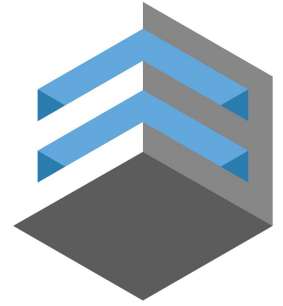


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Session 1: Word List

backpack

n. a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies

synonym: knapsack, rucksack, pack

(1) **backpacker's** hostel, (2) **backpacking** trip

I packed my **backpack** with all the necessary camping gear for our trip.

highland

adj. an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

synonym: upland, plateau

(1) **highland** Indian, (2) **highland** agriculture

This region has a humid subtropical and **highland** climate.

bartender

n. a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar

synonym: barman, mixologist, server

(1) professional **bartender**, (2) moonlight as a **bartender**

The chief **bartender** mixed the ingredients to create a new and exciting cocktail.

nurse

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

synonym: healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**

The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

pint

n. a unit of measurement for liquid and dry substances, typically equal to 1/8th of a gallon or 16 fluid ounces, commonly used to measure beverages, such as beer or milk, as well as certain food ingredients

(1) half a **pint** of milk, (2) **pint** glass

He ordered a **pint** of beer at the pub and enjoyed it with his friends.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym: district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

pier

n. a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area

synonym: jetty, wharf, dock

(1) **pier** fishing, (2) a landing **pier**

Families gathered on the head of a **pier** to watch the sunset and catch a glimpse of the dolphins swimming in the bay.

- pile** *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
synonym : accumulation, heap, stack
(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**
After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.
- tide** *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
synonym : ripple, surge, swell
(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change
Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.
- sand** *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
synonym : grit, dust, powder
(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle
The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.
- plank** *n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes
synonym : board, timber, beam
(1) oak **plank**, (2) **plank** exercise
He was ordered to walk the **plank** by the pirate captain.
- storytelling** *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
synonym : narrating, relating, recounting
(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**
She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- punchline** *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
synonym :

joke, climax, comedic ending

(1) have no **punchline**, (2) the final **punchline**

The **punchline** of the joke was hilarious.

singular

n. being only one of its kind; unique

synonym: unique, sole, individual

(1) **singular** purpose, (2) **singular** goal

The **singular** beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

confirm

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

synonym: affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

affirm

v. to assert that something is true or real; to state positively

synonym: declare, avow, assert

(1) **affirm** old traditions, (2) **affirm** strong identity

I **affirm** that I will always stand by my beliefs.

affirmation

n. a statement declaring something to be true strongly

synonym: confirmation, validation, endorsement

(1) self- **affirmation**, (2) statement of **affirmation**

The **affirmation** from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym: border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology
Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym : decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

commandment

n. a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority

synonym : law, edict, precept

(1) violate a **commandment**, (2) a religious **commandment**
He was punished because he contravened a **commandment** of God.

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.

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.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

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

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

halfway

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

synonym :

middle, median, center

(1) **halfway** through my journey, (2) **halfway** decent job
The famous restaurant stands **halfway** up the hill.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

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

princess

n. the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable

synonym: royal, noble, queen

(1) crown **princess**, (2) a Royal **Princess**

The prince fell in love with the **princess** and asked her to marry him.

mar

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

synonym: damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation
The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program
The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

summon

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

synonym: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council
The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

mansion

n. a very large and imposing house

synonym: estate, palace, villa

(1) reside in a **mansion**, (2) haunted **mansion**

They turned away the crowd at the gate of the governor's **mansion**.

telegram

n. a message sent by telegraph (= a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals), typically consisting of a few words and sent at a reduced rate for urgent or brief communications

synonym: wire, message, cablegram

(1) **telegram** service, (2) a congratulatory **telegram**

He sent a **telegram** to let his family know he was safe.

mysterious

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

synonym: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

entomb

v. to place or bury a person or object in a tomb or grave; to trap or enclose someone or something within a confined space

synonym: bury, tomb, inter

(1) **entomb** a body, (2) **entomb** the pharaoh

The ancient burial site **entombs** the remains of long-lost civilizations.

mausoleum

n. a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground

synonym: tomb, sepulcher, crypt

(1) visit a **mausoleum**, (2) marble **mausoleum**

The imperial **mausoleum** was built to honor the late king.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

butler

n. a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

synonym: valet, majordomo, manservant

(1) **butler** service, (2) household **butler**

The personal **butler** announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

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.

embalm

v. preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral

synonym: preserve, treat, mummify

(1) **embalm** a corpse, (2) **embalm** the body

The funeral director **embalmed** the body to make it presentable for the wake.

coffin

n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

synonym: casket, box, chest

(1) **coffin** lid, (2) wooden **coffin**

The priest prayed over the **coffin** before it was lowered into the ground.

