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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### dinosaur

*n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

*synonym* : reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

### chunk

*n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something

*synonym* : block, lump, piece

(1) a **chunk** of money, (2) a tiny **chunk** of meat

The new start-up company carved out a large **chunk** of the market within a year.

### rifle

*n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy

*synonym* : gun, firearm, weapon

(1) **rifle** barrel, (2) hunting **rifle**

The police discovered a **rifle** case in the suspect's car during their investigation.

### bullet

*n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

*synonym* : projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

## 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.

## release

*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

*synonym* : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

## numb

*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

*synonym* : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

## nuclear

*adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

*synonym* : atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

## lump

*n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough

*synonym* : mass, clump, ball

(1) **lump** in the throat, (2) single **lump** sum

There is a small **lump** on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.

## boulder

*n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

*synonym* : rock, stone, clump

(1) **boulder** field, (2) lava **boulder**

The hikers had to climb over a **boulder** that was blocking their path.

## peak

*n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

*synonym* : summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

## scoop

*n.* a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else

*synonym* : ladle, spoon, dipper

(1) a **scoop** of ice cream, (2) **scoop** of news

The company's marketing team worked hard to get the **scoop** on what their target audience wanted.

## crater

*n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

*synonym* : cavity, hole, pit

(1) **crater** lake, (2) lunar **crater**

An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

## gulf

*n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

*synonym* : chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

## peninsula

*n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

*synonym* : cape, foreland

(1) the tip of the **peninsula**, (2) the Arab **peninsula**

That **peninsula** was an essential base for the country's defense.

## recognize

*v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

*synonym* : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

## enormous

*adj.* extremely large or great

*synonym* : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

## excavate

*v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

*synonym* : dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

## vast

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

*synonym* : expansive, extended, boundless

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

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

## splash

*v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force

*synonym* : scatter, dash, gurgle

(1) **splash** water, (2) **splash** everywhere

The mountain was **splashed** with snow.

## globe

*n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

*synonym* : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

## 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.

## wipe

*v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

*synonym* : clean, brush, swab

(1) **Wipe** off dirt, (2) **wipe** with water

Please **wipe** your sweat with this towel.

## asteroid

*n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

*synonym* : minor planet, planetoid, rocky planetesimal

(1) **asteroid** mining, (2) **asteroid** explorer

Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the **asteroid** belt to understand the early solar system better.

## 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.

## jersey

*n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

*synonym* : shirt, sweater, top

(1) **jersey** material, (2) fabric of the **jersey**

I always wear my favorite basketball player's **jersey** to the games.

## damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

*synonym* : harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

## atmospheric

*adj.* about or located in the earth's atmosphere

*synonym* : atmospherical, climatic

(1) doubling of **atmospheric** carbon dioxide,

(2) **atmospheric** pressure

The sea surface temperature and **atmospheric** circulation are inextricably linked.

## crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

*synonym* : disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

## median

n. the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size

*synonym* : middle, center

(1) **median** age at diagnosis, (2) a **median** strip

**Median** annual income fell last year in this country.

## gigantic

*adj.* extremely large

*synonym* : huge, enormous, immense

(1) **gigantic** proportions, (2) **gigantic** monsters  
He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a **gigantic** appetite.

## desert

*n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

## icon

*n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

*synonym*: figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

## meteor

*n.* (commonly known as a shooting star) a small celestial body or particle that enters the Earth's atmosphere, often producing a bright streak of light as it burns up due to friction with the atmosphere

*synonym*: meteoroid, shooting star, comet

(1) **meteor** shower, (2) **meteor** impact

A bright **meteor** streaked across the night sky, captivating everyone who observed it.

## recreational

*adj.* relating to or for leisure or pleasure; done for enjoyment rather than work or duty

*synonym*: leisure, fun, entertaining

(1) a **recreational** center, (2) **recreational** drugs

I enjoy **recreational** activities such as hiking and swimming.

## roughly

*adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

*synonym*: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

## auditorium

*n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

*synonym*: hall, theater, amphitheater

(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex

The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

## tremendous

*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

*synonym*: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

## explode

*v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

*synonym*: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

## bomb

*n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

*synonym*: missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

## hefty

*adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance

*synonym*: weighty, substantial, sizeable

(1) **hefty** price, (2) **hefty** breakfast

The **hefty** box of books was too heavy to lift on my own.

## buffalo

*n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America

*synonym*: bison, ox, beefalo

(1) **buffalo** horn, (2) **buffalo** steak



The **buffalo** roam freely in the plains of North America.

## antelope

*n.* a large, swift-running, African or Asian mammal with horns and hooves, especially one of the gazelle family

*synonym*: gazelle, deer, buck

(1) long-horned **antelope**, (2) **antelope** hunt

The herd of **antelope** bounded across the plain, chased by a pack of wolves.

## devastation

*n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

*synonym*: destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

## fan

*n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

*synonym*: lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

## buster

*n.* a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken

*synonym*: breaker, destroyer, crusher

(1) crime- **buster**, (2) bug **buster**

The stress- **buster** meditation helped me relax and calm my nerves.

