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Session 1: Word List

glimpse

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

synonym: glance, peek, sighting

(1) a momentary **glimpse**, (2) passing **glimpse**

Our team caught a **glimpse** of the world-class technique in this game.

collaboration

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

synonym: affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

peculiar

adj. odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
synonym : bizarre, abnormal, odd

(1) **peculiar** way, (2) **peculiar** people

The juice has a **peculiar** taste.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

extension

n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

synonym : addition, augment, supplement

(1) time **extension**, (2) telephone **extension**

They are building an **extension** to the house to add more bedrooms.

cigarette

n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

synonym : smoke, cigar, tobacco

(1) a mild **cigarette**, (2) a **cigarette** case

He lit a **cigarette** and leaned against the wall.

irk

v. to irritate, annoy, or bother someone; to provoke a feeling of frustration, exasperation, or mild anger

synonym : annoy, irritate, bother

(1) always **irk** me, (2) **irk** the participants

His constant interruptions during the meeting **irked** his colleagues.

mystification

n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

synonym : puzzle, perplexity, confusion

(1) **mystification** of the public, (2) **mystification** of the subject

The magician's tricks were a source of **mystification** for the audience.

landline

n. (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection
synonym: fixed line, wired phone

(1) **landline** phone, (2) **landline** connection

We need to install a **landline** in our new office before we can start taking client calls.

receiver

n. the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something
synonym: acceptor, recipient, collector

(1) a GPS **receiver**, (2) aid **receiver**

Delivery companies often require the **receiver's** signature to certify the completion of package delivery.

dial

v. to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called

synonym: adjust, set, turn

(1) **dial** up the volume, (2) **dial** down the tension

He **dialed** the phone number and waited for an answer.

command

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

synonym: control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

typewriter

n. a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over

(1) **typewriter** keys, (2) electronic **typewriter**

I found an old **typewriter** at a thrift store and used it to write my novel.

dispense

v. to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients

synonym: distribute, allocate, deal out

(1) **dispense** with ceremony, (2) **dispense** justice

The pharmacist started to **dispense** medication to patients.

nephew

n. a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

niece

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**

My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of

battery.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym : mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted
Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym : ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

electronics

n. the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems

synonym : technology, gadgets, circuitry

(1) **electronics** industry, (2) **electronics** store

The company specializes in manufacturing and selling cutting-edge **electronics**.

mechanical

adj. operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

synonym : machinelike, automated, automatic

(1) a **mechanical** style of writing, (2) the influence of **mechanical** action

A **mechanical** engineer is still in demand in many companies.

convert

v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

synonym : alter, remake, transform

(1) **convert** fat into energy, (2) **convert** base 10 to base 16

I want to **convert** my sadness into strength.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

interface

n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

synonym : junction, surface, UI

(1) **interface** between gas and liquid, (2) the user **interface**

Detergent weakens the surface tension at the **interface** of two liquids.

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.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym : tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the

things people say or do

synonym: exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

installation

n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

synonym: induction, introduction, furnishing

(1) **installation** fee, (2) a medical **installation**

The Queen attested the **installation** of state ministers to their portfolios.

pygmy

adj. relating to or characteristic of a group of small-statured people inhabiting certain regions in Africa; referring to something very small in size or scale

synonym: tiny, miniature, dwarfish

(1) **pygmy** squirrel, (2) **pygmy** forest

The **pygmy** marmoset is the smallest monkey species in the world.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

tribe

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

synonym: family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym: bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier
He finally overcame his **shyness**.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym: being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

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.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym: crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

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.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym : mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

immune

adj. protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

synonym : resistant, unsusceptible, unaffected

(1) **immune** from criminal prosecution, (2) the cell of the **immune** system

The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely **immune**.

scare

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

synonym : frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

awhile

adv. for a short time; a little while

synonym : for a while, temporarily, briefly

(1) rest **awhile**, (2) to be patient **awhile**

They spent **awhile** longer admiring the view before heading back.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym : respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of

thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

foreground

n. the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer

(1) **foreground** segmentation, (2) **foreground** galaxy

A happy group of friends occupies the **foreground** of the picture.

