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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### essentially

*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything  
*synonym* : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

**Essentially**, a society is an organism.

### drag

*v.* to pull or haul with force

*synonym* : haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

### sledge

*n.* a large, heavy vehicle with runners used on snow or ice to transport goods or people; a heavy hammer with a long handle used for shattering rock or concrete

*synonym* : sled, toboggan, maul

(1) **sledge** hockey, (2) **sledge** dog

The athlete pushed the heavy **sledge** as part of her training regime.

### flummox

*v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised

*synonym* : baffle, confuse, perplex

(1) **flummox** user, (2) **flummox** the audience

The complex puzzle game **flummoxed** me for hours, but I finally solved it.

## intellect

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym*: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## philosophy

*n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

*synonym*: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

## constant

*adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

*synonym*: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

**Constant** dropping wears away the stone.

## replace

*v.* to take the place of something

*synonym*: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

## achieve

*v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

*synonym*: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

## 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.

## participate

*v.* to take part in something

*synonym*: take part, partake, enter

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

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

## virtually

*adv.* almost completely

*synonym*: almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical

**Virtually** all the parties signed the contract.

## introduction

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

*synonym*: initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

## polar

*adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

*synonym*: opposing, contrary, contrasting

(1) **polar** bears, (2) **polar** regions

**Polar** animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

## progressive

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

*synonym*: advanced, forward-thinking, modern

(1) **progressive** taxation, (2) **progressive** development

The **progressive** approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

## arctic

*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

*synonym*: cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

## doer

*n.* a person who performs or carries out an action or task; a person who is proactive or productive

*synonym*: actor, performer, achiever

(1) **doer** of good, (2) can- **doer**

If you want to succeed in life, you need to be a **doer**, not just a dreamer.

## spectator

*n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

*synonym*: onlooker, observer, viewer

(1) mass **spectator** sport, (2) **spectator** seat

She enjoyed watching the game as a **spectator**.

## contemplate

*v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

*synonym*: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

## dichotomy

*n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts

*synonym*: division, duality, contrast

(1) moral **dichotomy**, (2) psychological **dichotomy**

The **dichotomy** between good and evil is common in literature and philosophy.

- 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.
- pithy** *adj.* concise and forcefully expressive, especially in language or style  
*synonym*: concise, terse, succinct  
(1) **pithy** saying, (2) **pithy** epigram  
The politician's **pithy** speech was impactful and had lasting effects.
- creditor** *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money  
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**  
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
- chap** *n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind  
*synonym*: fellow, guy, crack  
(1) **chap** stick, (2) nice **chap**  
He suffered a painful **chap** on his hand after working with chemicals.
- rakish** *adj.* having a dashing or stylish appearance or manner, often suggesting a sense of charm and confidence in a slightly unconventional or daring way  
*synonym*: dashing, debonair, stylish  
(1) **rakish** elegance, (2) **rakish** hairstyle  
He had a **rakish** charm that made him quite popular with the ladies.

**lee**

*n.* the side or part that is sheltered or facing away from the wind or the direction from which the wind is blowing; a position or location protected from the full force or effects of something, particularly the wind

*synonym* : shelter, refuge, hideout

(1) a natural **lee**, (2) the **lee** of the building

The hiker found a calm spot in the **lee** of the mountain to set up camp.

**disappear**

*v.* to cease to exist or be visible

*synonym* : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

**summit**

*n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues

*synonym* : peak, top, crest

(1) reach the **summit**, (2) **summit** talks

The climbers reached the mountain's **summit** after a long and challenging journey.

**mystery**

*n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

*synonym* : enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

**phrase**

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

*synonym* : expression, idiom, term

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

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

## slight

*adj.* very small in degree or amount

*synonym* : feeble, nuanced, subtle

(1) feel a **slight** concern, (2) **slight** increase

We made **slight** modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

## prospect

*n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

*synonym* : hope, possibility, expectation

(1) **prospect** for gold, (2) job **prospects**

The **prospect** of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

## whatsoever

*adv.* not at all; no matter what

*synonym* : in any way, at all, in any respect

(1) **whatsoever** it be, (2) without impact **whatsoever**

He refused to do anything **whatsoever** to help her.

## altitude

*n.* the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level

*synonym* : height, elevation, tallness

(1) the meridian **altitude**, (2) low **altitude**

The plane flew at a high **altitude** to avoid turbulence.

## medical

*adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

*synonym* : health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

## observation

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

*synonym* : watching, notice, reflection

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

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

## aviation

*n.* the activity or process of designing, building, flying, and maintaining aircraft

*synonym*: flying, flight, aeronautics

(1) global **aviation** industry, (2) civil **aviation**

The **aviation** expert analyzed the fluid around the aircraft.

## gem

*n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing

*synonym*: jewel, precious stone, diamond

(1) **gem** collection, (2) hidden **gem**

The enga **gement** ring was a precious gem passed down through generations of her family.

## coal

*n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

*synonym*: ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants

We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

## crop

*n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

*synonym*: output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

## struggle

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

*synonym*: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

## upward

*adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

*synonym* : skyward, uphill

(1) look **upward**, (2) demonstrate an **upward** trend

The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

## adventure

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

*synonym* : experience, happening, incident

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

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

## argument

*n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

*synonym* : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

## embark

*v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

*synonym* : enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

## grand

*adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

*synonym* : impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

## tally

*n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers

*synonym* : count, record, score

(1) keep a **tally**, (2) **tally** sheet

Let's keep a **tally** of the votes to see who won the election.

## neat

*adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place

*synonym* : tidy, uncluttered, refined

(1) a **neat** piece of work, (2) **neat** idea

She has **neat** habits.

