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Session 1: Word List

providence

n. the protective care or guidance of God or nature as a spiritual power; divine intervention; the timely preparation for future eventualities or emergencies

synonym : protection, care, provision

(1) divine **providence**, (2) **providence** of nature

The success of our business venture was attributed to the guiding hand of **providence**.

unemployed

adj. not having a job, although able to work

synonym : idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

blank

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall

information

synonym: empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

row

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

synonym: line, sequence, layer

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

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

imitation

n. a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something

synonym: fabrication, replica, fake

(1) **imitation** antique, (2) artificial **imitation**

Many individuals believe that children learn languages through **imitation**.

crack

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

synonym: snap, burst, break

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

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

picnic

n. an outdoor meal or social gathering where food is served and eaten in nature, typically in a park, forest, or other outdoor settings

synonym: outing, barbecue, walkover

(1) **picnic** basket, (2) **picnic** table

The family enjoyed a lovely **picnic** in the park on a sunny day.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true
synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

abstract

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

synonym: conceptual, theoretical, ideational

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

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

tense

adj. unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid

synonym: tight, stretched, strained

(1) **tense** atmosphere, (2) have a **tense** face

This story makes me **tense**.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

appreciation

n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

synonym: recognition, admiration, esteem

(1) express my **appreciation**, (2) **appreciation** for diversity

The artist received a lot of **appreciation** for his latest work.

vacation

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

synonym: leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

poll

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

synonym: survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

trap *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
synonym: catch, snare, pinfall
(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal
The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

bubble *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
synonym: blob, balloon, mania
(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**
Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

individual *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym: person, being, self
(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom
As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

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.

convince *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
synonym: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent
I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

intellect

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

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym : jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

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

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

dreadful

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear

synonym : terrible, horrible, awful

(1) **dreadful** accident, (2) **dreadful** news

The conditions of the prison were **dreadful** and inhumane.

thumb

n. the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger;
(verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

synonym : digit, finger, phalange

(1) **thumb** wrestling, (2) **thumb** a ride

He used his right **thumb** to press the button on his phone.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym : destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

revelry

n. lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

synonym : festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

analogy

n. a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept

synonym : metaphor, comparison, parallel

(1) draw **analogy**, (2) historical **analogy**

Some kinds of machine learning models show an **analogy** to

how people learn.

loon

n. a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person

synonym : fool, lunatic

(1) **loon** call, (2) wild **loon**

We spotted a common **loon** swimming gracefully in the lake.

cartoon

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym : illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

pathetic

adj. arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability

synonym : pitiful, miserable, sad

(1) **pathetic** attempt, (2) **pathetic** display

The team's performance was **pathetic** and left the coach feeling disappointed.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

roadrunner

n. a bird belonging to the cuckoo family, commonly found in arid regions of North America, known for its rapid running ability

(1) elusive **roadrunner**, (2) desert **roadrunner**

I spotted a **roadrunner** chasing after a lizard in the desert.

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym: event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo

I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

cliff

n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

synonym: crag, escarpment, precipice

(1) a bold **cliff**, (2) **cliff** diving

He stood at the edge of the **cliff** and looked out to sea.

midair

n. some point in the air; above ground level

(1) a **midair** collision, (2) thrown out into **midair**

She flawlessly performed a **midair** somersault.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym: stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

structural

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

synonym: architectural, basic, anatomical

(1) **structural** analyses, (2) **structural** reorganization

The earthquake resulted in significant **structural** destruction.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

synonym : interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

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.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

dumb

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

synonym : mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

troublemaker

n. a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy

synonym : troublemonger, instigator, agitator

(1) **troublemaker** kid, (2) accused **troublemaker**

The teacher had to reprimand the **troublemaker** in class constantly.

irresponsible

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

synonym : careless, reckless, thoughtless

(1) **irresponsible** actions, (2) **irresponsible** behavior
It was **irresponsible** of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

dim

adj. poorly lit; not bright

synonym: dull, faint, weak

(1) **dim** and distant past, (2) **dim** memory

The **dim** light made it difficult to read the book.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

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.

astrophysics

n. the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe

(1) **astrophysics** research, (2) neutrino **astrophysics**

He was studying **astrophysics** in an attempt to understand the origins of the universe.

marathon

n. a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers

synonym: endurance, race, event

(1) run a **marathon**, (2) watch a **marathon**

She successfully completed her first **marathon** with a personal best time.