whistle

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym: sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

lifelike

adj. resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior

synonym: realistic, naturalistic, vivid

(1) **lifelike** painting, (2) **lifelike** animation

The artist created a **lifelike** sculpture of a famous politician for the town square.

psyche

n. the human soul, mind, or spirit

synonym: mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing

The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

mood

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

synonym: mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

childlike

adj. resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive

synonym: innocent, naive, trusting

(1) **childlike** charm, (2) **childlike** innocence

She had a **childlike** wonder and curiosity about the world.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

surveillance

n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

synonym: administration, overseeing, control

(1) he is kept under **surveillance**, (2) **surveillance** cameras

The novel contains a criticism of the **surveillance** society.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add

detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

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

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym : program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

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.

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

synonym : deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void

The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

colleague

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

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**
The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
synonym: wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files

He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

overlap

v. to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
synonym: overlay, cover, bespread

(1) **overlap** one another, (2) **overlap** in many areas

There was no **overlap** between their proposals.

refined

adj. made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

synonym: cultured, purified, tasteful

(1) adopt a **refined** attitude, (2) a lot of **refined** sugar

She was highly **refined** in her choice of apparel.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym: proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym: shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief

from the sun.

cutout

n. a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

synonym : silhouette, shape, form

(1) **cutout** from magazines, (2) **cutout** of flowers

The artist used a star **cutout** to make a unique art piece.

spill

v. to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

synonym : slop, drop, scatter

(1) **spill** a bit of wine, (2) **spill** my heart

He was determined to **spill** everything.

robust

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

synonym : healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

jerk

v. to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this

synonym : wrench, jolt, twitch

(1) **jerk** her head back, (2) **jerk** the rope

The driver suddenly **jerked** the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym : style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

exhausted

adj. extremely tired

synonym : drowsy, depleted, fatigued

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

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

collapse

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

synonym : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

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

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

upside

n. the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

synonym : advantage, benefit, top

(1) have no **upside**, (2) market **upside**

Many people see the **upside** of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

unpredictable

adj. not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

synonym : uncertain, variable, random

(1) dangerously **unpredictable** person, (2) **unpredictable** outcome

The weather in this region is often **unpredictable**, with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym: restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym: ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

instill

v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually

synonym: implant, ingrain, inculcate

(1) **instill** confidence, (2) **instill** medication into my eye

The teacher attempted to **instill** the importance of hard work in her students.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct**

was to flee.

mechanics

n. the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles

synonym : kinematics, dynamics

(1) **mechanics** equation, (2) **mechanics** of the game
He studied **mechanics** in college and now works as an engineer.

equilibrium

n. a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

synonym : balance, stability, harmony

(1) **equilibrium** point, (2) political **equilibrium**

The company struggled to maintain an **equilibrium** between its profits and social responsibilities.

dynamics

n. the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change

synonym : mechanics, kinetics, kinematics

(1) **dynamics** of group, (2) **dynamics** of economy

The relationship **dynamics** between the two countries were complex and constantly changing.

topple

v. to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

synonym : overturn, capsize, upset

(1) **topple** communist rule, (2) **topple** off a ledge

The statue was old and unstable, so it easily **toppled** over.

damage

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

synonym :

harm, impair, injure

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

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

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym: neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**
He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym: beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling

My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

fur

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

synonym: hair, coat, pelt

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

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

fiber

n. thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

synonym : yarn, thread, wool

(1) carbon **fiber**, (2) synthetic **fiber**

We must consume dietary **fiber** to maintain good health.

optics

n. the academic study of vision and light

(1) **optics** technology, (2) fiber **optics**

Einstein's new **optics** theory transformed traditional scientific notions about light.

twinkle

v. to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

synonym : sparkle, shine, glitter

(1) **twinkle** like a star, (2) the **twinkle** of the stars

His eyes **twinkled** with mischief.

wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

synonym : surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

blob

n. a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance

synonym : chunk, lump, hunk

(1) a big **blob** of yellow, (2) a **blob** of jelly

A **blob** of ink fell on the floor.

ceiling

n. a room's top interior surface

synonym : canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

synonym : differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things
It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym : far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym : conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

comfort

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

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

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

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

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym : close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym : sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light
Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease
The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

cube

n. a three-dimensional shape with six square faces that are all equal in size; (of mathematics) the result of multiplying the number by itself three times

synonym: block, square, cell

(1) **cube** root, (2) ice **cube**

I cut the cheese into small **cubes** for the salad.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief
The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output
They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

contract

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

synonym : agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

dynamic

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

synonym : energetic, active, vital

(1) a **dynamic** market, (2) **dynamic** person

The sprinter has a **dynamic** way of running.

conceal

v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

synonym : hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship

Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

seam

n. a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil

synonym : stitch, seam, joint

(1) uneven **seam**, (2) the **seam** on the shoulder

She took the dress to the tailor to fix the torn **seam**.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

discovery

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

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. co_____l my identity | <i>v.</i> to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered |
| 2. re____r an assessment | <i>v.</i> to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc. |
| 3. lose some of my sh_____s | <i>n.</i> the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people |
| 4. mys_____ion of the subject | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate |
| 5. int_____te an opponent | <i>v.</i> to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do |
| 6. mys_____ion of the public | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate |
| 7. copyrighted so_____re | <i>n.</i> a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs |
| 8. ice c__e | <i>n.</i> a three-dimensional shape with six square faces that are all equal in size; (of mathematics) the result of multiplying the number by itself three times |
| 9. the in____t of a question | <i>n.</i> a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something |

ANSWERS: 1. conceal, 2. render, 3. shyness, 4. mystification, 5. intimidate, 6. mystification, 7. software, 8. cube, 9. intent

10. high vo___e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
11. cu___t from magazines *n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing
12. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
13. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
14. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
15. aboriginal tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
16. ce_____g light *n.* a room's top interior surface
17. ov_____p in many areas *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
18. ch_____ke charm *adj.* resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive

ANSWERS: 10. volume, 11. cutout, 12. surround, 13. volume, 14. ritual, 15. tribe, 16. ceiling, 17. overlap, 18. childlike

19. unpr_____ble outcome *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
20. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
21. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
22. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
23. co_____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
24. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
25. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
26. baby with se_____ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
27. 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
28. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see

ANSWERS: 19. unpredictable, 20. progression, 21. roll, 22. expand, 23. contract, 24. instance, 25. collapse, 26. sensitive, 27. panel, 28. invisible

29. equ_____um point *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
30. pe_____ar people *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
31. 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
32. in_____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
33. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
34. ins_____ion fee *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
35. always i_k me *v.* to irritate, annoy, or bother someone; to provoke a feeling of frustration, exasperation, or mild anger
36. co_____d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

ANSWERS: 29. equilibrium, 30. peculiar, 31. panel, 32. intrigue, 33. roll, 34. installation, 35. irk, 36. command

37. a bouncing ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
38. co____t base 10 to base 16 *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
39. the worst case sc____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
40. sh____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
41. d__l up the volume *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
42. the ex____ed food sources *adj.* extremely tired
43. a momentary gl____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
44. re____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
45. to____e off a ledge *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
46. control my em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
47. electronic typ____er *n.* a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over

ANSWERS: 37. niece, 38. convert, 39. scenario, 40. shyness, 41. dial, 42. exhausted, 43. glimpse, 44. replace, 45. topple, 46. emotion, 47. typewriter

48. ele_____cs store *n.* the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems
49. li_____ke painting *adj.* resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior
50. my in_____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
51. sh____w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
52. ele_____cs industry *n.* the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems
53. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
54. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
55. deep ps____e *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
56. to____e communist rule *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