## dimension

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

*synonym*: extent, measurement, size

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

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

**rift** *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

*synonym* : split, break, gap

(1) **rift** between friends, (2) geological **rift**

Their disagreement caused a **rift** in their friendship.

**blast** *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

*synonym* : blow, burst, explosion

(1) a **blast** of wind, (2) an icy **blast**

The **blast** shattered the laboratory equipment.

**atmosphere** *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

*synonym* : air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

**shock** *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

*synonym* : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

**crumb** *n.* a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something

*synonym* : fragment, particle, bit

(1) **crumb** of information, (2) bread **crumb**

My dog found a **crumb** on the floor and quickly ate it.

**megaton** *n.* a unit of energy equivalent to one million tons of TNT

(1) **megaton** explosion, (2) **megaton** weapon

The power of a **megaton** bomb is equivalent to one million tons of TNT.

## ecology

*n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

## economy

*n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

*synonym*: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

## necessarily

*adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

*synonym*: inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

## panic

*n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

*synonym*: confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

## 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.

## scared

*adj.* afraid or frightened

*synonym* : frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

## threat

*n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

*synonym* : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

## giant

*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

*synonym* : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

## 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**.

## faint

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

*synonym* : slight, vague, soft

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

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

## row

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

*synonym* : line, sequence, layer

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

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

## devote

*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

*synonym* : commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

## 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.

## foundation

*n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

*synonym* : base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

## telescope

*n.* a device like a tube in shape containing lenses used to magnify and observe distant objects

(1) a binocular **telescope**, (2) look through a **telescope**

This facility has the largest astronomical **telescope** in the country.

## apocalyptic

*adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

*synonym* : fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones  
The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

## doomsday

*n.* the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event

*synonym* : Day of Judgment, Last Judgement

(1) **doomsday** scenario, (2) economic **doomsday**

This task is going to take me till **doomsday**.

## discovery

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

*synonym* : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

## stadium

*n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events

*synonym* : arena, field, park

(1) **stadium** seating, (2) **stadium** capacity

The baseball **stadium** was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.

## underneath

*adv.* under or below something else

*synonym* : below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

## satellite

*n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.

*synonym* : orbiter, asteroid, moon

(1) a GPS **satellite**, (2) a meteorological **satellite**  
Launching an artificial **satellite** contributed to the technological development of our country.

## gravity

*n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

*synonym*: heaviness, attraction, weight

(1) the attraction of **gravity**, (2) preserve my **gravity**

The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of **gravity**.

## orbit

*n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels

*synonym*: path, course, trajectory

(1) the **orbit** of the moon, (2) a planetary **orbit**

The rocket engine is used to put the satellite into **orbit**.

## kidney

*n.* either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine

(1) an artificial **kidney**, (2) chronic **kidney** disease

The surgeon removed the healthy **kidney** from the donor.

## 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.

## odds

*n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

*synonym*: chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

## blowing

*n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

*synonym* : favor, benediction, boon

(1) count your **blowings**, (2) bestowed **blowings**

Receiving support from his friends was a great **blowing** in his time of need.

## disguise

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

*synonym* : mask, misinterpret, cloak

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

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

## launch

*v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

*synonym* : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

## probe

*n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

*synonym* : investigation, inquiry, examination

(1) a lunar **probe**, (2) **probe** for inside information

NASA sent a **probe** to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

## nucleus

*n.* the central and most important part of something; (biology) a part of the cell containing DNA and RNA and responsible for growth and reproduction; (physics) the very dense central region of an atom

*synonym* : core, heart, middle

(1) form a **nucleus**, (2) the **nucleus** of a team



DNA is stored in the **nucleus** of a cell.

## comet

*n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun

*synonym*: meteor, asteroid, meteoroid

(1) the surface of the **comet**, (2) **comet** Halley

The **comet's** bright tail could be seen in the night sky.

## boom

*n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

*synonym*: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

## tolerance

*n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant

*synonym*: acceptance, patience, forbearance

(1) religious **tolerance**, (2) **tolerance** for risk

The school's diversity program aimed to promote **tolerance** and understanding among the students.

## ham-fisted

*adj.* describing a person's actions or movements that are clumsy, awkward, or lacking finesse or skill; describing someone who is tactless or heavy-handed in their approach

*synonym*: clumsy, awkward, inept

(1) **ham-fisted** performance, (2) **ham-fisted** joke

His **ham-fisted** attempt at fixing the computer only made things worse.

## 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.

## macho

*adj.* characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive

*synonym* : masculine, aggressive, virile

(1) **macho** culture, (2) maintain a **macho** image

His **macho** posturing was just a cover for his insecurities and lack of confidence.

## velvet

*n.* plush, smooth fabric with a short pile on one side, typically made of silk, cotton, or a synthetic material

*synonym* : fabric, plush

(1) **velvet** couch, (2) **velvet** dress

The **velvet** curtains added a touch of elegance to the room.

## glove

*n.* a piece of clothing worn on the hand and wrist for protection against cold, dirt, etc., with separate parts for each finger

*synonym* : mitt

(1) a right-hand **glove**, (2) 5-finger **glove**

She was wearing a black **glove**.

