 4. blackbird's, 5. ultimate, 6. necrophilia, 7. curator

8. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
9. The statue is made of _____.
n. a dark red-brown metal that is created by combining copper and tin
10. He _____ a good sense of humor.
v. to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
11. My father tried to _____ mathematics into my head since childhood.
v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
12. The detective suspected that the vandalism was the work of _____ delinquents.
adj. relating to or characteristic of youth or young people; immature
13. It was unbelievable that they should _____.
v. to behave badly
14. She had a tattoo just above her _____ button.
n. the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
15. The homeowner called the police when they spotted an _____ in their backyard.
n. someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something
16. The _____ of tectonic plates can result in new mountain ranges, such as the Himalayas or the Alps.
n. an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict

ANSWERS: 8. biology, 9. bronze, 10. possesses, 11. bang, 12. juvenile, 13. misbehave, 14. belly, 15. intruder, 16. collision

17. The antlers of a bull _____ can grow up to 6 feet in width and weigh over 60 pounds.
n. a large deer native to the northern forests of North America and Eurasia
18. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
19. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
20. The documentary featured interviews with several renowned _____ discussing the bird population decline.
n. a person who studies, observes or is an expert in the scientific field of ornithology, which is the study of birds
21. The law was repealed to protect the rights of _____ citizens.
adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
22. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it
adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
23. I enjoy watching the _____ swim around in their tank.
n. a small, freshwater fish with bright scales and a round body, often kept as a pet or used as a decorative element in ponds or aquariums
24. The book's _____ is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.
n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

ANSWERS: 17. moose, 18. discuss, 19. remarkable, 20. ornithologists, 21. homosexual, 22. faked, 23. goldfish, 24. premise

25. He was ____ with joy to see the results.

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

26. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

27. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

28. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

29. The old ____ on the farm was used to store hay and other equipment.

n. a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock

30. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

31. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

32. The _____ burst from the audience.

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

33. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 25. mad, 26. mounted, 27. maximum, 28. kingdom, 29. barn, 30. instant, 31. frame, 32. applause, 33. relate

34. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.

- n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

35. 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

36. Refined character portrayal makes up for _____ gameplay.

- adj.* heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement

37. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

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

38. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

39. They prepared a stuffed _____ for Thanksgiving.

- n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

40. 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

41. The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of _____.

- n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

ANSWERS: 34. dam, 35. brain, 36. clunky, 37. demonstrate, 38. concept, 39. turkey, 40. invite, 41. influenza

42. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
43. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
44. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.
- n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
45. I _____ my anger and kept quiet.
- v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
46. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
47. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
48. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 42. victim, 43. decide, 44. observation, 45. swallowed, 46. planet, 47. peer, 48. develop

49. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
- v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
50. Good _____ is better than a good face.
- n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
51. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.
- n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
52. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
53. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
- n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
54. The Nobel _____ delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.
- n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
55. I put the ice cream in the _____ to keep it from melting.
- n.* a device that keeps food, beverages, or other perishable items at low temperatures to maintain their freshness or preserve them for later use

ANSWERS: 49. observe, 50. fame, 51. territory, 52. medicinal, 53. pigeon, 54. laureate, 55. freezer

56. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

57. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

58. The wedding _____ was a beautiful and emotional event.

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

59. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

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

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

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

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

62. The farmers raise _____ for their meat, eggs, and feathers.

n. a large flightless bird native to Africa with a long neck, legs, and bill

63. We spotted a beautiful _____ swimming in the pond at the park.

n. a common species of duck found in various parts of the world

64. 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

ANSWERS: 56. slide, 57. urged, 58. ceremony, 59. topic, 60. dramatic, 61. aft, 62. ostriches, 63. mallard, 64. colleague

65. We _____ a cease-fire.

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

66. The movie depicts an old-fashioned _____ between the two main characters.

n. the period of time when two individuals go through the process of getting to know each other, often with the intent of forming a romantic or intimate relationship

67. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

68. The interests of the two countries _____.

v. to hit something violently when moving

69. The _____ of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

70. The biology teacher showed the students a frog _____ so they could examine its anatomy.

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

71. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

72. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

ANSWERS: 65. concluded, 66. courtship, 67. institutionalize, 68. collide, 69. statue, 70. specimen, 71. identify, 72. framework

73. Large herds of _____ used to live on the plains of this area.

- n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

ANSWERS: 73. bison