## solo

*adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone

*synonym* : alone

(1) a **solo** vocal recital, (2) a **solo** flight

I would love to **solo** camping someday.

## unsupported

*adj.* not given financial or other aid; not having any proof or evidence

*synonym* : baseless, unfounded, unwarranted

(1) **unsupported** rumor, (2) fight **unsupported**

Removal of the central poll left the roof **unsupported**.

## pole

*n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

*synonym* : rod, staff, shaft

(1) a fishing **pole**, (2) the plus **pole**

The North **Pole** is the northernmost point on Earth.

## mum

*n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so

*synonym* : mother, silent, soundless

(1) **mum's** cooking, (2) keep **mum**

My **mum** always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.

## keen

*adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest

*synonym* : eager, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **keen** interest, (2) **keen** observation

He was **keen** to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.

## fearless

*adj.* having no fear; brave

*synonym* : brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

## appreciate

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

*synonym* : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

## apprehension

*n.* the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea

*synonym* : anxiety, worry, unease

(1) criminal **apprehension**, (2) **apprehension** of danger

The company's CEO felt a sense of **apprehension** before making the major decision.

## helicopter

*n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access

*synonym* : chopper, copter, whirlybird

(1) **helicopter** ride, (2) police **helicopter**

The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via **helicopter** to avoid traffic congestion

## thunder

*n.* the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise

*synonym* : detonation, rumble, roar

(1) **thunder** cloud, (2) deafening **thunder** of applause

The roaring **thunder** was so loud that it woke me from sleep.

## impending

*adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

*synonym* : imminent, upcoming, approaching

(1) **impending** doom, (2) **impending** crisis

We must prepare for the **impending** storm expected to hit our area.

## doom

*n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

*synonym* : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

## 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.

## pump

*v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

*synonym* : drain, inject, send

(1) **pump** a secret out of success, (2) **pump** blood throughout the body

He was alert and could not **pump** any critical information out of him.

## shotgun

*n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot

*synonym* : scattergun, blunderbuss

(1) a **shotgun** marriage, (2) a 12-gauge **shotgun**

The robbers used a **shotgun** to threaten the store clerk.

## incredible

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

*synonym* : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

## dawn

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

*synonym* : daybreak, sunrise, advent

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

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

## utterly

*adv.* completely or absolutely

*synonym* : absolutely, completely, perfectly

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

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

## terrify

*v.* to frighten someone very much

*synonym* : unnerve, scare, horrify

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

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

## slap

*v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

*synonym* : smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

## bang

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

*synonym* : crash, hit, smash

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

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

## fuel

*n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

*synonym* : energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

## pound

*n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

## temperature

*n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

*synonym* : climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric

**temperature**

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

## minus

*adj.* subtracting or taking away; having a value less than zero

*synonym* : without, lacking, negative

(1) **minus** sign, (2) **minus** temperature

The recipe calls for four cups of flour **minus** one tablespoon.

## magical

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

*synonym* : enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to

ease my pain whenever I was injured.

## drift

*v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

*synonym* : float, wander, freewheel

(1) **drift** down the stream, (2) **drift** away on a raft  
I **drifted** around for years in Europe before going to university.

## shifting

*adj.* constantly changing or moving

*synonym* : unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape  
Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

## crust

*n.* a hard outer layer that forms on the surface of a liquid as it cools or on a solid as a result of exposure to air or moisture

*synonym* : layer, coating, shell

(1) **crust** formation, (2) the earth's **crust**  
The bread's **crust** was golden brown and crispy.

## environment

*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

*synonym* : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**  
Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

## flux

*n.* the state of constantly changing or flowing; the rate of flow of energy or particles across a particular place

*synonym* : flow, change, motion

(1) **flux** density, (2) **flux** of particles  
The town's population was in **flux**, with many people moving in and out.

## scenery

*n.* the natural features of a landscape or environment, viewed particularly in terms of their aesthetic appeal; the visual elements that constitute a play's backdrop or setting

*synonym*: landscape, view, panorama

(1) **scenery** painting, (2) mountain **scenery**

The beautiful **scenery** along the coast took our breath away.

## vista

*n.* a pleasing or expansive view, most often of a landscape or a cityscape; a broad and extensive view or outlook

*synonym*: panorama, view, prospect

(1) **vista** point, (2) unobstructed **vista**

The hike to the top of the mountain offered a breathtaking **vista** of the surrounding valley.

## chili

*n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers

*synonym*: capsicum, pepper

(1) **chili** sauce, (2) red **chili** powder

I love making a big pot of **chili** on a cold winter day.

## engage

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

*synonym*: confront, employ, amuse

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

(2) **engage** a new employee

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

## endeavor

*v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective

*synonym*: attempt, strive, undertake

(1) **endeavor** to succeed, (2) **endeavor** as much as possible

We will **endeavor** to find a solution to the problem as quickly

as possible.

## caution

*n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

*synonym*: carefulness, warning, notice

(1) extreme **caution**, (2) act with **caution**

He gave a stern **caution** to the naughty student.

## addictive

*adj.* causing a strong desire or compulsion to use or consume repeatedly, often to the point of dependency or harm; habit-forming

*synonym*: habit-forming, captivating, compelling

(1) highly **addictive**, (2) **addictive** substance

The new video game was so **addictive** that he stayed up all night playing it.

## humanly

*adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish

*synonym*: physically, mundanely, practically

(1) **humanly** possible, (2) **humanly** acceptable

It is **humanly** difficult to understand why some people choose to harm others for no reason

## 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.

## daring

*adj.* brave and taking risks

*synonym*: audacious, bold, venturesome

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

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

## pancreas

*n.* a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine

*synonym* : gland, organ, islet

(1) **pancreas** inflammation, (2) **pancreas** function

The endocrine function of the **pancreas** involves the secretion of hormones such as insulin.