ANSWERS: 48. electronics, 49. lifelike, 50. intimate, 51. shadow, 52. electronics, 53. intimidate, 54. creature, 55. psyche, 56. topple

57. typ_____er keys *n.* a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over
58. wa____r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
59. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
60. sh____w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
61. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
62. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
63. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 57. typewriter, 58. wander, 59. universe, 60. shadow, 61. instinct, 62. scenario, 63. inspire

73. cr__p along the leaf
v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
74. the m__d in a room
n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
75. wa___r far from home
v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
76. rest aw___e
adv. for a short time; a little while
77. the cell of the im___e system
adj. protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
78. political equ_____um
n. a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
79. ch_____ke innocence
adj. resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive
80. in_____l confidence
v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
81. aut_____lly adjusted
adv. without needing a direct human control
82. mountain tr__e
n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
83. cr__p toward the mouse
v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
84. an in_____le asset
adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

ANSWERS: 73. creep, 74. mood, 75. wander, 76. awhile, 77. immune, 78. equilibrium, 79. childlike, 80. instill, 81. automatically, 82. tribe, 83. creep, 84. invisible

85. the tw____e of the stars *v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way
86. sc__e the birds away *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
87. in____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
88. carbon fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
89. co____l a close relationship *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
90. co____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
91. a con____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
92. di____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
93. the great di____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
94. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 85. twinkle, 86. scare, 87. intrigue, 88. fiber, 89. conceal, 90. constrain, 91. constantly, 92. distant, 93. discovery, 94. lift

95. a mec_____al style of writing *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
96. telephone ex_____on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
97. the s__m on the shoulder *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
98. se_____ve documents *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
99. j__k the rope *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
100. feel a sl___t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount
101. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
102. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
103. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 95. mechanical, 96. extension, 97. seam, 98. sensitive, 99. jerk, 100. slight, 101. digital, 102. constantly, 103. universe

104. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
105. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
106. me_____cs equation *n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
107. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
108. d__l down the tension *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
109. an artificial f_r *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
110. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
111. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
112. cu___t of flowers *n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

ANSWERS: 104. contrast, 105. progression, 106. mechanics, 107. comfort, 108. dial, 109. fur, 110. monitor, 111. grand, 112. cutout

113. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
114. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
115. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
116. to be patient aw___e *adv.* for a short time; a little while
117. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
118. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
119. di_____se with ceremony *v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
120. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
121. a ro___t appetite *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
122. la_____ne connection *n.* (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection

ANSWERS: 113. expand, 114. fashion, 115. react, 116. awhile, 117. lift, 118. erase, 119. dispense, 120. movement, 121. robust, 122. landline

123. in_____l medication into my eye *v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
124. li_____ke animation *adj.* resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior
125. ro____t growth *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
126. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
127. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
128. a lot of re_____d sugar *adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
129. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
130. a medical ins_____ion *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

ANSWERS: 123. instill, 124. lifelike, 125. robust, 126. instance, 127. process, 128. refined, 129. movement, 130. installation

131. the stock market co____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
132. morning ri____l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
133. uneven s__m *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
134. a di____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
135. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
136. have no up____e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
137. co____d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
138. synthetic fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

ANSWERS: 131. collapse, 132. ritual, 133. seam, 134. distant, 135. develop, 136. upside, 137. command, 138. fiber

139. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
140. im___e from criminal prosecution *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
141. a GPS re_____er *n.* the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something
142. tw_____e like a star *v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way
143. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
144. employment co_____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
145. time ex_____on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
146. dy_____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

ANSWERS: 139. software, 140. immune, 141. receiver, 142. twinkle, 143. contrast, 144. contract, 145. extension, 146. dynamic

147. ae_____ic feeling	<i>adj.</i> connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
148. col_____ion platform	<i>n.</i> the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
149. op___s technology	<i>n.</i> the academic study of vision and light
150. dangerously unp_____ble person	<i>adj.</i> not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
151. in_____e him to write a novel	<i>v.</i> to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
152. a b__b of jelly	<i>n.</i> a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
153. a big b__b of yellow	<i>n.</i> a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
154. ps___e healing	<i>n.</i> the human soul, mind, or spirit
155. em_____ed systems	<i>adj.</i> fixed firmly into the surface of something
156. tracking de___e	<i>n.</i> a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
157. in_____ce between gas and liquid	<i>n.</i> (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
158. col_____ion between companies	<i>n.</i> the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

