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Session 1: Word List

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

insight

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

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

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

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

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

fundamental

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

synonym : basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym : basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

infancy

n. the state or period of being a baby or very young child

synonym : childhood, babyhood, juvenescence

(1) **infancy** stage, (2) in early **infancy**

The technology is still in its **infancy** and has much room for improvement.

primitive

adj. of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style

synonym : elementary, naive, rudimental

(1) **primitive** society, (2) artifact of a **primitive** humankind

The industry in this country is still **primitive**.

valid

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

synonym : proper, reasonable, useful

(1) a **valid** contract, (2) a ticket **valid** for two days

Your credit card is no longer **valid**.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym : guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym : dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless

attempt

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym : decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

panic

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

synonym : confusion, hysteria, consternation

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

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

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym : disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**
The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

anxiety

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

synonym: concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge
She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**
The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym: despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything
After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position
To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

retrospect

n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

synonym: review, hindsight, contemplation

(1) **retrospect** review, (2) with hindsight **retrospect**

In **retrospect**, I wish I had made a different decision.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something
synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

repetition

n. the act of doing or saying something many times
synonym: duplication, iteration, recurrence

(1) **repetition** of the word, (2) habitual **repetition**

Repetition is the mother of all learning.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

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.

wicked

adj. morally bad or evil

synonym: evil, sinful, nefarious

(1) **wicked** thoughts, (2) **wicked** grin

The **wicked** witch cast a spell on the kingdom.

atheist

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym: nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

nun

n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

synonym: sister, religious, monastic

(1) **nun** habit, (2) meditating **nun**

The cloistered **nun** devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

anomaly

n. something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

synonym: abnormality, irregularity, deviation

(1) **anomaly** detection, (2) global temperature **anomaly**

The sudden drop in the stock market was an **anomaly** that puzzled many investors.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group
All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

confirm

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

synonym : affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction
Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym : significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

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.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym : incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

stairway

n. a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety

synonym : staircase, steps

(1) **stairway** railing, (2) narrow **stairway**

The grand entrance hall had a magnificent marble **stairway** that curved gracefully upwards.

nag

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

synonym : hassle, bother, badger

(1) **nag** about the minor thing, (2) **nag** political leaders

She couldn't stop **nagging** her husband to take out the trash.

dread

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

synonym : fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

hood

n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

synonym : hoodie, cowl, cloak

(1) **hood** ornament, (2) a silk **hood**

He pulled his waterproof **hood** up to protect himself from the rain.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

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.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

dysfunction

n. a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine

synonym: malfunction, disorder, disfunction

(1) **dysfunction** of kidneys, (2) brain **dysfunction**

The **dysfunction** in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

gnarl

n. a rough knotted swelling on a tree, knot in wood; a contorted or twisted shape or feature

synonym : knot, twist, bump

(1) **gnarl** bark, (2) **gnarl-edged** branch

The **gnarl** of the tree trunk provided a natural seat for the weary traveler.

awkward

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

synonym : embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation difficult.

fledged

adj. fully developed or matured; having acquired the feathers necessary for flight, as in the case of a young bird; fully trained or qualified to do something

synonym : fully developed, mature, grown

(1) **fledged** artist, (2) fully- **fledged** adult

The **fledged** bird bravely took its first flight from the nest.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

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.

biology

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

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

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

genetics

n. the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms

(1) the science of **genetics**, (2) **genetics** discrimination

He is a specialist in the **genetics** of aging.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

genetic

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

synonym: hereditary, genetical, inborn

(1) have **genetic** testing, (2) a **genetic** disorder

Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the **genetic** code.

stem

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

synonym: branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick

A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

basis

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

synonym : foundation, base, ground

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

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

chunk

n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something

synonym : block, lump, piece

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

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

credible

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

synonym : reasonable, believable, plausible

(1) **credible** source, (2) a **credible** story

They didn't have any **credible** evidence of his innocence.

mitochondria

n. (singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food

(1) a membrane of a **mitochondria**, (2) healthy

mitochondria

Mitochondria DNA is used to trace human lineage and migration footprints.

eve

n. (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths

synonym : evening, dusk, twilight

(1) **eve** of the party, (2) Christmas **Eve**

The **eve** of the wedding was filled with excitement and

anticipation.