## cancer

*n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

*synonym* : tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

## expedition

*n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

*synonym* : journey, trip, voyage

(1) **expedition** team, (2) a polar **expedition**

The **expedition** to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.

## crack

*v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

*synonym* : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

## ruin

*v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

*synonym* : bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

## relation

*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

*synonym* : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

## chunky

*adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build

*synonym* : chubby, stocky, bulky

(1) **chunky** sweater, (2) a **chunky** necklace

I prefer **chunky** peanut butter over smooth peanut butter.

## captain

*n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft

*synonym* : boss, director, leader

(1) the **captain** of an opposing team, (2) **captain** of industry

The **captain** ordered the troops to fire.

## unmapped

*adj.* not yet charted, surveyed, or explored; not known, understood, or accounted for

*synonym* : unexplored, uncharted, undiscovered

(1) **unmapped** knowledge, (2) **unmapped** regions

The explorers came across an **unmapped** jungle area that had never been charted.

## sled

*n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses

*synonym* : sleigh, toboggan, sledge

(1) pull a **sled**, (2) **sled** dog

We used a **sled** to slide down the hill in the snow.

## harness

*v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

*synonym*: rein in, control, (noun) belt

(1) **harness** a horse to a carriage, (2) put a **harness** on my pet

People have been exploring ways to **harness** natural forces and resources since ancient times.

## misconception

*n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

*synonym*: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

## nowadays

*adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past

*synonym*: currently, presently, today

(1) young people **nowadays**, (2) not to be seen **nowadays**

People can clone a sheep **nowadays**.

## peter

*v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

*synonym*: decrease, drop, lower

(1) eventually **peter** out, (2) begin to **peter** out

The music just **petered** out.

## cruise

*n.* a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace

*synonym*: sail, voyage, journey

(1) the **cruise** line, (2) adaptive **cruise** control

The family took a **cruise** to the Caribbean for their vacation.

## arguably

*adv.* used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true

*synonym*: probably, possibly

(1) she is **arguably** the best singer, (2) **arguably** the greatest discovery

He is **arguably** regarded as the finest actor of his generation.

## audacious

*adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

*synonym* : bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

## scurvy

*n.* a disease resulting from a lack of vitamin C, characterized by swollen bleeding gums and the opening of previously healed wounds; (adjective) deserving to be despised

*synonym* : scorbutus

(1) prevent **scurvy**, (2) a **scurvy** trick

Conditions like **scurvy** and rickets are the result of vitamin deficiencies.

## panel

*n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

*synonym* : board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

## precise

*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

*synonym* : accurate, exact, distinct

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

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

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym* : apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

## halfway

*adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

*synonym* : middle, median, center

(1) **halfway** through my journey, (2) **halfway** decent job

The famous restaurant stands **halfway** up the hill.

## irony

*n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

*synonym* : sarcasm, cynicism, wit

(1) bitter **irony**, (2) **irony** humor

The **irony** of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

## tweet

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

*synonym* : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

## vicarious

*adj.* experienced or felt through someone else's actions or experiences; involving a substitution of oneself for another in an emotional or imagined way; indirect or secondary

*synonym* : indirect, secondary, surrogate

(1) **vicarious** thrill, (2) **vicarious** experience

She lived a **vicarious** life through her favorite characters in books and movies.

## adviser

*n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject

*synonym* : consultant, guide, expert

(1) a medical **adviser**, (2) chief **adviser**

After retiring, he continued to be an **adviser** to politicians.

## mention

*v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

*synonym* : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

## 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.

## inspiration

*n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

*synonym* : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

## adversity

*n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces

*synonym* : hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**

The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

## tempest

*n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings

*synonym* : storm, hurricane, cyclone

(1) violent **tempest**, (2) **tempest** in a teapot

The sailor skillfully navigated his ship through the **tempest**.

## metaphor

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

*synonym* : conceit, analogy, symbol

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

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

## summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

*synonym*: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

## courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

*synonym*: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

## implore

v. to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy

*synonym*: beg, beseech, plead

(1) **implore** forgiveness, (2) **implore** assistance

I **implore** you to reconsider your decision before it's too late.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a s\_\_o vocal recital  
*adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
2. criminal app\_\_\_\_\_ion  
*n.* the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea
3. ra\_\_\_h hairstyle  
*adj.* having a dashing or stylish appearance or manner, often suggesting a sense of charm and confidence in a slightly unconventional or daring way
4. me\_\_\_\_\_n in a report  
*v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
5. dr\_\_t down the stream  
*v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
6. psychological di\_\_\_\_\_my  
*n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
7. job pr\_\_\_\_\_cts  
*n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

ANSWERS: 1. solo, 2. apprehension, 3. rakish, 4. mention, 5. drift, 6. dichotomy, 7. prospect

8. nice c\_\_p *n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind
9. dr\_\_t away on a raft *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
10. un\_\_\_\_ed regions *adj.* not yet charted, surveyed, or explored; not known, understood, or accounted for
11. r\_\_n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
12. ad\_\_\_\_\_re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
13. vi\_\_\_\_\_us thrill *adj.* experienced or felt through someone else's actions or experiences; involving a substitution of oneself for another in an emotional or imagined way; indirect or secondary
14. noun ph\_\_\_e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
15. d\_\_r of good *n.* a person who performs or carries out an action or task; a person who is proactive or productive
16. app\_\_\_\_\_ion of danger *n.* the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea

ANSWERS: 8. chap, 9. drift, 10. unmapped, 11. ruin, 12. adventure, 13. vicarious, 14. phrase, 15. doer, 16. apprehension