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym: anomaly, deviation, oddity

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

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

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym: integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

medical

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

synonym: health, disease, treatment

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

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

surgery

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

synonym : operation, (medical) procedure

(1) cardiac **surgery**, (2) the professor of **surgery**

He had undergone heart **surgery** years before.

anesthetize

v. to administer a drug or other substance that causes a loss of sensation or consciousness, often to perform a medical procedure; to numb or dull a physical or emotional sensation

synonym : numb, sedate, drug

(1) **anesthetize** a patient, (2) **anesthetize** a wound

The dentist will **anesthetize** your mouth before removing your wisdom teeth.

surgeon

n. a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body

synonym : sawbones, doctor

(1) an excellent brain **surgeon**, (2) army **surgeon**

He is a skilled **surgeon** that has many years of training and experience.

stitch

n. one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn

(1) a **stitch** in a garment, (2) pattern **stitch**

The wound was so deep that it needed a surgical procedure and **stitches**.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym : corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee

Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

incident

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

synonym: event, occurrence, accident

(1) traffic **incident**, (2) security **incident**

The **incident** at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym: dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

external

adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

synonym: outside, exterior, foreign

(1) **external** factors, (2) **external** commerce

When a company discloses information to the market, an **external** auditor verifies them.

entertaining

adj. providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing

synonym: amusing, diverting, engaging

(1) **entertaining** puppet show, (2) very **entertaining** book
The magician's act was **entertaining** and kept the audience on the edge of their seats.

dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym: throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

gallon

n. a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters

(1) 5- **gallon** square can, (2) ten- **gallon** hat

The imperial **gallon** was standardized legally by the British Empire.

gulf

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

synonym: chasm, divide, abyss

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

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

torpedo

n. a weapon that is designed to be launched from a ship, submarine, or aircraft and that is propelled through the water by a motor

synonym: missile, explosive, underwater bomb

(1) **torpedo** attack, (2) air-dropped **torpedo**

The submarine launched a **torpedo** at the enemy ship.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including

the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

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

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

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym: applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

resort

n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

synonym: vacation spot, hotel, (verb) address

(1) **resort** to desperate measures, (2) a last **resort**

If both countries **resort** to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym: unlucky, pitiful, wretched

(1) an **unfortunate** orphan, (2) an **unfortunate** situation

The **unfortunate** accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

assume

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

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

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

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

ignorant

adj. lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

synonym : uninformed, uneducated, unaware

(1) **ignorant** remark, (2) blissfully **ignorant**

He was **ignorant** of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.

idiot

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

synonym : dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**

He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym : plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

moron

n. (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense

synonym : idiot, fool, imbecile

(1) social **moron**, (2) complete **moron**

The internet troll accused her of being a **moron** for her political views.

deliberately

adv. done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

synonym: intentionally, knowingly, willfully

(1) **deliberately** amateurish, (2) commit a crime

deliberately

He **deliberately** misleads others.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

malevolent

adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others

synonym: evil, malicious, wicked

(1) **malevolent** stars, (2) **malevolent** act

She had a **malevolent** intention to harm her enemy.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

synonym: disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate

catastrophe

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

attachment

n. a feeling of affection for someone or something

synonym: adoration, affection, extension

(1) **attachment** to a formal plan, (2) stand mixer fitted with the paddle **attachment**

I have no **attachment** to the countryside.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

terribly

adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much
synonym : awfully, abominably, badly

(1) suffer **terribly**, (2) I am **terribly** sorry

His arm was swollen and **terribly** red.

baffle

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

synonym : perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises

The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
synonym : calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

translucent

adj. allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent

synonym : semi-transparent, see-through

(1) **translucent** glass, (2) **translucent** skin

The sunlight shone through the **translucent** curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.

gaze

v. to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else

synonym : stare, gawk, look

(1) **gaze** steadily at his face, (2) **gaze** absently out a window

The youngster was **gazed** at by the beast.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym: dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym: wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

screw

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

synonym: tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**

He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

defect

n. an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone

synonym : fault, blemish, flaw

(1) visual **defects**, (2) **defects** of character

Defects in the design could cause much worse issues.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym : destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

fundamental

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

synonym : basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym : compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