illegitimate

adj. not legally valid or recognized

synonym: unlawful, misbegotten, felonious

(1) an **illegitimate** occupation, (2) **illegitimate** claim

He had an **illegitimate** child that he never acknowledged.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

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

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

ignorance

n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

synonym: unintelligence, inexperience, unawareness

(1) **ignorance** of the law, (2) **ignorance** is bliss

His **ignorance** of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

revelation

n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

synonym: disclosure, telling, annunciation

(1) a divine **revelation**, (2) the **revelation** of a secret

The shocking **revelation** embarrassed the administration.

esteem

n. great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone

synonym: respect, admiration, regard

(1) **esteem** for the other person, (2) boost my self- **esteem**

He is our loyal customer who should be held in high **esteem**.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

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.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade
She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure
Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

bulimia

n. an eating disorder characterized by repeated episodes of binge eating, followed by behaviors such as purging or fasting, often as a means of controlling weight or anxiety

synonym: binge-eating disorder, ednos, overeating

(1) **bulimia** treatment, (2) **bulimia** nervosa
She struggled with **bulimia** for years before seeking treatment.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym: antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**
I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

couch

n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

synonym : sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the weekends.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym : earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

brain

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

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

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

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

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym : deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game
Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury
Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym: boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply
The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

synonym: core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**
University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

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.

authenticity

n. the quality of being real or genuine

synonym: genuineness, originality, credibility

(1) **authenticity** verification, (2) lack **authenticity**
The museum's experts confirmed the **authenticity** of the painting.

suspend

v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

synonym: stop, postpone, adjourn

(1) **suspend** a decision, (2) **suspend** fruits from the ceiling
The University **suspended** the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

alert

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

synonym: warn, inform, (adjective) vigilant

(1) **alert** consumers to the dangers, (2) **alert** system
The company's cybersecurity team **alerted** the CEO to potential threats.

infant

n. a baby or very young child

synonym: baby, newborn, tot

(1) **infant** daughter, (2) **infant** food
Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach
I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

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.

divisiveness

n. the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people

synonym: discord, disunity, division

(1) political **divisiveness**, (2) ethnic **divisiveness**

The **divisiveness** in the community was apparent during the town hall meeting.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym: conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

vengeful

adj. feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive

synonym: retaliatory, revengeful, vindictive

(1) feel **vengeful** toward him, (2) **vengeful** actions

She was **vengeful** and always sought revenge on those who wronged her.

slavery

n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

synonym: bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

secretary

n. a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

synonym: assistant, clerk, administrator

(1) a confidential **secretary**, (2) **secretary** general

The chief **secretary** was responsible for organizing the meeting.

relate

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

synonym: connect, link, associate

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

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they

couldn't understand.

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.

anxious

adj. worried and nervous

synonym: nervous, uneasy, afraid

(1) **anxious** about his health, (2) an **anxious** look

He cast **anxious** glances behind her.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

substance

n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

synonym: essence, core, material

(1) an explosive **substance**, (2) **substance** abuse problem

The **substance** of the argument was well-presented.

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity
He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

ashamed

adj. feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
synonym : regretful, repentant, mortified

(1) feel **ashamed** of him, (2) cast **ashamed** eyes
You don't have to be **ashamed**.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous
synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed
Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
synonym : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas
He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash
These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

unthinkable

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
synonym : impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble
That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel
synonym : harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty
The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

psychopathic

adj. relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior

synonym : psychotic, crazy, insane

(1) high levels of **psychopathic** traits, (2) **psychopathic** issues

He is going to play a **psychopathic** killer in this movie.