17. a cr\_\_k in a board      *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
18. ch\_\_\_y sweater      *adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
19. a\_t cabin      *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
20. sc\_\_\_\_\_y painting      *n.* the natural features of a landscape or environment, viewed particularly in terms of their aesthetic appeal; the visual elements that constitute a play's backdrop or setting
21. phi\_\_\_\_\_hy of education      *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
22. un\_\_\_\_\_ed knowledge      *adj.* not yet charted, surveyed, or explored; not known, understood, or accounted for
23. the ar\_\_\_\_\_nt against capital punishment      *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
24. get ins\_\_\_\_\_on from nature      *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

ANSWERS: 17. crack, 18. chunky, 19. aft, 20. scenery, 21. philosophy, 22. unmapped, 23. argument, 24. inspiration

25. pr\_\_\_\_\_ct for gold *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
26. re\_\_\_\_\_on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
27. hel\_\_\_\_\_er ride *n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
28. 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.
29. pr\_\_\_\_\_e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
30. f\_\_x density *n.* the state of constantly changing or flowing; the rate of flow of energy or particles across a particular place
31. con\_\_\_\_\_ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
32. ha\_\_\_\_\_y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

ANSWERS: 25. prospect, 26. relation, 27. helicopter, 28. satellite, 29. precise, 30. flux, 31. contemplate, 32. halfway

33. gastronomic ad\_\_\_\_\_res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
34. at inc\_\_\_\_\_le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
35. sl\_\_\_\_t increase *adj.* very small in degree or amount
36. prophet of d\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
37. moral di\_\_\_\_\_my *n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
38. ta\_\_y sheet *n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
39. feel a sl\_\_\_\_t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount
40. can-d\_\_r *n.* a person who performs or carries out an action or task; a person who is proactive or productive
41. his latest tw\_\_ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
42. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
43. po\_\_r bears *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
44. reach the su\_\_\_\_t *n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues

ANSWERS: 33. adventure, 34. incredible, 35. slight, 36. doom, 37. dichotomy, 38. tally, 39. slight, 40. doer, 41. tweet, 42. obvious, 43. polar, 44. summit

45. te\_\_\_\_t in a teapot *n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
46. ut\_\_\_\_y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
47. ac\_\_\_\_e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
48. pa\_\_\_\_as inflammation *n.* a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine
49. the atmospheric tem\_\_\_\_re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
50. p\_\_p a secret out of success *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
51. c\_\_p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
52. k\_\_n interest *adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
53. cost of solar pa\_\_ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 45. tempest, 46. utterly, 47. achieve, 48. pancreas, 49. temperature, 50. pump, 51. crop, 52. keen, 53. panel

54. mass sp\_\_\_\_\_or sport *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
55. western phi\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
56. economic d\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
57. b\_\_g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
58. estimate pr\_\_\_\_\_e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
59. app\_\_\_\_\_te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
60. the l\_e of the building *n.* the side or part that is sheltered or facing away from the wind or the direction from which the wind is blowing; a position or location protected from the full force or effects of something, particularly the wind
61. exp\_\_\_\_\_on team *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
62. ready-made ph\_\_\_es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
63. violent te\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings

ANSWERS: 54. spectator, 55. philosophy, 56. doom, 57. bang, 58. precise, 59. appreciate, 60. lee, 61. expedition, 62. phrase, 63. tempest

64. a chick's tw\_\_t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
65. the cr\_\_\_\_or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
66. mental co\_\_\_\_e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
67. global av\_\_\_\_on industry *n.* the activity or process of designing, building, flying, and maintaining aircraft
68. im\_\_\_\_ng crisis *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
69. di\_\_\_\_ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
70. pro\_\_\_\_ve development *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
71. en\_\_\_\_or to succeed *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
72. smokeless f\_\_l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
73. inspire co\_\_\_\_e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
74. wha\_\_\_\_er it be *adv.* not at all; no matter what
75. young people no\_\_\_\_ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past

ANSWERS: 64. tweet, 65. creditor, 66. courage, 67. aviation, 68. impending, 69. disappear, 70. progressive, 71. endeavor, 72. fuel, 73. courage, 74. whatsoever, 75. nowadays

76. pi\_\_y saying *adj.* concise and forcefully expressive, especially in language or style
77. ma\_\_\_\_\_l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
78. ha\_\_\_\_\_s a horse to a carriage *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
79. int\_\_\_\_\_ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
80. cr\_\_t formation *n.* a hard outer layer that forms on the surface of a liquid as it cools or on a solid as a result of exposure to air or moisture
81. gr\_\_d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
82. a sh\_\_\_\_\_n marriage *n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot
83. par\_\_\_\_\_te in the program *v.* to take part in something
84. en\_\_\_e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 76. pithy, 77. magical, 78. harness, 79. introduction, 80. crust, 81. grand, 82. shotgun, 83. participate, 84. engage

85. keep a ta\_\_y *n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
86. struggling with ad\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
87. fight uns\_\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* not given financial or other aid; not having any proof or evidence
88. red ch\_\_i powder *n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
89. su\_\_\_n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
90. keep m\_m *n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
91. d\_\_g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
92. c\_\_p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
93. chief ad\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
94. commonly held mis\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
95. au\_\_\_\_\_us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

ANSWERS: 85. tally, 86. adversity, 87. unsupported, 88. chili, 89. summon, 90. mum, 91. drag, 92. crop, 93. adviser, 94. misconception, 95. audacious

96. uns\_\_\_\_\_ed rumor *adj.* not given financial or other aid; not having any proof or evidence
97. civil av\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the activity or process of designing, building, flying, and maintaining aircraft
98. st\_\_\_\_\_le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
99. a gr\_\_d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
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.
101. temporary me\_\_\_\_\_l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
102. sp\_\_\_\_\_or seat *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
103. a\_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
104. obs\_\_\_\_\_on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
105. police hel\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access