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.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

crypto

n. short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society

synonym: digital currency, virtual currency

(1) **crypto** exchange, (2) **crypto** wallet

The rise of **crypto** has revolutionized the world of finance and investment.

theme

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

synonym: subject, topic, motif

(1) **theme** park, (2) central **theme**

The **theme** of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym: scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

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.

bush

n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

synonym: copse, scrub, brushwood

(1) trees and **bushes**, (2) a **bush** of hair

I am going to trim this **bush** off.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

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**.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym:

devastation, annihilation, ruin

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

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

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym: autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

reign

n. the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen

synonym: rule, governance, sovereignty

(1) **reign** of a dictator, (2) **reign** as sovereign

The dictator's **reign** was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.

sweetheart

n. an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished

synonym: darling, beloved, love

(1) **sweetheart** deal, (2) **sweetheart** romance

I can always rely on my **sweetheart** to lift my mood when feeling down.

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

synonym: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

astonish

v. to surprise or shock someone greatly; to cause amazement or wonder

synonym: amaze, astound, surprise

(1) **astonish** audience, (2) **astonish** the world

Her incredible singing voice **astonished** everyone in the room.

offense

n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy

synonym: crime, violation, insult

(1) minor traffic **offenses**, (2) a first **offense**

Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile **offenses**.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

- unbelievable** *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
synonym : unimaginable, incredible, fantastical
(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage
He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.
- monument** *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
synonym : memorial, marker, statue
(1) humanity's **monument**, (2) **monument** honoring
The stone **monument** was built to commemorate the war heroes.
- innovation** *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
synonym : invention, initiation, creation
(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**
The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
- advancement** *n.* the development, improvement, or progress of something
synonym : progression, breakthrough, improvement
(1) **advancement** of knowledge, (2) career **advancement**
Competition between countries resulted in fast technological **advancement**.
- improve** *v.* to make or become better
synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich
(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score
We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.
- mind-boggling** *adj.* extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine
synonym : overwhelming, amazing, astonishing
(1) a **mind-boggling** puzzle, (2) a **mind-boggling** display
Educating hundreds of thousands of recruits is a

mind-boggling task.

alter

v. to cause to change or make different

synonym: change, vary, adjust

(1) **alter** a decision, (2) **alter** data in a file

The design of the webpage has **altered** slightly.

jet

n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

synonym: plane, aircraft, flier

(1) private **jet**, (2) commercial **jet**

The **jet** flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

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**.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym: recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

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

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

vastness

n. the extent or size of something, often describing an ample space or area; the quality of being immense or immense in scale

synonym : immensity, enormity, vastitude

(1) limitless **vastness**, (2) scenic **vastness**

The **vastness** of the ocean was awe-inspiring and humbling.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

mystery

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

synonym : enigma, puzzle, secret

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

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

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. att_____nt to a formal plan | <i>n.</i> a feeling of affection for someone or something |
| 2. mal_____nt stars | <i>adj.</i> having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others |
| 3. g__f stream | <i>n.</i> a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land |
| 4. id__t driver | <i>n.</i> a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient |
| 5. very ent_____ing book | <i>adj.</i> providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing |
| 6. fire st__k | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 7. re_____r approval ratings | <i>v.</i> to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength |
| 8. human in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 9. un___d the stroller | <i>v.</i> to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown |

ANSWERS: 1. attachment, 2. malevolent, 3. gulf, 4. idiot, 5. entertaining, 6. stick, 7. recover, 8. intellect, 9. unfold

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| 10. al__r data in a file | <i>v.</i> | to cause to change or make different |
| 11. intraspecific com_____on | <i>n.</i> | a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another |
| 12. acquire a vi___e | <i>n.</i> | high moral standards in behavior or attitudes |
| 13. te_____y people | <i>v.</i> | to frighten someone very much |
| 14. g__f war | <i>n.</i> | a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land |
| 15. army su_____n | <i>n.</i> | a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body |
| 16. assignment for the une_____ed youth | <i>adj.</i> | not having a job, although able to work |
| 17. re_____r a loss | <i>v.</i> | to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength |
| 18. vice-pr_____nt for finance | <i>n.</i> | the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc. |
| 19. th__b wrestling | <i>n.</i> | the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists |
| 20. al__r a decision | <i>v.</i> | to cause to change or make different |
| 21. irr_____ble behavior | <i>adj.</i> | not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable |
| 22. tr___c death | <i>adj.</i> | causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate |

ANSWERS: 10. alter, 11. competition, 12. virtue, 13. terrify, 14. gulf, 15. surgeon, 16. unemployed, 17. recover, 18. president, 19. thumb, 20. alter, 21. irresponsible, 22. tragic

23. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
24. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
25. sc__w the cap *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
26. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
27. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
28. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
29. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
30. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
31. to_____o attack *n.* a weapon that is designed to be launched from a ship, submarine, or aircraft and that is propelled through the water by a motor
32. I am te_____ly sorry *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
33. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 23. nation, 24. possibility, 25. screw, 26. twist, 27. strike, 28. rediscover, 29. mass, 30. misunderstand, 31. torpedo, 32. terribly, 33. strike

34. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
35. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
36. str_____al reorganization *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
37. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
38. economic bu___e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
39. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
40. commercial j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
41. complete mo__n *n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
42. an excellent brain su_____n *n.* a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
43. traffic in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

ANSWERS: 34. eradicate, 35. destruction, 36. structural, 37. crack, 38. bubble, 39. confer, 40. jet, 41. moron, 42. surgeon, 43. incident

44. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
45. military di____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
46. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
47. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
48. a last re____t *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
49. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
50. cr___o exchange *n.* short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society

ANSWERS: 44. creative, 45. dictator, 46. embarrass, 47. practical, 48. resort, 49. chase, 50. crypto

51. in____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
52. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
53. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
54. festival re____y *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
55. th__e park *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
56. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
57. what an id__t *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
58. tro_____ker kid *n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
59. dr____ul accident *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
60. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 51. internal, 52. blank, 53. absolutely, 54. revelry, 55. theme, 56. responsible, 57. idiot, 58. troublemaker, 59. dreadful, 60. insist

61. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
62. ho_____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
63. pi___c basket *n.* an outdoor meal or social gathering where food is served and eaten in nature, typically in a park, forest, or other outdoor settings
64. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
65. a short va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
66. l___n call *n.* a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person
67. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
68. d_m and distant past *adj.* poorly lit; not bright
69. 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
70. str_____al analyses *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

ANSWERS: 61. obsess, 62. hometown, 63. picnic, 64. mention, 65. vacation, 66. loon, 67. overcome, 68. dim, 69. discovery, 70. structural

71. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
72. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
73. central th__e *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
74. tra_____nt skin *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
75. cardiac su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
76. draw an_____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
77. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
78. red_____er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
79. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 71. complexity, 72. poll, 73. theme, 74. translucent, 75. surgery, 76. analogy, 77. abstract, 78. rediscover, 79. competition

80. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
81. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
82. ho____wn celebrity *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
83. vi___e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
84. cat_____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
85. tra_____nt glass *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
86. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
87. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
88. a bold cl__f *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
89. ex_____al commerce *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
90. ca_____n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

ANSWERS: 80. vice, 81. blind, 82. hometown, 83. virtue, 84. catastrophe, 85. translucent, 86. democracy, 87. absolutely, 88. cliff, 89. external, 90. cartoon

91. im____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
92. suffer te____ly *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
93. del____ely amateurish *adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
94. a mi____r collision *n.* some point in the air; above ground level
95. 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
96. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
97. run a ma____on *n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers
98. fun____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
99. ind____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
100. cause unb____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
101. re__n of a dictator *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
102. bu__e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 91. improve, 92. terribly, 93. deliberately, 94. midair, 95. cue, 96. bush, 97. marathon, 98. fundamental, 99. individual, 100. unbelievable, 101. reign, 102. bubble

103. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
104. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
105. re___t to desperate measures *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
106. d_m memory *adj.* poorly lit; not bright
107. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
108. humanity's mo_____nt *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
109. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
110. mi_____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
111. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
112. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
113. end of the first ep_____e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

ANSWERS: 103. possibility, 104. crazy, 105. resort, 106. dim, 107. confer, 108. monument, 109. moral, 110. miracle, 111. poll, 112. unbelievable, 113. episode

114. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
115. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
116. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
117. commit a crime del_____ely *adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
118. people who are une_____ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
119. tr___c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
120. ex_____al factors *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
121. wild l__n *n.* a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person
122. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
123. v__e-chair of the committee *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

ANSWERS: 114. creative, 115. mass, 116. assume, 117. deliberately, 118. unemployed, 119. tragic, 120. external, 121. loon, 122. bunch, 123. vice

124. accused tro_____ker *n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
125. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
126. th__b a ride *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
127. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
128. as_____sh audience *v.* to surprise or shock someone greatly; to cause amazement or wonder
129. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
130. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
131. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
132. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
133. visual de___ts *n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
134. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

ANSWERS: 124. troublemaker, 125. nerd, 126. thumb, 127. solid, 128. astonish, 129. dictator, 130. convince, 131. misunderstand, 132. grade, 133. defect, 134. disagree

135. ast_____ics research *n.* the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe
136. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
137. 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
138. express my app_____ion *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
139. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
140. adv_____nt of knowledge *n.* the development, improvement, or progress of something
141. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
142. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
143. te__e atmosphere *adj.* unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid

ANSWERS: 135. astrophysics, 136. invade, 137. universe, 138. appreciation, 139. reverse, 140. advancement, 141. incredibly, 142. solid, 143. tense

144. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
145. ba___e his plan *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
146. re__n as sovereign *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
147. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
148. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
149. co_____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
150. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
151. summer va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
152. pattern st___h *n.* one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn
153. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 144. crazy, 145. baffle, 146. reign, 147. obsession, 148. assume, 149. convince, 150. grade, 151. vacation, 152. stitch, 153. patient

154. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
155. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
156. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
157. bl__k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
158. irr_____ble actions *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
159. ba___e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
160. 5-ga___n square can *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
161. g__e steadily at his face *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
162. 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

ANSWERS: 154. row, 155. row, 156. unfold, 157. blank, 158. irresponsible, 159. baffle, 160. gallon, 161. gaze, 162. discovery

163. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
164. 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
165. bo____g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
166. in____t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
167. guarantee re_____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
168. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
169. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
170. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
171. 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
172. ane_____ze a wound *v.* to administer a drug or other substance that causes a loss of sensation or consciousness, often to perform a medical procedure; to numb or dull a physical or emotional sensation

ANSWERS: 163. medical, 164. universe, 165. boring, 166. insist, 167. reliable, 168. democracy, 169. complexity, 170. nation, 171. achieve, 172. anesthetize

173. desert roa_____er *n.* a bird belonging to the cuckoo family, commonly found in arid regions of North America, known for its rapid running ability
174. dr_____ul news *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
175. de____ts of character *n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
176. a min_____ing display *adj.* extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine
177. an unf_____te orphan *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
178. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
179. 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
180. di_____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
181. pa_____ic display *adj.* arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability
182. ane_____ze a patient *v.* to administer a drug or other substance that causes a loss of sensation or consciousness, often to perform a medical procedure; to numb or dull a physical or emotional sensation

ANSWERS: 173. roadrunner, 174. dreadful, 175. defect, 176. mind-boggling, 177. unfortunate, 178. trap, 179. achieve, 180. distort, 181. pathetic, 182. anesthetize

183. temporary me____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
184. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
185. swe_____rt deal *n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
186. thrown out into mi____r *n.* some point in the air; above ground level
187. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
188. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
189. pi____c table *n.* an outdoor meal or social gathering where food is served and eaten in nature, typically in a park, forest, or other outdoor settings
190. ig_____nt remark *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
191. a first of_____e *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
192. a st____h in a garment *n.* one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn
193. security in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

ANSWERS: 183. medical, 184. twist, 185. sweetheart, 186. midair, 187. incredible, 188. terrify, 189. picnic, 190. ignorant, 191. offense, 192. stitch, 193. incident

194. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
195. watch a ma_____on *n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers
196. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
197. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
198. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
199. unsolved my_____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
200. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
201. have a te__e face *adj.* unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid
202. d__p hazardous waste *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
203. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

ANSWERS: 194. embarrass, 195. marathon, 196. mention, 197. practical, 198. distort, 199. mystery, 200. intellect, 201. tense, 202. dump, 203. innovation

204. social mo__n *n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
205. an unf_____te situation *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
206. ten-ga___n hat *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
207. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
208. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
209. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
210. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
211. app_____ion for diversity *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
212. stand mixer fitted with the paddle
att_____nt *n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something