## engineer

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

*synonym* : architect, creator, builder

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

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

## astronaut

*n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

*synonym* : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

## 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.

## rusty

*adj.* covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect

*synonym* : corroded, oxidized, weathered

(1) **rusty** metal, (2) **rusty** nail

The **rusty** gate creaked loudly as it opened.

## institute

*n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

*synonym* : academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

## walnut

*n.* a nut of a tall deciduous tree, commonly eaten as a snack or used in baking; the wood of this tree, used for furniture and other applications

*synonym* : pecan, hazelnut, almond

(1) **walnut** oil, (2) **walnut** tree

I love adding **walnuts** to my oatmeal in the morning for an extra crunch.

## astronomer

*n.* a physicist who studies astronomy

*synonym* : stargazer, cosmologist, astrophysicist

(1) amateur **astronomer**, (2) solar **astronomer**

This question has fascinated solar **astronomers** for decades.

## weigh

*v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

*synonym* : consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

## tumble

*v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

*synonym* : fall, stumble, plummet

(1) **tumble** down the hill, (2) confidence **tumbles** as unemployment rates rose

The value of the currency **tumbled** against major international currencies.

## 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.

## rocket

*n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

*synonym* : projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

## plume

*n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

*synonym* : feather, honor, token

(1) **plume** of smoke, (2) **plume** of feathers

The bird had a beautiful **plume** on its head.

## gentle

*adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

*synonym* : mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

## finesse

*n.* skillful handling of a situation or problem with diplomacy, tact, or grace; subtle, artful maneuvering; refinement or delicacy in performance or execution; (verb) to handle a situation or problem with sensitivity, tact, and diplomacy

*synonym*: skill, dexterity, refinement

(1) creative **finesse**, (2) **finesse** a shot in golf

He displays great **finesse** when playing the guitar.

## chemical

*adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;

*synonym*: chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

## thrust

*v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing

*synonym*: push, shove, prod

(1) **thrust** a dagger home, (2) **thrust** a plate away

The engine **thrust** the rocket into space.

## 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**.

## ion

*n.* an atom or molecule that has a positive or negative electrical charge caused by its losing or gained one or more electrons

(1) **ion** channel, (2) rechargeable lithium- **ion** battery

The increased concentrat **ion** of hydrogen ions in an aqueous solution makes it more acidic.

## engine

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

*synonym* : motor, locomotive, driver

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

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

## 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.

## trek

*n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot

*synonym* : journey, expedition, hike

(1) horseback **trek**, (2) **trek** expedition

He was preparing for a long **trek** through the mountains.

## 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.

## 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.

## sophisticated

*adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

*synonym* : refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle  
Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

## **enterprise**

*n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

*synonym*: business, company, industry

(1) undertake an **enterprise**, (2) his business **enterprise**

A growing **enterprise** requires a bold leader.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. fabric of the je\_\_\_y  
*n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
2. ham\_\_\_\_\_ed joke  
*adj.* describing a person's actions or movements that are clumsy, awkward, or lacking finesse or skill; describing someone who is tactless or heavy-handed in their approach
3. i\_\_n for young people  
*n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
4. me\_\_\_n age at diagnosis  
*n.* the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size
5. re\_\_\_\_\_e a prisoner  
*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
6. ham\_\_\_\_\_ed performance  
*adj.* describing a person's actions or movements that are clumsy, awkward, or lacking finesse or skill; describing someone who is tactless or heavy-handed in their approach
7. pr\_\_e for inside information  
*n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

ANSWERS: 1. jersey, 2. ham-fisted, 3. icon, 4. median, 5. release, 6. ham-fisted, 7. probe



8. chronic ki\_\_\_y disease *n.* either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine
9. pl\_\_\_e of smoke *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
10. the Arab pe\_\_\_\_\_la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
11. bestowed bl\_\_\_\_\_ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
12. ex\_\_\_\_\_te soil *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
13. religious to\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
14. the in\_\_\_\_\_on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
15. la\_\_\_h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
16. unb\_\_\_\_\_ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

ANSWERS: 8. kidney, 9. plume, 10. peninsula, 11. blessing, 12. excavate, 13. tolerance, 14. invention, 15. launch, 16. unbelievable

17. a pa\_\_c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
18. 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
19. re\_\_\_\_\_e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
20. hunting ri\_\_e *n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
21. ro\_\_\_\_\_y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
22. gi\_\_\_\_\_ic proportions *adj.* extremely large
23. nec\_\_\_\_\_ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
24. st\_\_\_\_\_m capacity *n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
25. he\_\_y breakfast *adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance
26. single l\_\_p sum *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
27. g\_\_f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

ANSWERS: 17. panic, 18. planet, 19. release, 20. rifle, 21. roughly, 22. gigantic, 23. necessarily, 24. stadium, 25. hefty, 26. lump, 27. gulf

28. common in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
29. la\_\_\_h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
30. an artificial ki\_\_\_y *n.* either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine
31. g\_\_f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
32. a convivial atm\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
33. 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
34. 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
35. 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
36. a steam en\_\_\_e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

ANSWERS: 28. invention, 29. launch, 30. kidney, 31. gulf, 32. atmosphere, 33. refer, 34. basis, 35. mass, 36. engine

