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Session 1: Word List

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

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**.

infuse

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

synonym: instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

enthusiasm

n. a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

synonym: eagerness, zeal, willingness

(1) unflagging **enthusiasm**, (2) lose **enthusiasm**
We are tackling the development for updates with **enthusiasm**.

fond

adj. having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time

synonym: liking, enjoying, affectionate

(1) very **fond** of, (2) **fond** memories of the birthday
He is excessively **fond** of alcohol.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus
He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**
His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym: intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task
My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

launch

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

synonym : start, initiate, begin

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

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

nervous

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

synonym : neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

memorable

adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

synonym : extraordinary, noteworthy, unforgettable

(1) create **memorable** experiences, (2) least **memorable** song

His passionate speech makes a **memorable** impression.

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.

emotion

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

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

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

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and

backgrounds.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym : coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym : blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym : aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

confluence

n. the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

synonym : merging, convergence, meeting

(1) arterial **confluence**, (2) **confluence** of ideas

A **confluence** of two smaller streams formed the river.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

liberty

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym : freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym : glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

frame

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

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

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

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

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym : also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly**

rise.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym: space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

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

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

odyssey

n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

(1) go on a serious **odyssey**, (2) cross-country **odyssey**

He continued the extraordinary **odyssey** with his brother.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

- tin** *n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes
synonym: can, container, receptacle
(1) **tin** can, (2) **tin** foil
The roof of the old shed was made of rusty **tin**.
- extinguish** *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
synonym: quench, smother, blow out
(1) **extinguish** a cigarette, (2) **extinguish** the street lamp
Firefighters made every effort to **extinguish** the blaze immediately.
- wax** *n.* a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large
(1) **wax** finish, (2) **wax** and wane
He sealed the letter with a **wax** seal.
- emote** *v.* to communicate through facial expressions, gestures, and body language to express strong feelings or emotions
synonym: express, communicate, convey
(1) **emote** salute, (2) **emote** through art
The actor could **emote** a wide range of emotions on screen, earning them critical acclaim.
- falsehood** *n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading
synonym: lie, untruth, deception
(1) spread **falsehoods**, (2) palpable **falsehood**
The media exposed the politician's **falsehoods**.
- fascinating** *adj.* extremely interesting
synonym: alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me
The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

climax

n. the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

synonym: finale, pinnacle, apex

(1) emotional **climax**, (2) reach a **climax**

The **climax** of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.

achieve

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

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

helicopter

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

synonym: chopper, copter, whirlybird

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

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

mediocre

adj. of only average quality; not very good

synonym: average, ordinary, unimpressive

(1) **mediocre** performance, (2) a **mediocre** talent

He was considered a **mediocre** artist compared to others in his field.

verisimilitude

n. the appearance or quality of being true or real; the degree to which something resembles or appears to be true

synonym : realism, authenticity, believability

(1) **verisimilitude** effect, (2) **verisimilitude** atmosphere

The film's **verisimilitude** to real-life events was praised by critics and audiences alike.

rocket

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

synonym : projectile, missile

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

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

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym : urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

consultant

n. a person who provides professional or expert advice

synonym : expert, advisor, specialist

(1) **consultant** firm, (2) chief **consultant**

We hired a management **consultant** to help us improve our business strategy.

astronaut

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

synonym : spaceman, cosmonaut

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

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

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude;
(in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym: response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

gantry

n. a framework or structure, often consisting of parallel beams or uprights, used to support equipment, such as a crane or a conveyor system

synonym: overhead crane, bridge crane, hoist

(1) ship **gantry**, (2) **gantry** system

The construction crew used a **gantry** crane to lift heavy equipment.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym: disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**

Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

jersey

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

synonym: shirt, sweater, top

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

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

tune

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

synonym: melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

(1) the **tune** of a song, (2) **tune** a piano

The band played a beautiful **tune** on their instruments.

pound

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

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

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

thrust

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

synonym: push, shove, prod

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

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

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym: wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel

He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

buzz

v. to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one a bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

synonym: hum, murmur, whisper

(1) the **buzz** of a cicada, (2) **buzz** marketing
I heard the **buzz** of conversation from the next room.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym: affected, bogus, counterfeit

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

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

vault

n. a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly

synonym: safe, strongbox, coffer

(1) **vault** door, (2) **vault** from five to fifty percent

The government **vault** contains top-secret documents and classified information that only a few individuals can access.

scratch

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

synonym: claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

explosion

n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

synonym: burst, eruption, outbreak

(1) a lot of **explosions**, (2) site of the **explosion**

A broken gas pipe triggered the **explosion**.

titanic

adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

synonym: colossal, massive, immense

(1) **titanic** battle, (2) **titanic** compound

The **titanic** ship sank on its maiden voyage.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

suspension

n. the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles

synonym : moratorium, abeyance, break

(1) **suspension** of arms, (2) **suspension** bridge

The court ordered a long-term **suspension** of business.

disbelief

n. the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

synonym : doubt, mistrust, incredulity

(1) **disbelief** in the authority, (2) ask in **disbelief**

His reaction was one of complete **disbelief**.

wreck

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

synonym : collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

haunting

adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

synonym : lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) **haunting** memory, (2) a **haunting** sense of fear

The song's **haunting** melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym : summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

awe-inspiring

adj. making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable

synonym : magnificent, amazing, astonishing

(1) **awe-inspiring** painting, (2) **awe-inspiring** power

The moment the glacier collapses is an **awe-inspiring** sight.

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym : consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym : mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted

Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

magnificent

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

synonym : splendid, brilliant, exquisite

(1) a **magnificent** plan, (2) a **magnificent** mountain

The **magnificent** scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

glory

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

synonym : acclaim, credit, recognition

(1) greatest **glory**, (2) former **glory**

It is preferable to die in **glory** than to live in dishonor.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym: throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

upside

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

synonym: advantage, benefit, top

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

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

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym: workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

garage

n. a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

synonym: carport, shed, barn

(1) electrical **garage** door, (2) **garage** repair

He parked his car in the private **garage**.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym: move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

make-believe

adj. involving or characterized by the act of pretending or imagining, often playfully or fantastically; not real or genuine, but created for entertainment or imagination;
(noun) the act of pretending or imagining, especially in children's play

synonym: pretend, imaginary, fictional

(1) **make-believe** character, (2) a game of **make-believe**

His **make-believe** stories were so vivid that it was hard to distinguish fact from fiction.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym: change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

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.

- cue** *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
synonym : signal, sign, hint
(1) **cue** card, (2) visual **cue**
The director gave the actor a **cue** to begin the scene.
- seamless** *adj.* without spaces or breaks between one part and the next
synonym : smooth, continuous, unseamed
(1) enable **seamless** access, (2) **seamless** device connectivity
The service was **seamless**, and the food was quite delicious.
- interpretation** *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
synonym : rendering, explanation, understanding
(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**
His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.
- pat** *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
synonym : tap, stroke, caress
(1) **pat** on the back, (2) **pat** a dog
She **patted** the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.
- refer** *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
synonym : cite, allude, mention
(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map
Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- magical** *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
synonym : enchanting, occult, supernatural
(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers
When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to

ease my pain whenever I was injured.

transplant

v. to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another

synonym : relocate, emigrate, graft

(1) **transplant** a heart, (2) **transplant** my family to America
He tried to **transplant** the seedling into a larger pot.

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym : disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold
Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

daylight

n. the natural light produced by the sun during the day, especially in contrast to artificial light or darkness

synonym : sunlight, daytime, day

(1) **daylight** hours, (2) natural **daylight**

The view of the city skyline from the top of the building looked amazing in the **daylight**.

bow

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

synonym : bend, curve, arch

(1) **bow** and greet, (2) a **bow** wave

She **bowed** to the audience after her performance.

periphery

n. the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people

synonym : edge, border, margin

(1) around the **periphery**, (2) **periphery** countries

The factory was located on the city's **periphery**, away from residential areas.