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym: attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company
Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

command

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

synonym: control, authority, leadership

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

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

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.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym: boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

device

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

synonym : gadget, instrument, tool

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

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

inviting

adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

synonym : attractive, tempting, alluring

(1) **inviting** scent, (2) **inviting** atmosphere

The **inviting** aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.

campfire

n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

synonym : bonfire, blaze, fire pit

(1) **campfire** story, (2) roast marshmallows around the **campfire**

We sat around the **campfire** and told stories late into the night.

pebble

n. a small, smooth, rounded rock, especially one worn by the action of water

synonym : rock, stone, cobble

(1) drop a **pebble** into a pond, (2) **pebble** pathway

She picked up a **pebble** from the beach and put it in her pocket as a souvenir.

slingshot

n. a Y-shaped stick with an elastic band attached for shooting small stones or other projectiles

synonym : catapult, launcher, trebuchet

(1) **slingshot** projectile, (2) **slingshot** aim

The kids used a **slingshot** to launch small stones into the

pond.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym: drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

mechanical

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

synonym: machinelike, automated, automatic

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

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

recall

v. to remember something

synonym: remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name

She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym: conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym: cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

hunch

v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to

happen, without evidence or explicit proof

synonym: crouch, guess, speculate

(1) **hunch** against the rain, (2) **hunch** up the shoulders
I **hunch** over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.

solver

n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

synonym: thinker

(1) puzzle- **solver**, (2) linear **solver**

The flow **solver** is validated against the experiment.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym: force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

deduce

v. to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning

synonym: conclude, infer, suppose

(1) **deduce** facts from the evidence, (2) **deduce** the meaning of a word

The researcher **deduced** the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.

deduct

v. to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total

synonym: remove, subtract, withdraw

(1) **deduct** the interest, (2) **deduct** \$100 from the price

The bank **deducted** the premium amount from his bank account.

absence

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

synonym : dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym : lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

infant

n. a baby or very young child

synonym : baby, newborn, tot

(1) **infant** daughter, (2) **infant** food

Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

puppy

n. a young dog, usually less than a year old

synonym : dog, young dog, pup

(1) **puppy** in a pet shop, (2) nurse a **puppy**

She adopted a small brown **puppy** from the shelter.

damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

synonym : curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise

The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym : purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

magnet

n. an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel

synonym: magnetite, lodestone, attracting substance

(1) **magnet** attraction, (2) permanent **magnet**

The MRI machine uses **magnets** to produce images of the body's internal organs.

bob

v. to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

synonym: bobble, bounce, wag

(1) **bob** a quick curtsy, (2) **bob** on the surface of the water

I need to **bob** my head to the beat of the music.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym: essential, pivotal, vital

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

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

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym: alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

edit

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

synonym: revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

screenwriter

n. a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media

synonym: scriptwriter, playwright

(1) aspiring **screenwriter**, (2) experienced **screenwriter**
The movie's success was largely attributed to the **screenwriter's** cleverly written script.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

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

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

widget

n. a small device or component of a larger system or software that performs a specific function or provides information or control, often displayed on a computer screen or mobile device

synonym: gadget, device, tool

(1) calendar **widget**, (2) social media **widget**

You can easily add a **widget** to your blog by following these steps

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

predictable

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

synonym: foreseeable, expectable, likely

(1) **predictable** pattern, (2) in a **predictable** manner

The economy becomes more volatile and less **predictable**.

seminar

n. a group meeting or class for discussion, teaching, or training on a particular subject

synonym: workshop, conference, symposium

(1) business **seminar**, (2) academic **seminar**

I'm attending a leadership **seminar** next week.

insight

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

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

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

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

spine

n. the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column

synonym: backbone, vertebra, column

(1) the **spine** of a book, (2) a cervical **spine** injury

She has a minor curved **spine** due to desk work for many years.