37. the great di\_\_\_\_\_ry of the century      *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
38. r\_\_t between friends      *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
39. ec\_\_\_\_\_y class      *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
40. a planetary or\_\_t      *n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels
41. dev\_\_\_\_\_on to life      *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
42. the surface of the co\_\_t      *n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
43. open-air aud\_\_\_\_\_um      *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
44. cr\_\_\_r lake      *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

ANSWERS: 37. discovery, 38. rift, 39. economy, 40. orbit, 41. devastation, 42. comet, 43. auditorium, 44. crater

45. an air-cooled en\_\_\_e      *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
46. pa\_\_c buying      *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
47. terrestrial gl\_\_e      *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
48. wa\_\_\_t tree      *n.* a nut of a tall deciduous tree, commonly eaten as a snack or used in baking; the wood of this tree, used for furniture and other applications
49. tre\_\_\_\_\_us popularity      *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
50. und\_\_\_\_\_th the laughter      *adv.* under or below something else
51. ru\_\_y nail      *adj.* covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect
52. do\_\_\_\_\_ay scenario      *n.* the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event
53. a film f\_n      *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

ANSWERS: 45. engine, 46. panic, 47. globe, 48. walnut, 49. tremendous, 50. underneath, 51. rusty, 52. doomsday, 53. fan

54. new di\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
55. at p\_\_k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
56. cr\_\_\_\_\_e to dust *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
57. ru\_\_y metal *adj.* covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect
58. science of ec\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
59. a r\_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
60. fi\_\_\_\_\_e a shot in golf *n.* skillful handling of a situation or problem with diplomacy, tact, or grace; subtle, artful maneuvering; refinement or delicacy in performance or execution; (verb) to handle a situation or problem with sensitivity, tact, and diplomacy
61. b\_\_m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

ANSWERS: 54. dimension, 55. peak, 56. crumble, 57. rusty, 58. ecology, 59. row, 60. finesse, 61. boom

62. lunar cr\_\_\_r *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
63. rec\_\_\_\_\_nal drugs *adj.* relating to or for leisure or pleasure; done for enjoyment rather than work or duty
64. en\_\_\_us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
65. co\_\_t Halley *n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
66. re\_\_\_\_\_ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
67. st\_\_\_\_\_m seating *n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
68. fou\_\_\_\_\_on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
69. television i\_\_n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

ANSWERS: 62. crater, 63. recreational, 64. enormous, 65. comet, 66. recognize, 67. stadium, 68. foundation, 69. icon

70. ro\_\_\_\_y explain my idea      *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
71. s\_\_m the door      *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
72. cr\_\_b of information      *n.* a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something
73. began to cr\_\_\_\_e under financial pressure      *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
74. s\_\_m the book against a wall      *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
75. a binocular te\_\_\_\_pe      *n.* a device like a tube in shape containing lenses used to magnify and observe distant objects
76. re\_\_\_\_ze talent      *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
77. the tip of the pe\_\_\_\_la      *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
78. ex\_\_\_\_e in popularity      *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
79. rechargeable lithium-i\_n battery      *n.* an atom or molecule that has a positive or negative electrical charge caused by its losing or gained one or more electrons

ANSWERS: 70. roughly, 71. slam, 72. crumb, 73. crumble, 74. slam, 75. telescope, 76. recognize, 77. peninsula, 78. explode, 79. ion



80. 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
81. di\_\_\_\_se his voice      *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
82. i\_n channel      *n.* an atom or molecule that has a positive or negative electrical charge caused by its losing or gained one or more electrons
83. sta\_\_\_\_cs for cancer      *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
84. ve\_\_t couch      *n.* plush, smooth fabric with a short pile on one side, typically made of silk, cotton, or a synthetic material
85. gi\_\_t tech company      *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
86. a rec\_\_\_\_nal center      *adj.* relating to or for leisure or pleasure; done for enjoyment rather than work or duty
87. ex\_\_\_\_e in anger      *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
88. sc\_\_d dog      *adj.* afraid or frightened
89. bu\_\_\_\_o horn      *n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America
90. crime-bu\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken

ANSWERS: 80. mass, 81. disguise, 82. ion, 83. statistics, 84. velvet, 85. giant, 86. recreational, 87. explode, 88. scared, 89. buffalo, 90. buster

91. maintain a ma\_\_o image *adj.* characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive
92. long-horned an\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a large, swift-running, African or Asian mammal with horns and hooves, especially one of the gazelle family
93. criminal on death r\_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
94. economic th\_\_\_\_t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
95. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
96. an icy bl\_\_t *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
97. atomic b\_\_bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
98. bu\_\_\_\_t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
99. cause unb\_\_\_\_ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
100. a meteorological sa\_\_\_\_te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.