- rust** *n.* a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation
synonym : corrosion, oxidation, decay
(1) **rust-proofing**, (2) **rusty** metal
The old car was covered in **rust** and needed extensive repair work.
- shift** *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
synonym : transition, change, modification
(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**
Could you help me **shift** some furniture?
- naturally** *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
synonym : by nature, inherently, intrinsically
(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest
He was **naturally** gifted.
- scarf** *n.* a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons
synonym : shawl, wrap, kerchief
(1) knit a **scarf**, (2) dotted **scarf**
She wrapped a **scarf** around her neck to keep warm.
- essentially** *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually
(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same
Essentially, a society is an organism.
- bury** *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
synonym : entomb, sink, forget
(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion
There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.
- incidentally** *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
synonym :

by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned
Incidentally, I know the answer to that question.

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym: delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest
He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

persistent

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

synonym: tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

baron

n. a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)

synonym: nobleman, lord, peer

(1) media **baron**, (2) the domain of a **baron**

The **baron's** castle was the center of political and social life in the region.

homage

n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

synonym: respect, deference, reverence

(1) paying **homage** to tradition, (2) vassal **homage**

The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of **homage** to the retiring athlete.

buster

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

synonym: breaker, destroyer, crusher

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

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

slapstick

n. a type of comedy in which humor is generated through exaggerated physical activity especially falls and other mishaps

synonym: farce, comedy, humor

(1) **slapstick** comedy, (2) **slapstick** performance

The classic comedy routine was filled with **slapstick** humor.

brace

n. a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

synonym: support, clamp, (verb) strengthen

(1) **brace** for impact, (2) **brace** my energies

She wore a **brace** on her leg to support her injured ankle.

snug

adj. comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design

synonym: cozy, comfortable, kempt

(1) **snug** blanket, (2) **snug** little house

The baby was fast asleep in his **snug** cot, swaddled in soft, warm blankets.

identify

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

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

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

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

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym : accurate, exact, distinct

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

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

illustration

n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

synonym : picture, diagram, explanation

(1) educational **illustration**, (2) **illustration** artist

The **illustration** in the book helped me understand the concept better.

concise

adj. giving much information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive

synonym : succinct, brief, terse

(1) in a **concise** format, (2) **concise** summary

He gave a **concise** explanation of the project's goals.

gang

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

synonym : crew, posse, group

(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member

The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.

universe

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

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

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

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

bowel

n. the part of the alimentary canal below the stomach; the intestine, especially the lower intestine

synonym : intestine, gut, stomach

(1) **bowel** ailment, (2) whole- **bowel** irrigation

He had surgery to remove a portion of his small **bowel**.

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.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

giant

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

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

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

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

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

steady

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

synonym : stable, solid, secure

(1) **steady** increase, (2) take a **steady** job

The patient's vital signs are **steady**, indicating a stable condition.

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.

stand-in

n. a person or thing that acts as a substitute, replacement, or temporary assistant for someone or something else; a double or understudy for a performer or actor

synonym : substitute, replacement, understudy

(1) **stand-in** teacher, (2) use a **stand-in** in an exam

The company hired a **stand-in** for the CEO for the shareholder meeting.

stunt

n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

synonym: feat, accomplishment, (verb) hinder

(1) skydiving **stunt**, (2) **stunt** brain growth

The daredevil attempted a dangerous **stunt** by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

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.

rig

v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

synonym: set up, prepare, arrange

(1) **rig** an election, (2) **rig** a ship with new sails

He **rigged** the game so he could win the prize.