ANSWERS: 147. aesthetic, 148. collaboration, 149. optics, 150. unpredictable, 151. inspire, 152. blob, 153. blob, 154. psyche, 155. embedded, 156. device, 157. interface, 158. collaboration

159. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
160. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
161. in an ugly m__d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
162. in_____te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
163. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
164. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
165. j__k her head back *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
166. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
167. f_r coat *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
168. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
169. aid re_____er *n.* the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something
170. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
171. the user in_____ce *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

ANSWERS: 159. colleague, 160. silent, 161. mood, 162. intimate, 163. wrap, 164. discovery, 165. jerk, 166. ignore, 167. fur, 168. instinct, 169. receiver, 170. grand, 171. interface

172. si___t reading	<i>adj.</i> without any or little sound
173. three-year-old ne___w	<i>n.</i> a son of your brother or sister
174. afraid to show em_____n	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
175. a ci_____te case	<i>n.</i> a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
176. a mild ci_____te	<i>n.</i> a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
177. get ne_____s	<i>adj.</i> worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
178. new fa_____n trends	<i>n.</i> a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
179. st_____h along the coast	<i>v.</i> to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
180. mo_____r the data carefully	<i>v.</i> to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
181. LED-em_____ed glass	<i>adj.</i> fixed firmly into the surface of something
182. artificial cr_____re	<i>n.</i> a living being, especially an animal
183. pr_____s improvement	<i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 172. silent, 173. nephew, 174. emotion, 175. cigarette, 176. cigarette, 177. nervous, 178. fashion, 179. stretch, 180. monitor, 181. embedded, 182. creature, 183. process

184. the influence of mec_____al action *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
185. dy_____cs of economy *n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
186. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
187. he is kept under sur_____nce *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
188. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
189. me_____cs of the game *n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
190. record driving aut_____lly *adv.* without needing a direct human control
191. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
192. play with her ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
193. sc__e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
194. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

ANSWERS: 184. mechanical, 185. dynamics, 186. wrap, 187. surveillance, 188. comfort, 189. mechanics, 190. automatically, 191. stretch, 192. niece, 193. scare, 194. abstract

195. co_____t fat into energy *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
196. sur_____nce cameras *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
197. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
198. di_____se justice *v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
199. passing gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
200. er___e a memory *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
201. py___y forest *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a group of small-statured people inhabiting certain regions in Africa; referring to something very small in size or scale
202. la_____ne phone *n.* (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection
203. re___r the contract void *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
204. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 195. convert, 196. surveillance, 197. replace, 198. dispense, 199. glimpse, 200. erase, 201. pygmy, 202. landline, 203. render, 204. background

205. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
206. a dy_____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
207. for_____nd segmentation *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
208. pe_____ar way *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
209. wh_____e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (*noun*) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
210. i_k the participants *v.* to irritate, annoy, or bother someone; to provoke a feeling of frustration, exasperation, or mild anger
211. py__y squirrel *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a group of small-statured people inhabiting certain regions in Africa; referring to something very small in size or scale
212. pe_____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
213. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
214. complete a pr_____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

ANSWERS: 205. surround, 206. dynamic, 207. foreground, 208. peculiar, 209. whistle, 210. irk, 211. pygmy, 212. perceive, 213. colleague, 214. prototype

215. fiber op___s *n.* the academic study of vision and light
216. c__e root *n.* a three-dimensional shape with six square faces that are all equal in size; (of mathematics) the result of multiplying the number by itself three times
217. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
218. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
219. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
220. pe_____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
221. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
222. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

ANSWERS: 215. optics, 216. cube, 217. background, 218. damage, 219. abstract, 220. perceive, 221. digital, 222. prototype