ANSWERS: 96. unsupported, 97. aviation, 98. struggle, 99. grand, 100. satellite, 101. medical, 102. spectator, 103. aft, 104. observation, 105. helicopter

106. con\_\_\_\_\_te a marriage      *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
107. me\_\_\_\_\_n name      *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
108. a co\_\_\_\_\_nt wind      *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
109. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct      *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
110. ar\_\_\_\_\_ly the greatest discovery      *adv.* used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true
111. biomass f\_\_\_\_l      *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
112. s\_\_p on the back      *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
113. a 12-gauge sh\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot
114. par\_\_\_\_\_te fully in conversation      *v.* to take part in something
115. 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
116. pa\_\_\_\_\_as function      *n.* a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine

ANSWERS: 106. contemplate, 107. mention, 108. constant, 109. intellect, 110. arguably, 111. fuel, 112. slap, 113. shotgun, 114. participate, 115. macho, 116. pancreas

117. put a ha\_\_\_\_s on my pet      *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
118. a natural l\_e      *n.* the side or part that is sheltered or facing away from the wind or the direction from which the wind is blowing; a position or location protected from the full force or effects of something, particularly the wind
119. the threats te\_\_\_\_y him      *v.* to frighten someone very much
120. fe\_\_\_\_ss attitude      *adj.* having no fear; brave
121. low al\_\_\_\_de      *n.* the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level
122. 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
123. a s\_\_o flight      *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
124. sh\_\_\_\_ng balance      *adj.* constantly changing or moving
125. mi\_\_s temperature      *adj.* subtracting or taking away; having a value less than zero
126. eventually pe\_\_r out      *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
127. look up\_\_\_\_d      *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

ANSWERS: 117. harness, 118. lee, 119. terrify, 120. fearless, 121. altitude, 122. macho, 123. solo, 124. shifting, 125. minus, 126. peter, 127. upward

128. th\_\_\_\_r cloud *n.* the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise
129. unobstructed vi\_\_a *n.* a pleasing or expansive view, most often of a landscape or a cityscape; a broad and extensive view or outlook
130. a n\_\_t piece of work *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
131. k\_\_n observation *adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
132. demonstrate an up\_\_\_\_d trend *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
133. thousands of po\_\_ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
134. em\_\_\_\_k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
135. cr\_\_k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
136. hu\_\_\_\_y possible *adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish
137. ac\_\_\_\_e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 128. thunder, 129. vista, 130. neat, 131. keen, 132. upward, 133. pound, 134. embark, 135. crack, 136. humanly, 137. achieve

138. adaptive cr\_\_\_e control *n.* a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace
139. a me\_\_\_\_l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
140. re\_\_\_\_\_e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
141. re\_\_\_\_\_on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
142. vi\_\_\_\_\_us experience *adj.* experienced or felt through someone else's actions or experiences; involving a substitution of oneself for another in an emotional or imagined way; indirect or secondary
143. mi\_\_s sign *adj.* subtracting or taking away; having a value less than zero
144. extreme tem\_\_\_\_\_res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
145. ch\_\_i sauce *n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
146. not to be seen no\_\_\_\_\_ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
147. vi\_\_\_\_\_ly all countries *adv.* almost completely
148. class obs\_\_\_\_\_on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
149. ha\_\_\_\_\_y decent job *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

ANSWERS: 138. cruise, 139. medical, 140. replace, 141. relation, 142. vicarious, 143. minus, 144. temperature, 145. chili, 146. nowadays, 147. virtually, 148. observation, 149. halfway

150. ir\_\_y humor *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
151. s\_\_p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
152. im\_\_\_\_\_e forgiveness *v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy
153. dispel the mis\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
154. pi\_\_y epigram *adj.* concise and forcefully expressive, especially in language or style
155. ma\_\_\_\_\_l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
156. fl\_\_\_\_\_x user *v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised
157. r\_\_n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
158. inc\_\_\_\_\_le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
159. ut\_\_\_\_\_y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
160. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 150. irony, 151. slap, 152. implore, 153. misconception, 154. pithy, 155. magical, 156. flummox, 157. ruin, 158. incredible, 159. utterly, 160. environment

161. vi\_\_a point *n.* a pleasing or expansive view, most often of a landscape or a cityscape; a broad and extensive view or outlook
162. me\_\_\_\_or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
163. a co\_\_\_\_nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
164. prevent sc\_\_\_\_y *n.* a disease resulting from a lack of vitamin C, characterized by swollen bleeding gums and the opening of previously healed wounds; (adjective) deserving to be despised
165. p\_\_p blood throughout the body *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
166. gi\_\_t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
167. g\_\_f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
168. vi\_\_\_\_ly identical *adv.* almost completely
169. im\_\_\_\_ng doom *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
170. a medical ad\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
171. hidden g\_m *n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing

ANSWERS: 161. vista, 162. metaphor, 163. constant, 164. scurvy, 165. pump, 166. giant, 167. gulf, 168. virtually, 169. impending, 170. adviser, 171. gem

172. ra\_\_\_h elegance *adj.* having a dashing or stylish appearance or manner, often suggesting a sense of charm and confidence in a slightly unconventional or daring way
173. f\_\_x of particles *n.* the state of constantly changing or flowing; the rate of flow of energy or particles across a particular place
174. the ca\_\_\_\_n of an opposing team *n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
175. em\_\_\_k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
176. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
177. become ess\_\_\_\_ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
178. bitter ir\_\_y *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
179. crack of d\_\_n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
180. highly ad\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* causing a strong desire or compulsion to use or consume repeatedly, often to the point of dependency or harm; habit-forming
181. extreme ca\_\_\_\_n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