Session 2: Spelling

1. seem like a da_____ng task
adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
2. keen per_____on
n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
3. greatest gl__y
n. great honor or success won by notable achievements
4. spread fa_____ods
n. a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading
5. dotted sc__f
n. a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons
6. bankrupt cr_____or
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
7. the il_____on of being in the forest
n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
8. co_____e a vision
v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
9. vassal ho___e
n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

ANSWERS: 1. daunting, 2. perception, 3. glory, 4. falsehood, 5. scarf, 6. creditor, 7. illusion, 8. conjure, 9. homage

10. open to int_____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
11. skydiving st__t *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
12. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
13. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
14. go on a serious od_____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
15. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
16. na_____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
17. con_____nt firm *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
18. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 10. interpretation, 11. stunt, 12. recreate, 13. excite, 14. odyssey, 15. emotion, 16. navigate, 17. consultant, 18. combine

19. the t__e of a song *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
20. least me_____le song *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
21. si_____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
22. co_____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
23. th___t a dagger home *v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing
24. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
25. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
26. in a co_____e format *adj.* giving much information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive
27. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
28. bug bu____r *n.* a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken
29. the house was a wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

ANSWERS: 19. tune, 20. memorable, 21. similarly, 22. conjure, 23. thrust, 24. bunch, 25. invention, 26. concise, 27. pretension, 28. buster, 29. wreck

30. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
31. around the pe_____ry *n.* the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people
32. palpable fa_____od *n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading
33. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
34. ver_____ude atmosphere *n.* the appearance or quality of being true or real; the degree to which something resembles or appears to be true
35. get ne_____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
36. educational ill_____ion *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
37. a mag_____nt mountain *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
38. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
39. s__g little house *adj.* comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design

ANSWERS: 30. giant, 31. periphery, 32. falsehood, 33. studio, 34. verisimilitude, 35. nervous, 36. illustration, 37. magnificent, 38. photograph, 39. snug

40. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
41. w_x and wane *n.* a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large
42. a st____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
43. ship ga____y *n.* a framework or structure, often consisting of parallel beams or uprights, used to support equipment, such as a crane or a conveyor system
44. pe____ry countries *n.* the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people
45. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
46. ex____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
47. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

ANSWERS: 40. gap, 41. wax, 42. straight, 43. gantry, 44. periphery, 45. stick, 46. excite, 47. lens

48. fabric of the je___y *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
49. in___e life with meaning *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
50. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
51. optical il____on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
52. trigger a re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
53. ab___b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
54. in___e with spirit *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
55. ensure a smooth tra____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
56. per____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
57. electrical ga___e door *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
58. r_g a ship with new sails *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

ANSWERS: 48. jersey, 49. infuse, 50. bury, 51. illusion, 52. reaction, 53. absorb, 54. infuse, 55. transition, 56. perception, 57. garage, 58. rig

59. se____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
60. me____re performance *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
61. ti____c compound *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
62. a scientific di____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
63. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
64. personal li____y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
65. lose ent____sm *n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it
66. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
67. enable se____ss access *adj.* without spaces or breaks between one part and the next

ANSWERS: 59. separate, 60. mediocre, 61. titanic, 62. discovery, 63. argue, 64. liberty, 65. enthusiasm, 66. refer, 67. seamless

68. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
69. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
70. m__t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
71. ver_____ude effect *n.* the appearance or quality of being true or real; the degree to which something resembles or appears to be true
72. p_t a dog *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
73. a b_w wave *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
74. the b__z of a cicada *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
75. ro___t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
76. va__t from five to fifty percent *n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly

ANSWERS: 68. creditor, 69. experiment, 70. melt, 71. verisimilitude, 72. pat, 73. bow, 74. buzz, 75. rocket, 76. vault

77. ask in di_____ef *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
78. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
79. b__z marketing *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
80. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
81. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
82. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
83. take a st___y job *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
84. arterial con_____ce *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
85. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
86. co_____se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
87. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 77. disbelief, 78. gap, 79. buzz, 80. nervous, 81. identify, 82. photograph, 83. steady, 84. confluence, 85. recreate, 86. converse, 87. achieve

88. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
89. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
90. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
91. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
92. a person of ge___s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
93. ro___t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
94. sc_____h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
95. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
96. r__t-proofing *n.* a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation

ANSWERS: 88. pretension, 89. giant, 90. attempt, 91. genius, 92. genius, 93. rocket, 94. scratch, 95. combination, 96. rust

97. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
98. a me____re talent *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
99. ga___y system *n.* a framework or structure, often consisting of parallel beams or uprights, used to support equipment, such as a crane or a conveyor system
100. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
101. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
102. a reckless at____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
103. awe_____ing painting *adj.* making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable
104. paying ho___e to tradition *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
105. s__g blanket *adj.* comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design
106. t_n foil *n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes

ANSWERS: 97. frame, 98. mediocre, 99. gantry, 100. frame, 101. shift, 102. attempt, 103. awe-inspiring, 104. homage, 105. snug, 106. tin

107. former gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
108. sc_____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
109. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
110. br__e my energies *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast
111. p_t on the back *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
112. chief con_____nt *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
113. inc_____lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
114. r__ty metal *n.* a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation
115. em__e through art *v.* to communicate through facial expressions, gestures, and body language to express strong feelings or emotions

ANSWERS: 107. glory, 108. scratch, 109. stick, 110. brace, 111. pat, 112. consultant, 113. incidentally, 114. rust, 115. emote

116. site of the ex_____on *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
117. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
118. g__g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
119. 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
120. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
121. per_____nt data *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
122. con_____ce of ideas *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
123. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
124. aut_____lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control
125. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

ANSWERS: 116. explosion, 117. brain, 118. gang, 119. degree, 120. hero, 121. persistent, 122. confluence, 123. clap, 124. automatically, 125. pound

126. inc_____lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
127. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
128. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
129. a convex l__s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
130. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
131. record driving aut_____lly *adv.* without needing a direct human control
132. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
133. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
134. unflagging ent_____sm *n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it
135. w_x finish *n.* a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large

ANSWERS: 126. incidentally, 127. norm, 128. combination, 129. lens, 130. bunch, 131. automatically, 132. fascinating, 133. transfer, 134. enthusiasm, 135. wax

136. di_____ef in the authority *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
137. reach a cl____x *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
138. bo__l ailment *n.* the part of the alimentary canal below the stomach; the intestine, especially the lower intestine
139. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
140. natural da_____ht *n.* the natural light produced by the sun during the day, especially in contrast to artificial light or darkness
141. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
142. b_w and greet *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
143. t__e a piano *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
144. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
145. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 136. disbelief, 137. climax, 138. bowel, 139. crazy, 140. daylight, 141. desperately, 142. bow, 143. tune, 144. combine, 145. magic

146. social di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
147. media ba__n *n.* a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)
148. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
149. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
150. a game of mak_____eve *adj.* involving or characterized by the act of pretending or imagining, often playfully or fantastically; not real or genuine, but created for entertainment or imagination; (noun) the act of pretending or imagining, especially in children's play
151. tra_____nt my family to America *v.* to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another
152. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
153. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 146. distance, 147. baron, 148. vision, 149. clap, 150. make-believe, 151. transplant, 152. brain, 153. achieve

154. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
155. ext_____sh a cigarette *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
156. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
157. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
158. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
159. je___y material *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
160. st__t brain growth *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
161. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

ANSWERS: 154. refer, 155. extinguish, 156. universe, 157. argue, 158. flip, 159. jersey, 160. stunt, 161. reaction

162. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
163. da_____ht hours *n.* the natural light produced by the sun during the day, especially in contrast to artificial light or darkness
164. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
165. va__t door *n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly
166. a worthless wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
167. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
168. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
169. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
170. sl_____ck comedy *n.* a type of comedy in which humor is generated through exaggerated physical activity especially falls and other mishaps

ANSWERS: 162. desperately, 163. daylight, 164. tragedy, 165. vault, 166. wreck, 167. essentially, 168. bury, 169. magical, 170. slapstick

171. em__e salute *v.* to communicate through facial expressions, gestures, and body language to express strong feelings or emotions
172. sl_____ck performance *n.* a type of comedy in which humor is generated through exaggerated physical activity especially falls and other mishaps
173. tra_____nt a heart *v.* to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another
174. ga___e repair *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
175. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
176. crime-bu___r *n.* a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken
177. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
178. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
179. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
180. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
181. m__t down gold *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