223. for_____nd galaxy *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
224. ex_____ed parents *adj.* extremely tired
225. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
226. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
227. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
228. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
229. sp___l my heart *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
230. ov_____p one another *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
231. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
232. ce_____g board *n.* a room's top interior surface
233. market up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

ANSWERS: 223. foreground, 224. exhausted, 225. react, 226. aesthetic, 227. damage, 228. device, 229. spill, 230. overlap, 231. intent, 232. ceiling, 233. upside

234. adopt a re____d attitude

adj. made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

ANSWERS: 234. refined

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.
 - v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

2. Many people see the _____ of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.
 - n. the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

3. The pharmacist started to _____ medication to patients.
 - v. to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients

4. The company struggled to maintain an _____ between its profits and social responsibilities.
 - n. a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

5. There was a crack in the _____ that I found.
 - n. a room's top interior surface

6. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.
 - n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

7. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
 - adv. all the time

8. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
 - v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 1. intimidate, 2. upside, 3. dispense, 4. equilibrium, 5. ceiling, 6. mood, 7. constantly, 8. damage

9. His constant interruptions during the meeting _____ his colleagues.
- v. to irritate, annoy, or bother someone; to provoke a feeling of frustration, exasperation, or mild anger
10. I want to _____ my sadness into strength.
- v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
11. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.
- v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
12. He lit a _____ and leaned against the wall.
- n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
13. The ____ of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.
- n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
14. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
- n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
15. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
16. The relationship _____ between the two countries were complex and constantly changing.
- n. the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change

ANSWERS: 9. irked, 10. convert, 11. erase, 12. cigarette, 13. fur, 14. instinct, 15. inspired, 16. dynamics

17. The jury must _____ a decision on this complex case.

- v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

18. The Queen attested the _____ of state ministers to their portfolios.

- n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

19. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.

- v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

20. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.

- v. to take the place of something

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

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

22. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

- n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

23. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.

- n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

ANSWERS: 17. render, 18. installation, 19. scare, 20. replace, 21. process, 22. intent, 23. prototype

24. His eyes _____ with mischief.

- v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

25. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

- n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

26. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.

- v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

27. We need to install a _____ in our new office before we can start taking client calls.

- n.* (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection

28. A _____ of ink fell on the floor.

- n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance

29. They are building an _____ to the house to add more bedrooms.

- n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

30. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

- adj.* without any or little sound

31. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.

- adv.* without needing a direct human control

ANSWERS: 24. twinkled, 25. progression, 26. wander, 27. landline, 28. blob, 29. extension, 30. silent, 31. automatically

32. The _____ had distinctly defined gender roles.

- n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

33. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

- adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something

34. She had a _____ wonder and curiosity about the world.

- adj.* resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive

35. We made _____ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

- adj.* very small in degree or amount

36. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.

- v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

37. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

38. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.

- adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

39. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

- n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

ANSWERS: 32. tribe, 33. embedded, 34. childlike, 35. slight, 36. lifted, 37. movement, 38. abstract, 39. shadow

40. The _____ marmoset is the smallest monkey species in the world.
adj. relating to or characteristic of a group of small-statured people inhabiting certain regions in Africa; referring to something very small in size or scale
41. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
42. The general gave a _____ to his troops to prepare for battle.
n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
43. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see
44. The novel contains a criticism of the _____ society.
n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
45. 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
46. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 40. pygmy, 41. Wrap, 42. command, 43. invisible, 44. surveillance, 45. panel, 46. background

47. He studied _____ in college and now works as an engineer.
- n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
48. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
- v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
49. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.
- n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
50. The teacher attempted to _____ the importance of hard work in her students.
- v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
51. The artist created a _____ sculpture of a famous politician for the town square.
- adj.* resembling or appearing similar to something alive or real, often realistically or vividly; convincing or authentic in appearance or behavior
52. The artist used a star _____ to make a unique art piece.
- n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing
53. The _____ runner fell to the ground and gasped.
- adj.* extremely tired
54. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