ANSWERS: 172. rakish, 173. flux, 174. captain, 175. embark, 176. creditor, 177. essentially, 178. irony, 179. dawn, 180. addictive, 181. caution

182. c\_\_p stick *n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind
183. ca\_\_\_\_n of industry *n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
184. hu\_\_\_\_y acceptable *adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish
185. ar\_\_\_\_c ice *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
186. b\_\_g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
187. act with ca\_\_\_\_n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
188. ess\_\_\_\_ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
189. deafening th\_\_\_\_r of applause *n.* the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise
190. she is ar\_\_\_\_ly the best singer *adv.* used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true
191. self-int\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 182. chap, 183. captain, 184. humanly, 185. arctic, 186. bang, 187. caution, 188. essentially, 189. thunder, 190. arguably, 191. introduction

192. my\_\_\_\_\_y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
193. environmental ad\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
194. ca\_\_\_\_r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
195. en\_\_\_\_\_or as much as possible *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
196. visual me\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
197. the cr\_\_\_\_e line *n.* a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace
198. po\_\_r regions *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
199. au\_\_\_\_\_us stunt *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
200. en\_\_\_\_e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 192. mystery, 193. adversity, 194. cancer, 195. endeavor, 196. metaphor, 197. cruise, 198. polar, 199. audacious, 200. engage

201. gi\_\_t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
202. continuously sh\_\_\_\_\_ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
203. sl\_\_\_e dog *n.* a large, heavy vehicle with runners used on snow or ice to transport goods or people; a heavy hammer with a long handle used for shattering rock or concrete
204. te\_\_\_\_\_y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
205. pull a s\_\_d *n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses
206. sl\_\_\_e hockey *n.* a large, heavy vehicle with runners used on snow or ice to transport goods or people; a heavy hammer with a long handle used for shattering rock or concrete
207. g\_\_f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
208. da\_\_\_g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
209. su\_\_\_t talks *n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
210. pa\_\_l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 201. giant, 202. shifting, 203. sledge, 204. terrify, 205. sled, 206. sledge, 207. gulf, 208. daring, 209. summit, 210. panel

211. a sc\_\_\_y trick *n.* a disease resulting from a lack of vitamin C, characterized by swollen bleeding gums and the opening of previously healed wounds; (adjective) deserving to be despised
212. a c\_\_l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
213. fe\_\_\_\_\_ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
214. re\_\_\_\_\_e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
215. pro\_\_\_\_\_ve taxation *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
216. app\_\_\_\_\_te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
217. the earth's cr\_\_t *n.* a hard outer layer that forms on the surface of a liquid as it cools or on a solid as a result of exposure to air or moisture
218. construction of new c\_\_l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
219. the wan light of d\_\_n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
220. s\_\_d dog *n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses

ANSWERS: 211. scurvy, 212. coal, 213. fearless, 214. replace, 215. progressive, 216. appreciate, 217. crust, 218. coal, 219. dawn, 220. sled

221. source of ins\_\_\_\_\_on                    *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
222. three-fourths of a po\_\_d                    *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
223. n\_\_t idea                    *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
224. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons                    *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
225. ad\_\_\_\_\_ve substance                    *adj.* causing a strong desire or compulsion to use or consume repeatedly, often to the point of dependency or harm; habit-forming
226. g\_m collection                    *n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing
227. without impact wha\_\_\_\_\_er                    *adv.* not at all; no matter what
228. the plus p\_\_e                    *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
229. high ar\_\_\_c                    *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

ANSWERS: 221. inspiration, 222. pound, 223. neat, 224. obvious, 225. addictive, 226. gem, 227. whatsoever, 228. pole, 229. arctic

230. di\_\_\_\_\_ar without a trace      *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
231. su\_\_\_n a city council      *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
232. ca\_\_\_r diagnosis      *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
233. st\_\_\_\_\_le to get the job      *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
234. begin to pe\_\_r out      *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
235. d\_\_g a team down      *v.* to pull or haul with force
236. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
237. make a da\_\_\_g face      *adj.* brave and taking risks
238. m\_m's cooking      *n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
239. mountain sc\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the natural features of a landscape or environment, viewed particularly in terms of their aesthetic appeal; the visual elements that constitute a play's backdrop or setting

ANSWERS: 230. disappear, 231. summon, 232. cancer, 233. struggle, 234. peter, 235. drag, 236. environment, 237. daring, 238. mum, 239. scenery

240. the meridian al\_\_\_\_de *n.* the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level
241. enrich my in\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
242. a polar exp\_\_\_\_on *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
243. unsolved my\_\_\_\_y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
244. im\_\_\_\_e assistance *v.* to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy
245. fl\_\_\_\_x the audience *v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised
246. a fishing p\_\_e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
247. a ch\_\_\_y necklace *adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
248. a blazing ar\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 240. altitude, 241. intellect, 242. expedition, 243. mystery, 244. implore, 245. flummox, 246. pole, 247. chunky, 248. argument

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of \_\_\_\_\_ and won the game.  
*n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
2. The enga\_\_\_\_\_ ring was a precious gem passed down through generations of her family.  
*n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing
3. The company's CEO felt a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ before making the major decision.  
*n.* the act of apprehending or arresting someone; a feeling of anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about something that may happen in the future; understanding or comprehension of something, particularly a complex or abstract concept or idea
4. He was \_\_\_\_\_ to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.  
*adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.  
*n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
6. We bought a Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ book.  
*n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ between good and evil is common in literature and philosophy.  
*n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts

ANSWERS: 1. adversity, 2. gemstone, 3. apprehension, 4. keen, 5. argument, 6. phrase, 7. dichotomy