ANSWERS: 91. macho, 92. antelope, 93. row, 94. threat, 95. numb, 96. blast, 97. bomb, 98. bullet, 99. unbelievable, 100. satellite

101. a right-hand gl\_\_e                    *n.* a piece of clothing worn on the hand and wrist for protection against cold, dirt, etc., with separate parts for each finger
102. atm\_\_\_\_\_ic pressure            *adj.* about or located in the earth's atmosphere
103. tre\_\_\_\_\_us amount                *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
104. a bl\_\_t of wind                        *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
105. disarm the b\_\_b                        *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
106. th\_\_\_t a plate away                    *v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing
107. bug bu\_\_\_r                                *n.* a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken
108. me\_\_\_\_\_n explosion                *n.* a unit of energy equivalent to one million tons of TNT
109. a scientific di\_\_\_\_\_ry                *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
110. horseback t\_\_k                         *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
111. 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

ANSWERS: 101. glove, 102. atmospheric, 103. tremendous, 104. blast, 105. bomb, 106. thrust, 107. buster, 108. megaton, 109. discovery, 110. trek, 111. alien

112. de\_\_\_t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
113. hulking di\_\_\_\_ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
114. me\_\_\_\_n weapon *n.* a unit of energy equivalent to one million tons of TNT
115. his business ent\_\_\_\_se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
116. v\_\_t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
117. a te\_\_\_\_ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
118. have apo\_\_\_\_ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
119. death from sh\_\_k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
120. doubling of atm\_\_\_\_ic carbon dioxide *adj.* about or located in the earth's atmosphere
121. de\_\_\_e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
122. he\_\_y price *adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance

ANSWERS: 112. desert, 113. dinosaur, 114. megaton, 115. enterprise, 116. vast, 117. technique, 118. apocalyptic, 119. shock, 120. atmospheric, 121. devote, 122. hefty

123. engine cooling f\_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
124. en\_\_\_\_us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
125. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
126. th\_\_\_t a dagger home *v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing
127. o\_\_s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
128. 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
129. to\_\_\_\_\_ce for risk *n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
130. confidence tu\_\_\_es as unemployment rates rose *v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
131. the ec\_\_\_\_\_y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
132. around the gl\_\_e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
133. apo\_\_\_\_\_ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

ANSWERS: 123. fan, 124. enormous, 125. statistics, 126. thrust, 127. odds, 128. refer, 129. tolerance, 130. tumble, 131. ecology, 132. globe, 133. apocalyptic

134. de\_\_\_e all of my energies      *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
135. oasis in the de\_\_\_t      *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
136. the te\_\_\_\_\_ue applied to construction      *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
137. ma\_\_o culture      *adj.* characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive
138. as\_\_\_\_\_ut in training      *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
139. 5-finger gl\_\_e      *n.* a piece of clothing worn on the hand and wrist for protection against cold, dirt, etc., with separate parts for each finger
140. ex\_\_\_\_\_te a deep hole      *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
141. a civil en\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
142. bread cr\_\_b      *n.* a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something
143. an\_\_\_\_\_pe hunt      *n.* a large, swift-running, African or Asian mammal with horns and hooves, especially one of the gazelle family

ANSWERS: 134. devote, 135. desert, 136. technique, 137. macho, 138. astronaut, 139. glove, 140. excavate, 141. engineer, 142. crumb, 143. antelope

144. a GPS sa\_\_\_\_\_te  
*n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
145. as\_\_\_\_\_id explorer  
*n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
146. sc\_\_\_\_d all the time  
*adj.* afraid or frightened
147. look through a te\_\_\_\_\_pe  
*n.* a device like a tube in shape containing lenses used to magnify and observe distant objects
148. fa\_\_t aroma of roses  
*adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak
149. we\_\_h heavily on stock prices  
*v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
150. economic do\_\_\_\_\_ay  
*n.* the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event
151. tu\_\_\_\_e down the hill  
*v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
152. di\_\_\_\_\_ur fossil  
*n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
153. a me\_\_\_\_n strip  
*n.* the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size

ANSWERS: 144. satellite, 145. asteroid, 146. scared, 147. telescope, 148. faint, 149. weigh, 150. doomsday, 151. tumble, 152. dinosaur, 153. median

154. preserve my gr\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
155. undertake an ent\_\_\_\_\_se      *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
156. bu\_\_\_t wound      *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
157. the or\_\_t of the moon      *n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels
158. the crosswise di\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
159. o\_\_s of business      *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
160. a n\_\_b mind      *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
161. count your bl\_\_\_\_\_ngs      *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
162. sp\_\_\_h everywhere      *v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
163. in a ge\_\_\_e voice      *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

ANSWERS: 154. gravity, 155. enterprise, 156. bullet, 157. orbit, 158. dimension, 159. odds, 160. numb, 161. blessing, 162. splash, 163. gentle



164. not nec\_\_\_\_\_ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
165. a sop\_\_\_\_\_ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
166. financial dev\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
167. sp\_\_\_h water *v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
168. lava bo\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
169. w\_\_e with water *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
170. 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
171. bu\_\_\_\_\_o steak *n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America
172. 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
173. me\_\_\_r impact *n.* (commonly known as a shooting star) a small celestial body or particle that enters the Earth's atmosphere, often producing a bright streak of light as it burns up due to friction with the atmosphere

ANSWERS: 164. necessarily, 165. sophisticated, 166. devastation, 167. splash, 168. boulder, 169. wipe, 170. alien, 171. buffalo, 172. basis, 173. meteor