ANSWERS: 47. mechanics, 48. constrained, 49. comfort, 50. instill, 51. lifelike, 52. cutout, 53. exhausted, 54. scenarios

55. The driver suddenly _____ the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.
- v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
56. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.
- n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
57. Detergent weakens the surface tension at the _____ of two liquids.
- n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
58. He finally overcame his _____.
- n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
59. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
60. They spent _____ longer admiring the view before heading back.
- adv.* for a short time; a little while
61. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.
- v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
62. The therapist helped her understand the workings of her _____ and how to cope with her anxiety.
- n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit

ANSWERS: 55. jerked, 56. contract, 57. interface, 58. shyness, 59. device, 60. awhile, 61. contrast, 62. psyche

63. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

64. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

65. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

66. She was highly _____ in her choice of apparel.

adj. made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

67. I found an old _____ at a thrift store and used it to write my novel.

n. a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over

68. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

69. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

70. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

71. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

ANSWERS: 63. intimate, 64. dynamic, 65. surround, 66. refined, 67. typewriter, 68. expand, 69. rolled, 70. nervous, 71. software

72. He _____ the phone number and waited for an answer.

- v. to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called

73. The statue was old and unstable, so it easily _____ over.

- v. to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

74. The weather in this region is often _____ with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

- adj. not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

75. He was determined to _____ everything.

- v. to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

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

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

77. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

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

78. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.

- n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

79. That style is no longer in _____.

- n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

80. How did he _____ to your idea?

- v. to take action in response to something

ANSWERS: 72. dialed, 73. toppled, 74. unpredictable, 75. spill, 76. collapsed, 77. colleague, 78. universe, 79. fashion, 80. react

81. The magician's tricks were a source of _____ for the audience.
n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
82. A happy group of friends occupies the _____ of the picture.
n. the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
83. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
84. Einstein's new _____ theory transformed traditional scientific notions about light.
n. the academic study of vision and light
85. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
86. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
87. My _____ is eight months old and still being breastfed.
n. a son of your brother or sister
88. The company specializes in manufacturing and selling cutting-edge _____.
n. the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems

ANSWERS: 81. mystification, 82. foreground, 83. grand, 84. optics, 85. stretch, 86. emotions, 87. nephew, 88. electronics

89. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

90. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

91. Delivery companies often require the _____ signature to certify the completion of package delivery.

n. the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something

92. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

n. a living being, especially an animal

93. We must consume dietary _____ to maintain good health.

n. thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

94. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

95. The juice has a _____ taste.

adj. odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

96. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

ANSWERS: 89. instances, 90. monitor, 91. receiver's, 92. creature, 93. fiber, 94. perceived, 95. peculiar, 96. sensitive

97. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.

- n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

98. I cut the cheese into small _____ for the salad.

- n.* a three-dimensional shape with six square faces that are all equal in size; (of mathematics) the result of multiplying the number by itself three times

99. Our team caught a _____ of the world-class technique in this game.

- n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

100. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.

- adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

101. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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

102. Aging _____ up slowly with time.

- v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

103. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.

- n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

104. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

- adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 97. volume, 98. cubes, 99. glimpse, 100. distant, 101. develop, 102. creeps, 103. collaboration, 104. digital

105. The employee decided to _____ on the company's illegal activities.
v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
106. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.
adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
107. There was no _____ between their proposals.
v. to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
108. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.
n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
109. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.
v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
110. She took the dress to the tailor to fix the torn _____.
n. a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
111. A _____ engineer is still in demand in many companies.
adj. operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
112. Despite the intense verbal abuse, she _____ her anger well.
v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

ANSWERS: 105. whistle-blow, 106. robust, 107. overlap, 108. ritual, 109. intrigues, 110. seam, 111. mechanical, 112. concealed

113. The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely _____.

adj. protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

114. My _____ is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

115. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

116. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

117. Her research team made an important _____.

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

ANSWERS: 113. immune, 114. niece, 115. aesthetic, 116. ignored, 117. discovery