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

addiction

n. the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym : dependence

(1) alcohol **addiction**, (2) **addiction** to foreign oil

He is now fighting his **addiction** to drugs.

bling

n. a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials

synonym : jewelry, accessories, ornaments

(1) flashy **bling**, (2) **bling** jewelry

She loves to accessorize with lots of **bling**, but I prefer a different style.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym : unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply

She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

devalue

v. to reduce the value or worth of something

synonym: diminish, depreciate, reduce

(1) **devalue** the pound, (2) **devalue** a brand

Her negative comments about the project only **devalued** the team's efforts.

sensitize

v. to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation

synonym: acclimate, sensitize, alert

(1) **sensitize** the immune system, (2) **sensitize** cells to radiation

We need to **sensitize** our staff to the needs of customers with disabilities.

marine

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

synonym: sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life

Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

rap

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

synonym: hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**

The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

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.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym : build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

surge

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

synonym : rush, spate, deluge

(1) a **surge** of shoppers, (2) the **surge** in foreign tourism

She drowned her **surge** of anger through her creative work.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym : essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

synonym : crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme

Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

perpetuate

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time

synonym : eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain
That work **perpetuates** his fame.

epidemic

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

synonym : outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym : anomaly, deviation, oddity

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

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

bountiful

adj. abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources

synonym : abundant, plentiful, generous

(1) **bountiful** compliments, (2) **bountiful** blessings

The farmer's land was **bountiful** and produced a large harvest.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym : inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result
In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

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.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership
In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym : wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**
The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. em____e an opportunity | <i>v.</i> to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection |
| 2. a confidential se_____ry | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization |
| 3. on an equal ba__s | <i>n.</i> the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged |
| 4. universal es_____e | <i>n.</i> the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is |
| 5. su___r a setback | <i>v.</i> to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant |
| 6. to be patient aw___e | <i>adv.</i> for a short time; a little while |
| 7. n_n habit | <i>n.</i> a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community |
| 8. brain dys_____on | <i>n.</i> a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine |
| 9. alcohol ad_____on | <i>n.</i> the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful |

ANSWERS: 1. embrace, 2. secretary, 3. basis, 4. essence, 5. suffer, 6. awhile, 7. nun, 8. dysfunction, 9. addiction

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| 10. em_____al distress | <i>adj.</i> relating to people's feelings |
| 11. field of gene th_____y | <i>n.</i> the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc. |
| 12. an_____s about his health | <i>adj.</i> worried and nervous |
| 13. a reckless at_____t | <i>n.</i> an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult |
| 14. the su__e in foreign tourism | <i>n.</i> a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc. |
| 15. technical ma_____l | <i>n.</i> someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise |
| 16. mo_____nt of troops | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 17. turn out to be all s__m | <i>n.</i> something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not |
| 18. be____g to different species | <i>v.</i> to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place |
| 19. an unt_____le coincidence | <i>adj.</i> too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept |
| 20. unsatisfied de____e | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something |

ANSWERS: 10. emotional, 11. therapy, 12. anxious, 13. attempt, 14. surge, 15. marvel, 16. movement, 17. sham, 18. belong, 19. unthinkable, 20. desire

21. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
22. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
23. co_____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
24. a worldwide ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
25. st_____ay railing *n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
26. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
27. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
28. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
29. cr_____le source *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
30. dr__d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
31. lingual di_____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

ANSWERS: 21. progression, 22. importance, 23. confirm, 24. epidemic, 25. stairway, 26. biology, 27. celebrate, 28. disconnect, 29. credible, 30. dread, 31. diversity

32. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
33. in____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
34. ca____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
35. mistaken id____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
36. sl____y labor *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
37. in____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
38. de____e the pound *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
39. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
40. institution of sl____y *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
41. co____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
42. diagnosis of an____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

ANSWERS: 32. suffer, 33. inhabit, 34. Catholic, 35. identity, 36. slavery, 37. insecure, 38. devalue, 39. destroy, 40. slavery, 41. construct, 42. anxiety

43. a co____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
44. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
45. in___t daughter *n.* a baby or very young child
46. cast as____d eyes *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
47. a rock fr__k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
48. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
49. bo_____ul compliments *adj.* abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources
50. bu_____a nervosa *n.* an eating disorder characterized by repeated episodes of binge eating, followed by behaviors such as purging or fasting, often as a means of controlling weight or anxiety
51. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
52. ill_____ate claim *adj.* not legally valid or recognized
53. co_____m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
54. fr__k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected

ANSWERS: 43. constant, 44. brain, 45. infant, 46. ashamed, 47. freak, 48. disappear, 49. bountiful, 50. bulimia, 51. steer, 52. illegitimate, 53. confirm, 54. freak

55. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
56. se_____ry general *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
57. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
58. at_____t community *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
59. per_____te chronic pain *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
60. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
61. a ge_____c disorder *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
62. dr__d getting old *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
63. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
64. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 55. anthropology, 56. secretary, 57. hatch, 58. atheist, 59. perpetuate, 60. revenue, 61. genetic, 62. dread, 63. separate, 64. brain

65. a su__e of shoppers *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
66. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
67. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
68. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
69. 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
70. boost my self-es___m *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
71. Christmas E_e *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
72. ma___e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
73. an in_____re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

ANSWERS: 65. surge, 66. survive, 67. relate, 68. privilege, 69. crack, 70. esteem, 71. eve, 72. marine, 73. insecure

74. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
75. 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
76. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
77. de_____e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
78. ev_____e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
79. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
80. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
81. an in_____e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
82. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
83. a co__h potato *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
84. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 74. interaction, 75. movement, 76. attempt, 77. define, 78. evolve, 79. crucial, 80. biology, 81. insane, 82. stumble, 83. couch, 84. appreciate

85. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
86. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
87. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
88. have ge_____c testing *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
89. gn__l-edged branch *n.* a rough knotted swelling on a tree, knot in wood; a contorted or twisted shape or feature
90. 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
91. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
92. ch__t in a game *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
93. bl__g jewelry *n.* a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials
94. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

ANSWERS: 85. ultimate, 86. definition, 87. recognize, 88. genetic, 89. gnarl, 90. lee, 91. define, 92. cheat, 93. bling, 94. enlightenment

95. ret_____ct review *n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished
96. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
97. an emotional ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
98. se_____ze cells to radiation *v.* to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation
99. the s__m of a matchstick *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
100. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
101. ve_____ul actions *adj.* feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive
102. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
103. 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

ANSWERS: 95. retrospect, 96. initial, 97. judgment, 98. sensitize, 99. stem, 100. torch, 101. vengeful, 102. navigate, 103. lee

104. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
105. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
106. artifact of a pr_____ve humankind *adj.* of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
107. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
108. the science of ge_____cs *n.* the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms
109. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
110. bu_____a treatment *n.* an eating disorder characterized by repeated episodes of binge eating, followed by behaviors such as purging or fasting, often as a means of controlling weight or anxiety
111. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
112. fleshly de_____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
113. an aw_____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

ANSWERS: 104. fundamental, 105. definition, 106. primitive, 107. recognize, 108. genetics, 109. destruction, 110. bulimia, 111. inevitable, 112. desire, 113. awkward

114. feel as _____d of him *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
115. gn__l bark *n.* a rough knotted swelling on a tree, knot in wood; a contorted or twisted shape or feature
116. tax re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
117. hold your br____h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
118. spiritual enl_____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
119. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
120. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
121. fully-fl_____d adult *adj.* fully developed or matured; having acquired the feathers necessary for flight, as in the case of a young bird; fully trained or qualified to do something
122. ethnic div_____ess *n.* the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people
123. 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

ANSWERS: 114. ashamed, 115. gnarl, 116. revenue, 117. breath, 118. enlightenment, 119. thrive, 120. constant, 121. fledged, 122. divisiveness, 123. struggle

124. a ch__k of money *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
125. learn new co____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
126. 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
127. in____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
128. ho____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
129. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
130. st____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
131. th____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
132. global temperature an____y *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
133. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
134. high levels of psy____hic traits *adj.* relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior
135. be____g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 124. chunk, 125. concept, 126. struggle, 127. inhabit, 128. hopeless, 129. industrious, 130. stumble, 131. therapy, 132. anomaly, 133. fuel, 134. psychopathic, 135. belong

136. a va__d contract *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
137. r_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
138. ho_____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
139. e_e of the party *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
140. in_____ce between gas and liquid *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
141. in unt_____le trouble *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
142. flashy bl__g *n.* a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials
143. de_____e a brand *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
144. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

ANSWERS: 136. valid, 137. rap, 138. hopeless, 139. eve, 140. interface, 141. unthinkable, 142. bling, 143. devalue, 144. reject

145. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
146. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
147. n_g political leaders *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
148. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
149. health ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
150. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
151. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
152. variety of ma_____e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
153. ig_____ce is bliss *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
154. the rev_____on of a secret *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