motor

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

synonym: actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym: chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

unconscious

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

synonym: comatose, paralyzed, senseless

(1) **unconscious** bias, (2) a person who is **unconscious**

I know his **unconscious** habit that he touches his face when he lies.

strive

v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
synonym: preserve, endure, persist

(1) **strive** hard to get, (2) **strive** for excellence

They **strived** to make their dream come true.

itch

v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

synonym: scratch, tingle, irritate

(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak

I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.

scratch

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

synonym: claw, rub, scrape

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

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

godfather

n. a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

synonym: sponsor, mentor, protector

(1) political **godfather**, (2) be my **godfather** at my christening

The wealthy businessman acted as a **godfather** to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym: dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

temperament

n. a person's nature or disposition, especially as it permanently affects their behavior

synonym : disposition, character, personality

(1) the **temperament** of an engineer, (2) a hysterical **temperament**

She has a calm **temperament** and never gets overly upset or angry.

recognize

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

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

threshold

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

synonym : anteroom, brink, verge

(1) the **threshold** between rooms, (2) high pain **threshold**
She's on the **threshold** of adulthood.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym: accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help
He never **acknowledged** his fault.

steer

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

synonym: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation
The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

static

adj. not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing

synonym: immobile, unchanging, fixed

(1) **static** electricity, (2) **static** website
The **static** image on the screen took a lot of work to make out.

toy

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

synonym: plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box
He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

bug

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

synonym: insect, bacterium, microbe

(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes
I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.

hooked

adj. being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak

synonym : caught, captivated, addicted

(1) **hooked** hair, (2) **hooked** on drugs

My son was **hooked** on the Internet.

playwright

n. a person who writes plays

synonym : dramatist, scribe, librettist

(1) acclaimed **playwright**, (2) a **playwright** attached to the theatre

The **playwright's** work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

archer

n. a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

synonym : Bowman, marksman, shooter

(1) **archer's** bow, (2) skilled **archer**

The **archer's** aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym : acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

anticipation

n. the action of expecting that something might happen in the future and perhaps doing something about it now

synonym : expectation, prediction, prospect

(1) **anticipation** of her arrival, (2) hazard **anticipation**

She waited in eager **anticipation** for his arrival.

mingle

v. to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner

synonym : mix, blend, merge

(1) **mingle** with colleagues, (2) **mingle** with the locals

I decided to **mingle** with the crowd and converse with some new people.

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose
synonym: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

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.

insightful

adj. having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject

synonym: perceptive, astute, perspicacious

(1) acutely **insightful**, (2) **insightful** analysis

His **insightful** comments added a new perspective to the discussion.

definition

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

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

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

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

construct

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

synonym: build, assemble, create

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

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever

imagined before.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy
We **concluded** a cease-fire.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news
Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**
They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

gut

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

synonym: belly, abdomen, courage

(1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings

He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.

instinct

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

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

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

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

mermaid

n. a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish

synonym: siren, naiad, sea-maiden

(1) **mermaid** costume, (2) **mermaid** tail

The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl discovering a secret **mermaid** kingdom beneath the sea.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym: angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

epitome

n. a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

synonym: embodiment, apotheosis

(1) an **epitome** of history, (2) world's **epitome**

He was the **epitome** of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.

animation

n. the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave

synonym: motion, movement, liveliness

(1) **animation** studio, (2) **animation** film

The **animation** of the characters in the movie was so realistic, and it was as if they were there.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

irony

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

synonym: sarcasm, cynicism, wit

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

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

panic

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

synonym: confusion, hysteria, consternation

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

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

privately

adv. in a private manner; not publicly; secretly

synonym: secretly, in confidence, behind closed doors

(1) a **privately-owned** railway, (2) import things **privately**

The couple **privately** exchanged their vows before the ceremony began.

lyricist

n. a person who writes lyrics or words for songs, often collaborating with a composer to create music

synonym: songwriter, poet, wordsmith

(1) award-winning **lyricist**, (2) aspiring **lyricist**

The famous musician started his career as a **lyricist**.

villain

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

synonym: scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

rebellious

adj. characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary

synonym: disobedient, defiant, insubordinate

(1) **rebellious** teenager, (2) **rebellious** spirit

Her **rebellious** attitude often got her into trouble with the school authorities.