174. da\_\_\_e assessment      *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
175. sh\_\_k-resistant      *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
176. past mil\_\_\_\_\_um      *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
177. bo\_\_\_\_\_r field      *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
178. as\_\_\_\_\_ut mission      *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
179. aud\_\_\_\_\_um annex      *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
180. weak fou\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
181. a seafaring na\_\_\_n      *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 174. damage, 175. shock, 176. millennium, 177. boulder, 178. astronaut, 179. auditorium, 180. foundation, 181. nation

182. a lunar pr\_\_e *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
183. ri\_\_e barrel *n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
184. solar ast\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
185. mil\_\_\_\_\_um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
186. di\_\_\_\_\_se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
187. l\_\_p in the throat *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
188. a sonic b\_\_m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
189. we\_\_h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
190. get inc\_\_\_\_\_ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
191. t\_\_k expedition *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
192. environmental th\_\_\_\_t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 182. probe, 183. rifle, 184. astronomer, 185. millennium, 186. disguise, 187. lump, 188. boom, 189. weigh, 190. incredibly, 191. trek, 192. threat

193. the p\_\_k current in the circuit      *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
194. gi\_\_t trees      *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
195. da\_\_\_e a relationship      *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
196. W\_\_e off dirt      *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
197. ro\_\_\_t fuel      *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
198. a sc\_\_p of ice cream      *n.* a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else
199. toxic ch\_\_\_\_\_als      *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
200. ge\_\_\_e downward slope      *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
201. fa\_\_t memory      *adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak

ANSWERS: 193. peak, 194. giant, 195. damage, 196. wipe, 197. rocket, 198. scoop, 199. chemical, 200. gentle, 201. faint

202. ro\_\_\_t attack against the enemy      *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
203. form a nu\_\_\_\_s      *n.* the central and most important part of something; (biology) a part of the cell containing DNA and RNA and responsible for growth and reproduction; (physics) the very dense central region of an atom
204. a\_t cabin      *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
205. je\_\_\_y material      *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
206. me\_\_\_r shower      *n.* (commonly known as a shooting star) a small celestial body or particle that enters the Earth's atmosphere, often producing a bright streak of light as it burns up due to friction with the atmosphere
207. v\_\_t majority      *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
208. the nu\_\_\_\_s of a team      *n.* the central and most important part of something; (biology) a part of the cell containing DNA and RNA and responsible for growth and reproduction; (physics) the very dense central region of an atom
209. carbon dioxide in the atm\_\_\_\_\_re      *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

ANSWERS: 202. rocket, 203. nucleus, 204. aft, 205. jersey, 206. meteor, 207. vast, 208. nucleus, 209. atmosphere

210. a ch\_\_k of money      *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
211. 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
212. sc\_\_p of news      *n.* a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else
213. pl\_\_e of feathers      *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
214. creative fi\_\_\_\_e      *n.* skillful handling of a situation or problem with diplomacy, tact, or grace; subtle, artful maneuvering; refinement or delicacy in performance or execution; (verb) to handle a situation or problem with sensitivity, tact, and diplomacy
215. sop\_\_\_\_\_ted look      *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
216. nu\_\_\_\_r fusion      *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
217. wa\_\_\_t oil      *n.* a nut of a tall deciduous tree, commonly eaten as a snack or used in baking; the wood of this tree, used for furniture and other applications

ANSWERS: 210. chunk, 211. planet, 212. scoop, 213. plume, 214. finesse, 215. sophisticated, 216. nuclear, 217. walnut

218. use of nu\_\_\_\_r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
219. geological r\_\_t *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
220. ec\_\_\_\_y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
221. gi\_\_\_\_ic monsters *adj.* extremely large
222. amateur ast\_\_\_\_er *n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
223. inc\_\_\_\_ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
224. und\_\_\_\_th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
225. a ch\_\_\_\_al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
226. a\_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
227. a tiny ch\_\_k of meat *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
228. as\_\_\_\_id mining *n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

ANSWERS: 218. nuclear, 219. rift, 220. economy, 221. gigantic, 222. astronomer, 223. incredibly, 224. underneath, 225. chemical, 226. aft, 227. chunk, 228. asteroid

229. en\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
230. na\_\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
231. in\_\_\_\_te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
232. research in\_\_\_\_tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
233. ve\_\_\_\_t dress *n.* plush, smooth fabric with a short pile on one side, typically made of silk, cotton, or a synthetic material
234. the attraction of gr\_\_\_\_y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

ANSWERS: 229. engineer, 230. nation, 231. institute, 232. institute, 233. velvet, 234. gravity



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ time yesterday.  
*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
2. 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
3. The animal rights group worked to \_\_\_\_\_ the dolphins back into the wild.  
*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ curtains added a touch of elegance to the room.  
*n.* plush, smooth fabric with a short pile on one side, typically made of silk, cotton, or a synthetic material
5. The \_\_\_\_ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.  
*n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
6. Several cities are experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ high unemployment rates.  
*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
7. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ of insects.  
*adj.* afraid or frightened
8. The sea surface temperature and \_\_\_\_\_ circulation are inextricably linked.  
*adj.* about or located in the earth's atmosphere