ANSWERS: 145. Catholic, 146. accurate, 147. nag, 148. emotional, 149. epidemic, 150. opportune, 151. industrious, 152. marine, 153. ignorance, 154. revelation

155. rest aw___e *adv.* for a short time; a little while
156. ig_____ce of the law *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
157. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
158. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
159. a ticket va__d for two days *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
160. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
161. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
162. narrow st_____ay *n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
163. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
164. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
165. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

ANSWERS: 155. awhile, 156. ignorance, 157. assume, 158. ultimate, 159. valid, 160. anthropology, 161. concept, 162. stairway, 163. fuel, 164. insight, 165. marvel

166. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
167. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
168. aut_____ity verification *n.* the quality of being real or genuine
169. dys_____on of kidneys *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
170. n_g about the minor thing *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
171. political div_____ess *n.* the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people
172. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
173. in great co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
174. al__t consumers to the dangers *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
175. al__t system *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
176. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

ANSWERS: 166. celebrate, 167. importance, 168. authenticity, 169. dysfunction, 170. nag, 171. divisiveness, 172. opportune, 173. confusion, 174. alert, 175. alert, 176. thrive

188. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
189. in_____y stage *n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child
190. su_____d a decision *v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
191. ge_____cs discrimination *n.* the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms
192. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
193. fl_____d artist *adj.* fully developed or matured; having acquired the feathers necessary for flight, as in the case of a young bird; fully trained or qualified to do something
194. psy_____hic issues *adj.* relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior
195. per_____te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
196. leather co__h *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
197. 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: 188. progression, 189. infancy, 190. suspend, 191. genetics, 192. appreciate, 193. fledged, 194. psychopathic, 195. perpetuate, 196. couch, 197. interface

198. 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
199. wi___d grin
adj. morally bad or evil
200. fun_____al rights
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
201. in_____te appetite
adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
202. an in_____l letter
adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
203. with hindsight ret_____ct
n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished
204. na_____te through a document
v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
205. vanilla es_____e
n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
206. s__m from a belief
n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

ANSWERS: 198. crack, 199. wicked, 200. fundamental, 201. infinite, 202. initial, 203. retrospect, 204. navigate, 205. essence, 206. stem

207. immune fu____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
208. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
209. an explosive su_____ce *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
210. h__d ornament *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
211. br___h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
212. ha__h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
213. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
214. an aw_____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

ANSWERS: 207. function, 208. reject, 209. substance, 210. hood, 211. breath, 212. hatch, 213. embrace, 214. awkward

215. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
216. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
217. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
218. rep_____on of the word *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
219. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
220. a cr_____le story *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
221. se_____ze the immune system *v.* to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation
222. bo_____ul blessings *adj.* abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources
223. feel ve_____ul toward him *adj.* feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive
224. administrative co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

ANSWERS: 215. degree, 216. assume, 217. inevitable, 218. repetition, 219. privilege, 220. credible, 221. sensitize, 222. bountiful, 223. vengeful, 224. confusion

225. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
226. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
227. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
228. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
229. lack aut_____ity *n.* the quality of being real or genuine
230. at_____t belief *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
231. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
232. a tiny ch__k of meat *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
233. br___l honesty *adj.* harsh or cruel
234. a silk h__d *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
235. an_____y detection *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
236. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 225. disconnect, 226. basis, 227. interaction, 228. disappear, 229. authenticity, 230. atheist, 231. accurate, 232. chunk, 233. brutal, 234. hood, 235. anomaly, 236. separate

237. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
238. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
239. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
240. in____t food *n.* a baby or very young child
241. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
242. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
243. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
244. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
245. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
246. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
247. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

ANSWERS: 237. judgment, 238. crucial, 239. crazy, 240. infant, 241. incredible, 242. destroy, 243. evolve, 244. panic, 245. identity, 246. relate, 247. panic

248. su_____ce abuse problem *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
249. br___l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
250. healthy mit_____ria *n.* (singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food
251. habitual rep_____on *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
252. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
253. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
254. ad_____on to foreign oil *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
255. a membrane of a mit_____ria *n.* (singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food

ANSWERS: 248. substance, 249. brutal, 250. mitochondria, 251. repetition, 252. function, 253. torch, 254. addiction, 255. mitochondria

256. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
257. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
258. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
259. meditating n_n *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
260. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
261. es___m for the other person *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
262. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
263. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
264. go in___e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
265. an_____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
266. wi___d thoughts *adj.* morally bad or evil

ANSWERS: 256. steer, 257. survive, 258. construct, 259. nun, 260. degree, 261. esteem, 262. diversity, 263. incredible, 264. insane, 265. anxiety, 266. wicked

267. a s__m battle

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

268. a profound in_____t

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

ANSWERS: 267. sham, 268. insight

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the tree trunk provided a natural seat for the weary traveler.
n. a rough knotted swelling on a tree, knot in wood; a contorted or twisted shape or feature

2. We need to _____ our staff to the needs of customers with disabilities.
v. to make someone or something more responsive to a particular stimulus or condition; to increase awareness or understanding of an issue, problem, or situation

3. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

4. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
n. the act of causing so much damage to something

5. She _____ over the tree root.
v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

6. Please write to _____ your reservation.
v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

7. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

ANSWERS: 1. gnarl, 2. sensitize, 3. belong, 4. destruction, 5. stumbled, 6. confirm, 7. definition,

8. The company's cybersecurity team _____ the CEO to potential threats.
v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
9. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
10. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
11. The _____ in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.
n. a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
12. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.
v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
13. 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
14. _____ is the mother of all learning.
n. the act of doing or saying something many times
15. She was an _____ without any belief in a higher power.
n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

ANSWERS: 8. alerted, 9. revenue, 10. recognize, 11. dysfunction, 12. steer, 13. crack, 14. Repetition, 15. atheist

16. I love to relax on the _____ and watch movies on the weekends.
n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
17. He is our loyal customer who should be held in high _____.
n. great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
18. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
19. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.
adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
20. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
21. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
22. She waited for her daughter with _____.
n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
23. The abolition of _____ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.
n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

ANSWERS: 16. couch, 17. esteem, 18. celebrated, 19. catholic, 20. crazy, 21. insights, 22. anxiety, 23. slavery

24. The _____ of the argument was well-presented.
- n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
25. He is going to play a _____ killer in this movie.
- adj.* relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior
26. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
27. The new ___ album is getting a lot of attention.
- n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
28. The sudden drop in the stock market was an _____ that puzzled many investors.
- n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
29. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.
- n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
30. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
- n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
31. The grand entrance hall had a magnificent marble _____ that curved gracefully upwards.
- n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety

ANSWERS: 24. substance, 25. psychopathic, 26. importance, 27. rap, 28. anomaly, 29. enlightenment, 30. desire, 31. stairway

32. She drowned her _____ of anger through her creative work.

- n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

33. You don't have to be _____.

- adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done

34. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

35. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

36. _____ DNA is used to trace human lineage and migration footprints.

- n.* (singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food

37. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.

- v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

38. The _____ bird bravely took its first flight from the nest.

- adj.* fully developed or matured; having acquired the feathers necessary for flight, as in the case of a young bird; fully trained or qualified to do something

39. The eggs began to _____ and the small chicks emerged.

- v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

ANSWERS: 32. surge, 33. ashamed, 34. ultimate, 35. suffers, 36. Mitochondria, 37. navigate, 38. fledged, 39. hatch,

40. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
41. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
42. 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
43. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
44. The _____ in the community was apparent during the town hall meeting.
n. the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people
45. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
46. We all _____ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.
v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
47. She used an electric _____ to light her way through the dark cave.
n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

ANSWERS: 40. emotional, 41. concept, 42. struggle, 43. degree, 44. divisiveness, 45. brain, 46. dread, 47. torch

48. That work _____ his fame.

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time

49. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

50. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

51. The data he prepared was completely _____.

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

52. Her excessive demands drove me _____.

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

53. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

54. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

55. She struggled with _____ for years before seeking treatment.

n. an eating disorder characterized by repeated episodes of binge eating, followed by behaviors such as purging or fasting, often as a means of controlling weight or anxiety

ANSWERS: 48. perpetuates, 49. freak, 50. marvel, 51. sham, 52. insane, 53. opportune, 54. evolved, 55. bulimia

56. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.