ANSWERS: 204. moron, 205. unfortunate, 206. gallon, 207. reverse, 208. abstract, 209. blind, 210. crack, 211. appreciation, 212. attachment

220. treat this dev_____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
221. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
222. mathematical pu_____e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
223. pro_____ce of nature *n.* the protective care or guidance of God or nature as a spiritual power; divine intervention; the timely preparation for future eventualities or emergencies
224. trees and b____hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
225. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
226. ent_____ing puppet show *adj.* providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing

ANSWERS: 220. devastating, 221. patient, 222. puzzle, 223. providence, 224. bush, 225. economy, 226. entertaining

227. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
228. economic mi_____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
229. crossword pu_____e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge;
(verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
230. the professor of su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
231. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
232. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
233. in_____e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
234. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 227. devastating, 228. miracle, 229. puzzle, 230. surgery, 231. disagree, 232. overcome, 233. invade, 234. bunch

235. elusive roa_____er *n.* a bird belonging to the cuckoo family, commonly found in arid regions of North America, known for its rapid running ability
236. ca_____n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
237. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
238. im_____on antique *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
239. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
240. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
241. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 235. roadrunner, 236. cartoon, 237. plot, 238. imitation, 239. chase, 240. economy, 241. obsess

242. a rock fr__k	<i>n.</i> an abnormality that is not typical or expected
243. career adv_____nt	<i>n.</i> the development, improvement, or progress of something
244. mal_____nt act	<i>adj.</i> having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others
245. fun_____al rights	<i>adj.</i> forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
246. pa_____ic attempt	<i>adj.</i> arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability
247. die su_____ly	<i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly
248. path of des_____on	<i>n.</i> the act of causing so much damage to something
249. er_____te racial discrimination	<i>v.</i> to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
250. bo_____g day	<i>adj.</i> lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
251. im_____e a process	<i>v.</i> to make or become better
252. neutrino ast_____ics	<i>n.</i> the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe
253. p__t a revolution	<i>n.</i> a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 242. freak, 243. advancement, 244. malevolent, 245. fundamental, 246. pathetic, 247. suddenly, 248. destruction, 249. eradicate, 250. boring, 251. improve, 252. astrophysics, 253. plot

254. ep____e of vertigo *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
255. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
256. d__p the gravel on the road *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
257. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
258. private j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
259. g__e absently out a window *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
260. cl__f diving *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
261. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
262. d__b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
263. avoid climate cat_____he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

ANSWERS: 254. episode, 255. innovation, 256. dump, 257. incredible, 258. jet, 259. gaze, 260. cliff, 261. trap, 262. dumb, 263. catastrophe

264. su____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
265. minor traffic of____es *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
266. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
267. score an ad____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
268. a min_____ing puzzle *adj.* extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine
269. artificial im_____on *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
270. take ad____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
271. air-dropped to____o *n.* a weapon that is designed to be launched from a ship, submarine, or aircraft and that is propelled through the water by a motor
272. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
273. as____sh the world *v.* to surprise or shock someone greatly; to cause amazement or wonder

ANSWERS: 264. suspect, 265. offense, 266. emotional, 267. advantage, 268. mind-boggling, 269. imitation, 270. advantage, 271. torpedo, 272. moral, 273. astonish

274. swe_____rt romance *n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
275. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
276. divine pro_____ce *n.* the protective care or guidance of God or nature as a spiritual power; divine intervention; the timely preparation for future eventualities or emergencies
277. a female sc__w *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
278. the in_____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
279. struck d__b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
280. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
281. re_____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
282. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
283. blissfully ig_____nt *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

ANSWERS: 274. sweetheart, 275. obsession, 276. providence, 277. screw, 278. internal, 279. dumb, 280. nerd, 281. reliable, 282. leap, 283. ignorant

284. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
285. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
286. scenic va_____ss *n.* the extent or size of something, often describing an ample space or area; the quality of being immense or immense in scale
287. fr__k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
288. 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
289. re_____y in the streets *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
290. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
291. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
292. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
293. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
294. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 284. president, 285. emotional, 286. vastness, 287. freak, 288. stick, 289. revelry, 290. individual, 291. suddenly, 292. suspect, 293. incredibly, 294. responsible