ANSWERS: 1. tremendous, 2. aft, 3. release, 4. velvet, 5. Gulf, 6. incredibly, 7. scared, 8. atmospheric

9. This region has many \_\_\_\_\_ offering higher education.  
*n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
10. Their disagreement caused a \_\_\_\_\_ in their friendship.  
*n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
11. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
12. This accident was something that happened \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
13. She heard a \_\_\_\_\_ nearly invisible scream.  
*adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak
14. I always wear my favorite basketball player's \_\_\_\_\_ to the games.  
*n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
15. Launching an artificial \_\_\_\_\_ contributed to the technological development of our country.  
*n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
16. The firm has grown into a large \_\_\_\_\_ manufacturing.  
*adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;

ANSWERS: 9. institutes, 10. rift, 11. discovery, 12. necessarily, 13. faint, 14. jersey, 15. satellite, 16. chemical

17. The mountain was \_\_\_\_\_ with snow.
- v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
18. Some comic book characters are considered gay \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
19. 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
20. The baseball \_\_\_\_\_ was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.
- n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
21. This question has fascinated solar \_\_\_\_\_ for decades.
- n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
22. Jockey's superior \_\_\_\_\_ brought him victory.
- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
23. The surgeon removed the healthy \_\_\_\_\_ from the donor.
- n.* either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine
24. The hikers had to climb over a \_\_\_\_\_ that was blocking their path.
- n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

ANSWERS: 17. splashed, 18. icons, 19. nation, 20. stadium, 21. astronomers, 22. technique, 23. kidney, 24. boulder

25. \_\_\_\_\_ annual income fell last year in this country.
- n.* the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
27. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused \_\_\_\_\_ in the financial markets.
- n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
28. 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
29. The rocket engine is used to put the satellite into \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels
30. What are the \_\_\_\_\_ that he will survive?
- n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
31. The bird had a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ on its head.
- n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

ANSWERS: 25. Median, 26. economy, 27. panic, 28. refer, 29. orbit, 30. odds, 31. plume

32. That \_\_\_\_\_ was an essential base for the country's defense.
- n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
33. A \_\_\_\_\_ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
34. Overall \_\_\_\_\_ are approximately 400x200mm.
- n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
35. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
36. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to \_\_\_\_\_ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
37. My dog found a \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor and quickly ate it.
- n.* a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something
38. The company is set to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product line next month.
- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 32. peninsula, 33. vast, 34. dimensions, 35. recognize, 36. damage, 37. crumb, 38. launch

39. The penny fell \_\_\_\_\_ the piano.

*adv.* under or below something else

40. A bright \_\_\_\_\_ streaked across the night sky, captivating everyone who observed it.

*n.* (commonly known as a shooting star) a small celestial body or particle that enters the Earth's atmosphere, often producing a bright streak of light as it burns up due to friction with the atmosphere

41. His \_\_\_\_\_ posturing was just a cover for his insecurities and lack of confidence.

*adj.* characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive

42. The policies he announces can be the \_\_\_\_\_ of economic growth in the country.

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

43. \_\_\_\_\_ 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

44. His final goal is to sail around the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

45. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a \_\_\_\_\_ appetite.

*adj.* extremely large

46. An enormous \_\_\_\_\_ marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

*n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

ANSWERS: 39. underneath, 40. meteor, 41. macho, 42. engine, 43. Alien, 44. globe, 45. gigantic, 46. crater

47. He got an electric \_\_\_\_\_ at work.

- n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

48. The high-technology industry is enjoying a \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

49. The increased concentrat\_\_\_\_ of hydrogen ions in an aqueous solution makes it more acidic.

- n.* an atom or molecule that has a positive or negative electrical charge caused by its losing or gained one or more electrons

50. The use of cluster \_\_\_\_\_ is strictly prohibited by international law.

- n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

51. The discovery of a new \_\_\_\_\_ species made headlines in the scientific community.

- n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

52. The \_\_\_\_\_ seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

- n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

53. The police discovered a \_\_\_\_\_ case in the suspect's car during their investigation.

- n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy

ANSWERS: 47. shock, 48. boom, 49. ion, 50. bombs, 51. dinosaur, 52. auditorium, 53. rifle

54. The \_\_\_\_\_ launch platform is visible from this hill.
- n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
55. The \_\_\_\_\_ bright tail could be seen in the night sky.
- n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
56. 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
57. Receiving support from his friends was a great \_\_\_\_\_ in his time of need.
- n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
58. I love adding \_\_\_\_\_ to my oatmeal in the morning for an extra crunch.
- n.* a nut of a tall deciduous tree, commonly eaten as a snack or used in baking; the wood of this tree, used for furniture and other applications
59. She was wearing a black \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a piece of clothing worn on the hand and wrist for protection against cold, dirt, etc., with separate parts for each finger
60. Later it turned out that the politician \_\_\_\_\_ the fact from the public.
- v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
61. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at \_\_\_\_\_ periods.
- n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

ANSWERS: 54. rocket, 55. comet's, 56. slammed, 57. blessing, 58. walnuts, 59. glove, 60. disguised, 61. peak



62. The \_\_\_\_\_ roam freely in the plains of North America.

*n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America

63. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

64. The new start-up company carved out a large \_\_\_\_\_ of the market within a year.

*n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something

65. Five miles is \_\_\_\_\_ similar to eight kilometers.

*adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

66. 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

67. The stray \_\_\_\_\_ went through the window and hit the wall.

*n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

68. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ 1 pound 3 oz.