8. 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.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
- adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
10. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ peanut butter over smooth peanut butter.
- adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
11. We could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of baby birds.
- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
- n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
13. We would \_\_\_\_\_ an early reply.
- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
14. \_\_\_\_\_ a society is an organism.
- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
15. The industrial \_\_\_\_\_ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 8. satellite, 9. giant, 10. chunky, 11. tweet, 12. fuel, 13. appreciate, 14. Essentially, 15. relations

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.
- n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
18. He was alert and could not \_\_\_\_\_ any critical information out of him.
- v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
19. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ charm that made him quite popular with the ladies.
- adj.* having a dashing or stylish appearance or manner, often suggesting a sense of charm and confidence in a slightly unconventional or daring way
20. The music just \_\_\_\_\_ out.
- v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
21. The explorers came across an \_\_\_\_\_ jungle area that had never been charted.
- adj.* not yet charted, surveyed, or explored; not known, understood, or accounted for
22. We are \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to any form of terrorism.
- adv.* completely or absolutely
23. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

ANSWERS: 16. introduction, 17. irony, 18. pump, 19. rakish, 20. petered, 21. unmapped, 22. utterly, 23. metaphors

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.  
*n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
25. The town's population was in \_\_\_\_\_ with many people moving in and out.  
*n.* the state of constantly changing or flowing; the rate of flow of energy or particles across a particular place
26. There are numerous \_\_\_\_\_ about food and health.  
*n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
27. The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid traffic congestion  
*n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
28. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.  
*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
29. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.  
*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
30. They watched the train \_\_\_\_\_ into the distance.  
*v.* to cease to exist or be visible
31. Many multinational companies are \_\_\_\_\_ in the reconstruction of that country.  
*v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 24. expedition, 25. flux, 26. misconceptions, 27. helicopter, 28. intellect, 29. creditor, 30. disappear, 31. engaged

32. The company adjusted the revenue \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

33. The hiker found a calm spot in the \_\_\_\_ of the mountain to set up camp.

*n.* the side or part that is sheltered or facing away from the wind or the direction from which the wind is blowing; a position or location protected from the full force or effects of something, particularly the wind

34. \_\_\_\_\_ dropping wears away the stone.

*adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

35. He found \_\_\_\_\_ in the works of his favorite authors.

*n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

36. If you want to succeed in life, you need to be a \_\_\_\_\_ not just a dreamer.

*n.* a person who performs or carries out an action or task; a person who is proactive or productive

37. Eventually, the new design will \_\_\_\_\_ all older models.

*v.* to take the place of something

38. The \_\_\_\_\_ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

*adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

39. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

ANSWERS: 32. upward, 33. lee, 34. Constant, 35. inspiration, 36. doer, 37. replace, 38. medical, 39. pounds

40. The content is \_\_\_\_\_ and informative for me.

*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

*n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

42. It would be best not to \_\_\_\_\_ your associates into doing complex tasks.

*v.* to frighten someone very much

43. We must prepare for the \_\_\_\_\_ storm expected to hit our area.

*adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

44. Missile assaults on the capital continued around \_\_\_\_\_.

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

45. She has \_\_\_\_\_ habits.

*adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place

46. The \_\_\_\_\_ expert analyzed the fluid around the aircraft.

*n.* the activity or process of designing, building, flying, and maintaining aircraft

47. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

48. After retiring, he continued to be an \_\_\_\_\_ to politicians.

*n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject

ANSWERS: 40. precise, 41. prospect, 42. terrify, 43. impending, 44. dawn, 45. neat, 46. aviation, 47. environment, 48. adviser

49. I recently \_\_\_\_\_ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
- v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
50. The politician tried to \_\_\_\_\_ down the rumors about his personal life.
- v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
51. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
52. I \_\_\_\_\_ around for years in Europe before going to university.
- v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
53. The \_\_\_\_\_ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.
- adj.* having no fear; brave
54. The endocrine function of the \_\_\_\_\_ involves the secretion of hormones such as insulin.
- n.* a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine
55. The new video game was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he stayed up all night playing it.
- adj.* causing a strong desire or compulsion to use or consume repeatedly, often to the point of dependency or harm; habit-forming
56. Breast \_\_\_\_\_ is the most common type of cancer in women.
- n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

ANSWERS: 49. contemplated, 50. slap, 51. adventures, 52. drifted, 53. fearless, 54. pancreas, 55. addictive, 56. cancer

57. People can clone a sheep \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past

58. I will work hard to \_\_\_\_\_ my goals and realize my dreams.

*v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

59. The North \_\_\_\_\_ is the northernmost point on Earth.

*n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

60. My \_\_\_\_\_ always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.

*n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so

61. The young entrepreneur had an \_\_\_\_\_ plan to start his own company.

*adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

62. People have been exploring ways to \_\_\_\_\_ natural forces and resources since ancient times.

*v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

63. When I was a child, my mother often cast \_\_\_\_\_ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 57. nowadays, 58. achieve, 59. Pole, 60. mum, 61. audacious, 62. harness, 63. magical

64. The chairperson was responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ committees.

- v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

65. We made \_\_\_\_\_ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

- adj. very small in degree or amount

66. I \_\_\_\_\_ you to reconsider your decision before it's too late.

- v. to beg earnestly or desperately; to plead urgently for assistance or mercy

67. He gave a stern \_\_\_\_\_ to the naughty student.

- n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

68. Conditions like \_\_\_\_\_ and rickets are the result of vitamin deficiencies.

- n. a disease resulting from a lack of vitamin C, characterized by swollen bleeding gums and the opening of previously healed wounds; (adjective) deserving to be despised

69. I love making a big pot of \_\_\_\_\_ on a cold winter day.

- n. a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers

70. Her response revealed \_\_\_\_\_ idiocy.

- adj. unbelievable; enormous

71. We \_\_\_\_\_ on a new project.

- v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

ANSWERS: 64. summoning, 65. slight, 66. implore, 67. caution, 68. scurvy, 69. chili, 70. incredible, 71. embarked

72. The bread's \_\_\_\_\_ was golden brown and crispy.

*n.* a hard outer layer that forms on the surface of a liquid as it cools or on a solid as a result of exposure to air or moisture

73. \_\_\_\_\_ all the parties signed the contract.