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.
adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
2. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
3. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.
adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
4. The painting was _____ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.
v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
5. 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
6. The artist received a lot of _____ for his latest work.
n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
7. He acted like an _____ and spilled his drink all over the floor.
n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

ANSWERS: 1. reliable, 2. president, 3. moral, 4. rediscovered, 5. stick, 6. appreciation, 7. idiot

8. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
9. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.
- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
10. The enemy fell right into the _____.
- n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
11. The company _____ him after several years of service.
- v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
12. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
13. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
14. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
15. The wound was so deep that it needed a surgical procedure and _____.
- n.* one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn

ANSWERS: 8. innovation, 9. leap, 10. trap, 11. dumped, 12. complexity, 13. insisted, 14. advantages, 15. stitches

16. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

17. She flawlessly performed a _____ somersault.

n. some point in the air; above ground level

18. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

19. She had a _____ intention to harm her enemy.

adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm or evil to others

20. The _____ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

21. The _____ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

22. 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

23. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 16. overcome, 17. midair, 18. suddenly, 19. malevolent, 20. unfortunate, 21. incident, 22. achieve, 23. patient's

24. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

25. My father was _____ for so long.

adj. not having a job, although able to work

26. The design of the webpage has _____ slightly.

v. to cause to change or make different

27. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

28. I am going to trim this _____ off.

n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

29. The rise of _____ has revolutionized the world of finance and investment.

n. short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society

30. We spotted a common _____ swimming gracefully in the lake.

n. a large migratory bird, typically having a haunting cry and known for its diving and swimming abilities; (an offensive word) a foolish or crazy person

31. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

ANSWERS: 24. eradicate, 25. unemployed, 26. altered, 27. dumb, 28. bush, 29. crypto, 30. loon, 31. obsession

32. If both countries _____ to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.
- n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
33. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
34. She had many good _____ and few faults.
- n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
35. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
36. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
- adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
37. His arm was swollen and _____ red.
- adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
38. The conditions of the prison were _____ and inhumane.
- adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
39. The teacher had to reprimand the _____ in class constantly.
- n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy

ANSWERS: 32. resort, 33. assumes, 34. virtues, 35. strike, 36. medical, 37. terribly, 38. dreadful, 39. troublemaker

40. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

41. The success of our business venture was attributed to the guiding hand of _____.

n. the protective care or guidance of God or nature as a spiritual power; divine intervention; the timely preparation for future eventualities or emergencies

42. 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

43. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

44. Cats hate dogs and _____ versa.

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

45. He was _____ of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.

adj. lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

46. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

ANSWERS: 40. recovering, 41. providence, 42. universe, 43. blank, 44. vice, 45. ignorant, 46. distort

47. Competition between countries resulted in fast technological _____.
n. the development, improvement, or progress of something
48. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.
adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
49. He had undergone heart _____ years before.
n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
50. When a company discloses information to the market, an _____ auditor verifies them.
adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
51. The team's performance was _____ and left the coach feeling disappointed.
adj. arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability
52. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
53. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.
adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
54. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
55. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 47. advancement, 48. tragic, 49. surgery, 50. external, 51. pathetic, 52. suspected, 53. boring, 54. embarrass, 55. chased

56. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

57. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

58. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

59. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

60. I have no _____ to the countryside.

n. a feeling of affection for someone or something

61. It was _____ of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

62. Her incredible singing voice _____ everyone in the room.

v. to surprise or shock someone greatly; to cause amazement or wonder

63. He stood at the edge of the _____ and looked out to sea.

n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

64. The ____ flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

ANSWERS: 56. crazy, 57. dictator, 58. competition, 59. puzzle, 60. attachment, 61. irresponsible, 62. astonished, 63. cliff, 64. jet

65. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.

- v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

66. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

67. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

- n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

68. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.

- n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

69. Educating hundreds of thousands of recruits is a _____ task.

- adj.* extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine

70. The dictator's _____ was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.

- n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen

71. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

- n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 65. reversed, 66. responsible, 67. plot, 68. cartoon, 69. mind-boggling, 70. reign, 71. possibility

72. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

73. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.