*v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

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

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

70. This task is going to take me till \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event

ANSWERS: 62. buffalo, 63. numb, 64. chunk, 65. roughly, 66. mass, 67. bullet, 68. weighs, 69. engineer, 70. doomsday

71. He drinks an \_\_\_\_\_ amount of beer.

*adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

72. The engine \_\_\_\_\_ the rocket into space.

*v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing

73. The shuttle \_\_\_\_\_ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

*n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

74. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

75. This region is predominantly \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

76. Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the \_\_\_\_\_ belt to understand the early solar system better.

*n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

77. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of \_\_\_\_\_ weapons.

*adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

78. The \_\_\_\_\_ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

*n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 71. unbelievable, 72. thrust, 73. astronaut, 74. statistics, 75. desert, 76. asteroid, 77. nuclear, 78. threat

79. He was preparing for a long \_\_\_\_\_ through the mountains.

*n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot

80. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front \_\_\_\_\_.

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

81. The archaeologists \_\_\_\_\_ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

*v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

82. I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ activities such as hiking and swimming.

*adj.* relating to or for leisure or pleasure; done for enjoyment rather than work or duty

83. The school's diversity program aimed to promote \_\_\_\_\_ and understanding among the students.

*n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant

84. He displays great \_\_\_\_\_ when playing the guitar.

*n.* skillful handling of a situation or problem with diplomacy, tact, or grace; subtle, artful maneuvering; refinement or delicacy in performance or execution; (verb) to handle a situation or problem with sensitivity, tact, and diplomacy

85. The \_\_\_\_\_ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

*adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

ANSWERS: 79. trek, 80. row, 81. excavated, 82. recreational, 83. tolerance, 84. finesse, 85. apocalyptic

86. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
87. The power of a \_\_\_\_\_ bomb is equivalent to one million tons of TNT.
- n.* a unit of energy equivalent to one million tons of TNT
88. His \_\_\_\_\_ attempt at fixing the computer only made things worse.
- adj.* describing a person's actions or movements that are clumsy, awkward, or lacking finesse or skill; describing someone who is tactless or heavy-handed in their approach
89. I'm a big \_\_\_ of French food.
- n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
90. The stress-\_\_\_\_\_ meditation helped me relax and calm my nerves.
- n.* a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken
91. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
92. The \_\_\_\_\_ box of books was too heavy to lift on my own.
- adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance
93. Our world is in the third \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

ANSWERS: 86. atmosphere, 87. megaton, 88. ham-fisted, 89. fan, 90. buster, 91. invention, 92. hefty, 93. millennium

94. 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
95. The value of the currency \_\_\_\_\_ against major international currencies.
- v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
96. Marketing strategies are growing more \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
97. The economic recession caused \_\_\_\_\_ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.
- n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
98. The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
99. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ for sustainable development.
- n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
100. The company's marketing team worked hard to get the \_\_\_\_\_ on what their target audience wanted.
- n.* a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else

ANSWERS: 94. basis, 95. tumbled, 96. sophisticated, 97. devastation, 98. gravity, 99. ecology, 100. scoop

101. The old building \_\_\_\_\_ in a fiery inferno.

- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

102. A growing \_\_\_\_\_ requires a bold leader.

- n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

103. The \_\_\_\_\_ shattered the laboratory equipment.

- n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

104. NASA sent a \_\_\_\_\_ to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

- n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

105. The \_\_\_\_\_ gate creaked loudly as it opened.

- adj.* covered with rust (= a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer); deteriorated or corroded due to lack of use or exposure to the elements; affected by disuse or neglect

106. 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

107. The herd of \_\_\_\_\_ bounded across the plain, chased by a pack of wolves.

- n.* a large, swift-running, African or Asian mammal with horns and hooves, especially one of the gazelle family

ANSWERS: 101. exploded, 102. enterprise, 103. blast, 104. probe, 105. rusty, 106. planet, 107. antelope

108. The \_\_\_\_\_ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

109. There is a small \_\_\_\_\_ on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.

*n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough

110. Please \_\_\_\_\_ your sweat with this towel.

*v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

111. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

*n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

112. This facility has the largest astronomical \_\_\_\_\_ in the country.

*n.* a device like a tube in shape containing lenses used to magnify and observe distant objects

113. Shakespeare's output of poetry was \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* extremely large or great

114. DNA is stored in the \_\_\_\_\_ of a cell.

*n.* the central and most important part of something; (biology) a part of the cell containing DNA and RNA and responsible for growth and reproduction; (physics) the very dense central region of an atom

115. The old building was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

*v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

ANSWERS: 108. giant, 109. lump, 110. wipe, 111. foundation, 112. telescope, 113. enormous, 114. nucleus, 115. crumble

116. Her \_\_\_\_\_ manner relaxed everyone there.

*adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

117. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 116. gentle, 117. devoted