*adv.* almost completely

74. The recipe calls for four cups of flour \_\_\_\_\_ one tablespoon.

*adj.* subtracting or taking away; having a value less than zero

75. 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

76. He knocked over the red wine and \_\_\_\_\_ the tablecloth.

*v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

77. We used a \_\_\_\_\_ to slide down the hill in the snow.

*n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses

78. He \_\_\_\_\_ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

*v.* to pull or haul with force

79. I would love to \_\_\_\_\_ camping someday.

*adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone

80. Trends in the fashion industry are so \_\_\_\_\_ that it is challenging to keep up with them.

*adj.* constantly changing or moving

ANSWERS: 72. crust, 73. Virtually, 74. minus, 75. Gulf, 76. ruined, 77. sled, 78. dragged, 79. solo, 80. shifting

81. A \_\_\_\_\_ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.
- n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
82. The roaring \_\_\_\_\_ was so loud that it woke me from sleep.
- n.* the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise
83. The famous restaurant stands \_\_\_\_\_ up the hill.
- adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
84. The beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ along the coast took our breath away.
- n.* the natural features of a landscape or environment, viewed particularly in terms of their aesthetic appeal; the visual elements that constitute a play's backdrop or setting
85. Removal of the central poll left the roof \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* not given financial or other aid; not having any proof or evidence
86. The \_\_\_\_\_ ordered the troops to fire.
- n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
87. This year's \_\_\_\_\_ gathering will be held in Canada.
- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
88. The plane flew at a high \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid turbulence.
- n.* the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level

ANSWERS: 81. panel, 82. thunder, 83. halfway, 84. scenery, 85. unsupported, 86. captain, 87. grand, 88. altitude

89. The \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
- n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
90. The politician's \_\_\_\_\_ speech was impactful and had lasting effects.
- adj.* concise and forcefully expressive, especially in language or style
91. The majority of students actively \_\_\_\_\_ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
92. The hike to the top of the mountain offered a breathtaking \_\_\_\_\_ of the surrounding valley.
- n.* a pleasing or expansive view, most often of a landscape or a cityscape; a broad and extensive view or outlook
93. He is \_\_\_\_\_ regarded as the finest actor of his generation.
- adv.* used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true
94. The \_\_\_\_\_ approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.
- adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
95. The robbers used a \_\_\_\_\_ to threaten the store clerk.
- n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot

ANSWERS: 89. mystery, 90. pithy, 91. participated, 92. vista, 93. arguably, 94. progressive, 95. shotgun

96. The climbers reached the mountain's \_\_\_\_\_ after a long and challenging journey.
- n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
97. The sailor skillfully navigated his ship through the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a severe or violent storm, especially one with strong winds and rain; a tumultuous outburst of emotions or feelings
98. The athlete pushed the heavy \_\_\_\_\_ as part of her training regime.
- n.* a large, heavy vehicle with runners used on snow or ice to transport goods or people; a heavy hammer with a long handle used for shattering rock or concrete
99. Cities around the world set records for highest \_\_\_\_\_ this summer.
- n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
100. She lived a \_\_\_\_\_ life through her favorite characters in books and movies.
- adj.* experienced or felt through someone else's actions or experiences; involving a substitution of oneself for another in an emotional or imagined way; indirect or secondary
101. Sow early for an early \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
102. Her choices become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ and creative.
- adj.* brave and taking risks
103. He refused to do anything \_\_\_\_\_ to help her.
- adv.* not at all; no matter what

ANSWERS: 96. summit, 97. tempest, 98. sledge, 99. temperatures, 100. vicarious, 101. crop, 102. daring, 103. whatsoever

104. I \_\_\_\_\_ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.  
*v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
105. We combust \_\_\_\_\_ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.  
*n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
106. Ethics is a branch of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
107. The family took a \_\_\_\_\_ to the Caribbean for their vacation.  
*n.* a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace
108. 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
109. 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
110. \_\_\_\_\_ animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.  
*adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
111. He suffered a painful \_\_\_\_\_ on his hand after working with chemicals.  
*n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind

ANSWERS: 104. mentioned, 105. coal, 106. philosophy, 107. cruise, 108. macho, 109. aft, 110. Polar, 111. chap

112. The complex puzzle game \_\_\_\_\_ me for hours, but I finally solved it.

- v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised

113. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the \_\_\_\_\_ climate.

- adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

114. We will \_\_\_\_\_ to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.

- v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective

115. It is \_\_\_\_\_ difficult to understand why some people choose to harm others for no reason

- adv.* in a way that is characteristic of or relating to human beings; in a way that is possible for humans to achieve or accomplish

116. Everyone was aware of the impending \_\_\_\_\_ but was unable to prevent it.

- n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

117. She enjoyed watching the game as a \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

118. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ against temptation.

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

119. Let's keep a \_\_\_\_\_ of the votes to see who won the election.

- n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers

ANSWERS: 112. flummoxed, 113. arctic, 114. endeavor, 115. humanly, 116. doom, 117. spectator, 118. struggle, 119. tally

120. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

121. In the hospital, she will remain under constant \_\_\_\_\_.

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

122. He that would eat the kernel must \_\_\_\_\_ the nut.

*v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

123. My father tried to \_\_\_\_\_ mathematics into my head since childhood.

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

124. It takes a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ to stand up for what you believe is right.

*n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

ANSWERS: 120. obvious, 121. observation, 122. crack, 123. bang, 124. courage