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

74. He is a skilled _____ that has many years of training and experience.

n. a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body

75. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

76. Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile _____.

n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy

77. The youngster was _____ at by the beast.

v. to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else

78. Some kinds of machine learning models show an _____ to how people learn.

n. a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept

ANSWERS: 72. devastating, 73. row, 74. surgeon, 75. bubble, 76. offenses, 77. gazed, 78. analogy

79. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

80. The imperial _____ was standardized legally by the British Empire.

n. a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters

81. The _____ of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

82. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

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

83. The lack of funds has resulted in a _____ for our university system.

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

84. The sunlight shone through the _____ curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.

adj. allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent

85. I want to put that _____ of my life behind me.

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

86. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 79. improve, 80. gallon, 81. theme, 82. bunch, 83. catastrophe, 84. translucent, 85. episode, 86. obsessed

87. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

88. The _____ of water is called ice.

- adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

89. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

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

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

91. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

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

92. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

- adj.* relating to people's feelings

93. The stone _____ was built to commemorate the war heroes.

- n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

94. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.

- adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

ANSWERS: 87. Democracy, 88. solid-state, 89. confer, 90. abstract, 91. mystery, 92. emotional, 93. monument, 94. unbelievable

95. 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

96. He _____ misleads others.

- adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

97. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.

- adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

98. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.

- v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

99. _____ in the design could cause much worse issues.

- n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone

100. She successfully completed her first _____ with a personal best time.

- n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers

101. He used his right _____ to press the button on his phone.

- n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

102. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.

- v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 95. discovery, 96. deliberately, 97. practical, 98. invade, 99. Defects, 100. marathon, 101. thumb, 102. unfolded

103. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
104. The street was filled with _____ on New Year's Eve.
n. lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
105. The ____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
106. The internet troll accused her of being a _____ for her political views.
n. (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
107. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
108. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
109. He was studying _____ in an attempt to understand the origins of the universe.
n. the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe
110. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.
adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

ANSWERS: 103. nation, 104. revelry, 105. mass, 106. moron, 107. misunderstand, 108. fundamental, 109. astrophysics, 110. structural

111. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

112. The paradox _____ most philosophers.

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

113. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

114. This story makes me _____.

adj. unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid

115. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

116. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

117. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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

118. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

119. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 111. convince, 112. baffled, 113. mentioned, 114. tense, 115. polls, 116. incredibly, 117. intellect, 118. nerd, 119. creative

120. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

121. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

122. The magician's act was _____ and kept the audience on the edge of their seats.

adj. providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing

123. 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

124. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

125. I can always rely on my _____ to lift my mood when feeling down.

n. an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished

126. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

127. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

ANSWERS: 120. hometown, 121. incredible, 122. entertaining, 123. cue, 124. individual, 125. sweetheart, 126. twisted, 127. miracle

128. The _____ of the ocean was awe-inspiring and humbling.
- n.* the extent or size of something, often describing an ample space or area; the quality of being immense or immense in scale
129. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
130. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
- n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
131. Do you have a plan for a long _____
- n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
132. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.
- n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
133. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
- v.* to frighten someone very much
134. I spotted a _____ chasing after a lizard in the desert.
- n.* a bird belonging to the cuckoo family, commonly found in arid regions of North America, known for its rapid running ability
135. The dentist will _____ your mouth before removing your wisdom teeth.
- v.* to administer a drug or other substance that causes a loss of sensation or consciousness, often to perform a medical procedure; to numb or dull a physical or emotional sensation

ANSWERS: 128. vastness, 129. economy, 130. Gulf, 131. vacation?, 132. freak, 133. terrify, 134. roadrunner, 135. anesthetize

136. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

137. The family enjoyed a lovely _____ in the park on a sunny day.

n. an outdoor meal or social gathering where food is served and eaten in nature, typically in a park, forest, or other outdoor settings

138. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

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

139. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

140. I _____ for reasons already stated above.

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

141. The ____ light made it difficult to read the book.

adj. poorly lit; not bright

142. Many individuals believe that children learn languages through _____.

n. a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something

143. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 136. internal, 137. picnic, 138. crack, 139. destruction, 140. disagree, 141. dim, 142. imitation, 143. absolutely

144. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

145. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it;
(noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

146. The submarine launched a _____ at the enemy ship.

n. a weapon that is designed to be launched from a ship, submarine, or aircraft and that is propelled through the water by a motor

147. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

ANSWERS: 144. blind, 145. screw, 146. torpedo, 147. grade