- n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

57. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

58. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

- adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

59. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

60. The third _____ was far more successful.

- n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

61. She couldn't stop _____ her husband to take out the trash.

- v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

62. A rose has thorns on its _____.

- n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

63. The farmer's land was _____ and produced a large harvest.

- adj.* abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources

ANSWERS: 56. breath, 57. identity, 58. Constant, 59. survive, 60. attempt, 61. nagging, 62. stem, 63. bountiful

64. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
adj. certain to happen and unavoidable
65. The disease is now reaching _____ proportions in our country.
n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
66. He had an _____ child that he never acknowledged.
adj. not legally valid or recognized
67. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.
n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
68. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.
n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
69. Her negative comments about the project only _____ the team's efforts.
v. to reduce the value or worth of something
70. The museum's experts confirmed the _____ of the painting.
n. the quality of being real or genuine
71. He cast _____ glances behind her.
adj. worried and nervous
72. Children in an unstructured environment often feel _____.
adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

ANSWERS: 64. inevitable, 65. epidemic, 66. illegitimate, 67. confusion, 68. panic, 69. devalued, 70. authenticity, 71. anxious, 72. insecure

73. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
- v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
74. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
- v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
75. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.
- v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
76. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
- n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
77. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.
- n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
78. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
79. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.
- adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
80. 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

ANSWERS: 73. rejected, 74. relate, 75. cheated, 76. therapy, 77. judgments, 78. define, 79. initial, 80. movement

81. He pulled his waterproof _____ up to protect himself from the rain.
n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
82. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.
n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
83. Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the _____ code.
adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
84. The industry in this country is still _____.
adj. of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
85. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.
adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
86. She loves to accessorize with lots of _____ but I prefer a different style.
n. a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials
87. His _____ of the situation led him to make a poor decision.
n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
88. Your credit card is no longer _____.
adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
89. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 81. hood, 82. essence, 83. genetic, 84. primitive, 85. marine, 86. bling, 87. ignorance, 88. valid, 89. assumes

90. He is now fighting his _____ to drugs.

n. the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

91. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

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

n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something

93. The woods _____ the house.

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

94. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

95. 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

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

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

97. The technology is still in its _____ and has much room for improvement.

n. the state or period of being a baby or very young child

ANSWERS: 90. addiction, 91. inhabit, 92. chunk, 93. embrace, 94. hopeless, 95. interface, 96. awkward, 97. infancy

98. 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
99. She was _____ and always sought revenge on those who wronged her.
adj. feeling or showing a strong desire for revenge; vindictive
100. In _____ I wish I had made a different decision.
n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished
101. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
102. 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
103. The shocking _____ embarrassed the administration.
n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
104. The ____ of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.
n. (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
105. They didn't have any _____ evidence of his innocence.
adj. capable of being trusted or believed

ANSWERS: 98. lee, 99. vengeful, 100. retrospect, 101. incredible, 102. progression, 103. revelation, 104. eve, 105. credible

106. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.

adj. extremely vital or necessary

107. We would _____ an early reply.

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

108. The _____ witch cast a spell on the kingdom.

adj. morally bad or evil

109. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

110. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

111. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

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

112. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

113. Mozart was an _____ prodigy.

n. a baby or very young child

ANSWERS: 106. crucial, 107. appreciate, 108. wicked, 109. anthropology, 110. disconnect, 111. fuel, 112. diversity, 113. infant

114. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

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

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

116. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.

adj. harsh or cruel

117. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

118. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

119. The cloistered _____ devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

120. That accident was something _____ with my long experience.

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

121. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.

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

122. The chief _____ was responsible for organizing the meeting.

n. a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

ANSWERS: 114. fundamental, 115. basis, 116. brutal, 117. infinite, 118. interaction, 119. nun, 120. unthinkable, 121. biology, 122. secretary

123. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
124. They spent _____ longer admiring the view before heading back.
- adv.* for a short time; a little while
125. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
126. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
127. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
- v.* to cease to exist or be visible
128. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.
- adj.* correct and exact in all details
129. The University _____ the most recalcitrant demonstrators.
- v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
130. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
- v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

ANSWERS: 123. function, 124. awhile, 125. industrious, 126. destroyed, 127. disappear, 128. accurate, 129. suspended, 130. thrive

131. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.

- n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

132. He is a specialist in the _____ of aging.

- n.* the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms

133. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

134. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 131. privilege, 132. genetics, 133. constructs, 134. separate