ANSWERS: 171. emote, 172. slapstick, 173. transplant, 174. garage, 175. similarly, 176. buster, 177. navigate, 178. react, 179. fake, 180. norm, 181. melt

182. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
183. 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
184. as_____ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
185. a motorcycle g__g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
186. per_____nt cough *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
187. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
188. hel_____er ride *n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
189. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
190. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 182. universe, 183. degree, 184. astronaut, 185. gang, 186. persistent, 187. react, 188. helicopter, 189. precise, 190. hell

191. create me_____le experiences *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
192. la____h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
193. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
194. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
195. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
196. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
197. a lot of ex_____ons *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
198. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
199. a prodigious vi_____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

ANSWERS: 191. memorable, 192. launch, 193. transfer, 194. discovery, 195. emotion, 196. naturally, 197. explosion, 198. distance, 199. vision

200. ab___b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
201. r_g an election *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
202. li_____y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
203. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
204. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
205. market up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
206. cross-country od_____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
207. se_____ss device connectivity *adj.* without spaces or breaks between one part and the next
208. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
209. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
210. br__e for impact *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

ANSWERS: 200. absorb, 201. rig, 202. liberty, 203. twist, 204. immediately, 205. upside, 206. odyssey, 207. seamless, 208. identify, 209. invention, 210. brace

211. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
212. a ha_____ng sense of fear *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
213. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
214. whole-bo___l irrigation *n.* the part of the alimentary canal below the stomach; the intestine, especially the lower intestine
215. a cr___y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
216. thousands of po___ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
217. as_____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
218. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
219. the int_____ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
220. emotional cl___x *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
221. tw___t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape

ANSWERS: 211. launch, 212. haunting, 213. naturally, 214. bowel, 215. crazy, 216. pound, 217. astronaut, 218. essentially, 219. interpretation, 220. climax, 221. twist

222. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
223. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
224. ask a co_____se question *v.* to talk informally
225. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
226. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
227. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
228. mak_____eve character *adj.* involving or characterized by the act of pretending or imagining, often playfully or fantastically; not real or genuine, but created for entertainment or imagination; (noun) the act of pretending or imagining, especially in children's play
229. police hel_____er *n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
230. a mag_____nt plan *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
231. knit a sc__f *n.* a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons
232. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 222. experiment, 223. conscious, 224. converse, 225. conscious, 226. immediately, 227. fake, 228. make-believe, 229. helicopter, 230. magnificent, 231. scarf, 232. shift

241. sus_____on of arms *n.* the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles
242. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
243. face the da_____ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
244. ill_____ion artist *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
245. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
246. t_n can *n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes
247. st_____in teacher *n.* a person or thing that acts as a substitute, replacement, or temporary assistant for someone or something else; a double or understudy for a performer or actor
248. ha_____ng memory *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

ANSWERS: 241. suspension, 242. straight, 243. daunting, 244. illustration, 245. fascinating, 246. tin, 247. stand-in, 248. haunting

249. st___y increase *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
250. ti____c battle *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
251. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
252. visual c_e *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
253. awe_____ing power *adj.* making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable
254. ma____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
255. have no up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
256. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
257. the domain of a ba__n *n.* a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)
258. pr____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
259. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

ANSWERS: 249. steady, 250. titanic, 251. hero, 252. cue, 253. awe-inspiring, 254. magical, 255. upside, 256. separate, 257. baron, 258. precise, 259. transition

260. f__d memories of the birthday *adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time
261. sus_____on bridge *n.* the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles
262. ext_____sh the street lamp *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
263. th___t a plate away *v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing
264. c_e card *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something

ANSWERS: 260. fond, 261. suspension, 262. extinguish, 263. thrust, 264. cue

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

2. He had surgery to remove a portion of his small _____.

n. the part of the alimentary canal below the stomach; the intestine, especially the lower intestine

3. The _____ of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.

n. the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

4. The service was _____ and the food was quite delicious.

adj. without spaces or breaks between one part and the next

5. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

6. Necessity is the mother of _____.

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

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

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

ANSWERS: 1. magical, 2. bowel, 3. climax, 4. seamless, 5. distance, 6. invention, 7. identify

8. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

9. The film's _____ to real-life events was praised by critics and audiences alike.

n. the appearance or quality of being true or real; the degree to which something resembles or appears to be true

10. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

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

11. A broken gas pipe triggered the _____.

n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

12. The _____ castle was the center of political and social life in the region.

n. a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)

13. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

14. His _____ of literary works are often unique.

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

15. 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

ANSWERS: 8. fascinating, 9. verisimilitude, 10. achieve, 11. explosion, 12. baron's, 13. wreck, 14. interpretations, 15. brain

16. The moment the glacier collapses is an _____ sight.

adj. making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable

17. She enjoyed the opportunity to _____ with a person who spoke her language.

v. to talk informally

18. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

19. He is excessively _____ of alcohol.

adj. having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time

20. The sponge _____ water well.

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

21. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

22. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.

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

23. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

ANSWERS: 16. awe-inspiring, 17. converse, 18. refer, 19. fond, 20. absorbs, 21. magic, 22. rocket, 23. transition

24. The _____ scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

25. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.

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

26. She _____ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

27. It is preferable to die in _____ than to live in dishonor.

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

28. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

29. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.

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

30. The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via _____ to avoid traffic congestion

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

31. The baby was fast asleep in his _____ cot, swaddled in soft, warm blankets.

adj. comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design

ANSWERS: 24. magnificent, 25. universe, 26. infused, 27. glory, 28. hero, 29. pounds, 30. helicopter, 31. snug

32. The _____ ship sank on its maiden voyage.

adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

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

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

34. _____ I know the answer to that question.

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

35. 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

36. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

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

37. The classic comedy routine was filled with _____ humor.

n. a type of comedy in which humor is generated through exaggerated physical activity especially falls and other mishaps

38. He gave a _____ explanation of the project's goals.

adj. giving much information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive

39. The media exposed the politician's _____.

n. a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading

40. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

ANSWERS: 32. titanic, 33. upside, 34. Incidentally, 35. separate, 36. giant, 37. slapstick, 38. concise, 39. falsehoods, 40. recreated

41. The patient's vital signs are _____ indicating a stable condition.
adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
42. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.
n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
43. The director gave the actor a ____ to begin the scene.
n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
44. He sealed the letter with a ____ seal.
n. a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large
45. The song's _____ melody stayed with me long after I heard it.
adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
46. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.
v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
47. The stress-_____ meditation helped me relax and calm my nerves.
n. a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken
48. The government _____ contains top-secret documents and classified information that only a few individuals can access.
n. a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly

ANSWERS: 41. steady, 42. illusion, 43. cue, 44. wax, 45. haunting, 46. transferred, 47. buster, 48. vault

49. 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

50. He tried to _____ the seedling into a larger pot.

- v.* to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another

51. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

52. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

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

53. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

54. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

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

55. His _____ showed highly positive results.

- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

56. Despite the setbacks, he remained _____ in his pursuit of his dreams.

- adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

ANSWERS: 49. navigate, 50. transplant, 51. bunch, 52. nervous, 53. pretensions, 54. launch, 55. experiments, 56. persistent

57. Firefighters made every effort to _____ the blaze immediately.
v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
58. He continued the extraordinary _____ with his brother.
n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
59. The _____ to the safe was a secret.
n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
60. His passionate speech makes a _____ impression.
adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
61. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
62. The roof of the old shed was made of rusty _____.
n. a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes
63. He was considered a _____ artist compared to others in his field.
adj. of only average quality; not very good
64. He parked his car in the private _____.
n. a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

ANSWERS: 57. extinguish, 58. odyssey, 59. combination, 60. memorable, 61. shift, 62. tin, 63. mediocre, 64. garage

65. The shuttle _____ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.
- n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
66. A _____ of two smaller streams formed the river.
- n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
67. We _____ along with the singer's song.
- v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
68. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.
- adv.* without needing a direct human control
69. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.
- v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
70. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
71. The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of _____ to the retiring athlete.
- n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
72. The court ordered a long-term _____ of business.
- n.* the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles

ANSWERS: 65. astronaut, 66. confluence, 67. clapped, 68. automatically, 69. scratch, 70. argue, 71. homage, 72. suspension

73. The actor could _____ a wide range of emotions on screen, earning them critical acclaim.
- v.* to communicate through facial expressions, gestures, and body language to express strong feelings or emotions
74. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
- adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
75. The engine _____ the rocket into space.
- v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing
76. The _____ in the book helped me understand the concept better.
- n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
77. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
78. His reaction was one of complete _____.
- n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
79. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
80. She wore a _____ on her leg to support her injured ankle.
- n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

ANSWERS: 73. emote, 74. crazy, 75. thrust, 76. illustration, 77. photograph, 78. disbelief, 79. frame, 80. brace

81. The band played a beautiful _____ on their instruments.

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

82. His _____ stories were so vivid that it was hard to distinguish fact from fiction.

adj. involving or characterized by the act of pretending or imagining, often playfully or fantastically; not real or genuine, but created for entertainment or imagination; (noun) the act of pretending or imagining, especially in children's play

83. The daredevil attempted a dangerous _____ by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

84. The company hired a _____ for the CEO for the shareholder meeting.

n. a person or thing that acts as a substitute, replacement, or temporary assistant for someone or something else; a double or understudy for a performer or actor

85. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

86. He was _____ gifted.

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

87. She _____ the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

ANSWERS: 81. tune, 82. make-believe, 83. stunt, 84. stand-in, 85. combine, 86. naturally, 87. patted

88. The old car was covered in _____ and needed extensive repair work.
- n.* a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation
89. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.
- n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
90. He _____ the game so he could win the prize.
- v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
91. The view of the city skyline from the top of the building looked amazing in the _____.
- n.* the natural light produced by the sun during the day, especially in contrast to artificial light or darkness
92. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
- n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
93. The third _____ was far more successful.
- n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
94. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
- n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 88. rust, 89. perception, 90. rigged, 91. daylight, 92. emotions, 93. attempt, 94. hell

95. The content is _____ and informative for me.

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

96. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

97. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

98. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.

adv. in almost the same way

99. The factory was located on the city's _____ away from residential areas.

n. the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people

100. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

101. The construction crew used a _____ crane to lift heavy equipment.

n. a framework or structure, often consisting of parallel beams or uprights, used to support equipment, such as a crane or a conveyor system

102. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

103. How did he _____ to your idea?

v. to take action in response to something

ANSWERS: 95. precise, 96. melted, 97. studio, 98. similarly, 99. periphery, 100. excited, 101. gantry, 102. conjured, 103. react

104. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

105. My homework was _____ and complex, but it was also intriguing.

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

106. We hired a management _____ to help us improve our business strategy.

n. a person who provides professional or expert advice

107. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

108. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

109. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

110. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

111. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

ANSWERS: 104. tragedy, 105. daunting, 106. consultant, 107. norms, 108. twisted, 109. creditor, 110. liberty, 111. reaction

112. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

113. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

114. The baby clung _____ to her mother.

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

115. 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

116. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

117. She _____ to the audience after her performance.

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

118. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

ANSWERS: 112. faked, 113. lens, 114. desperately, 115. degree, 116. stick, 117. bowed, 118. Essentially,

119. Mozart was a musical _____.

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

120. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

121. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

122. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

123. The street ____ was known for its violent behavior.

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

124. There is plenty of space to ____ everyone.

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

125. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

126. Her research team made an important _____.

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

127. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 119. genius, 120. immediately, 121. straight, 122. vision, 123. gang, 124. bury, 125. flipped, 126. discovery, 127. gap

128. I always wear my favorite basketball player's _____ to the games.

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

129. She wrapped a _____ around her neck to keep warm.

n. a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons

130. We are tackling the development for updates with _____.

n. a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

131. He became _____ that he was being followed.

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

132. I heard the _____ of conversation from the next room.

v. to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one a bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

ANSWERS: 128. jersey, 129. scarf, 130. enthusiasm, 131. conscious, 132. buzz