contrarian

n. a person who tends to oppose or reject commonly held beliefs or opinions, often for the sake of being different or creating controversy

synonym: dissenter, maverick, rebel

(1) **contrarian** investor, (2) **contrarian** philosophy

The politician's **contrarian** stance on immigration has earned him a lot of supporters and detractors alike.

determination

n. the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

synonym: resolve, willpower, conviction

(1) a steely **determination**, (2) **determination** of a DNA

sequence

His **determination** to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

guideline

n. a general rule or principle that provides guidance to appropriate behavior; a piece of advice or instructions that tell you how something should be done or what something should be

synonym: policy, direction, protocol

(1) an education **guideline**, (2) **guideline** for clinical trial

This book will be a practical **guideline** when coding.

naive

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

synonym: innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

selfless

adj. concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic

synonym: unselfish, altruistic, generous

(1) **selfless** act, (2) **selfless** devotion

Her **selfless** dedication to the community earned her a prestigious award.

someplace

adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

synonym: somewhere, anywhere, wherever

(1) from **someplace** deep inside, (2) **someplace** quiet

Let's go **someplace** new and try something we have not done before.

slink

v. to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky

synonym: sneak, slither, crawl

(1) **slink** back home, (2) **slink** in the shadows

The thief tried to **slink** away unnoticed, but the security guard caught him.

deaf

adj. lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals

synonym: hearing-impaired, unresponsive, insensitive

(1) **deaf** in one ear, (2) **deaf** child

The **deaf** student needed an interpreter to understand the lecture.

likable

adj. having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable

synonym: sympathetic, appealing, charming

(1) **likable** personality, (2) a **likable** character

He's a very **likable** person who makes friends easily.

conditional

adj. depending on a specific condition or circumstance; imposed or subject to certain conditions or restrictions

synonym: contingent, dependent, provisional

(1) **conditional** offer, (2) **conditional** release

The **conditional** statement in the program tells the computer what to do next.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym: stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future
I **bet** that you know it.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air
The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain
This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation
His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

veil

n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
synonym: cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

lift

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

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

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

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

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

canal

n. a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation

synonym: aqueduct, trench, channel

(1) an ear **canal**, (2) an irrigation **canal**

Our container ship went through the Panama **Canal**.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

disparate

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

synonym: different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

chronological

adj. arranged in the order in which events occurred

synonym: sequential, linear, temporal

(1) **chronological** progression, (2) sorted in **chronological**

order

He presented the timeline of the project in a **chronological** sequence.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym : ceaseless, stable, unchanging

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

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

attempt

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

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

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

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

introduction

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

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

ingredient

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

synonym : element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**

Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

invoke

v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

synonym : evoke, summon, call forth

(1) **invoke** memories, (2) **invoke** the right to remain silent
The politician **invoked** the name of the founding fathers in his speech.

thump

v. to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully

synonym : beat, thud, pound

(1) **thump** on the back, (2) **thump** a blistering shot
I heard someone **thump** on the door, and when I opened it, no one was there.

stiff

adj. not easily bent, flexible, or pliable; difficult to move or be maneuvered; difficult to relax; having a heavy or formal manner

synonym : rigid, inflexible, unbending

(1) **stiff** muscles, (2) **stiff** penalty
Her body felt **stiff** after sitting at her desk for hours without moving.

magic

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

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**
He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

sauce

n. a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods

synonym : condiment, gravy, dressing

(1) a flavorful **sauce**, (2) soy **sauce**
The pasta dish was served with a rich tomato **sauce**.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym : blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym : arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

surrender

v. to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority

synonym : yield, submit, relinquish

(1) **surrender** at discretion, (2) **surrender** an insurance policy

The enemy was forced to **surrender** after a long battle.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

cellular

adj. of or connected with the cells of animals or plants; of or connected with a mobile telephone system that uses several short-range radio stations instead of wires

synonym : organic, biological, nuclear

(1) **cellular** and molecular biology, (2) a **cellular** phone handset

This factory employs a **cellular** manufacturing system.

dormant

adj. in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances

synonym : inactive, sleeping, quiescent

(1) **dormant** volcano, (2) **dormant** account

The disease can remain **dormant** for years before it presents any symptoms.

devil

n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked

synonym : demon, fiend, satan

(1) **devil's** advocate, (2) **devil** horns

There are various ways to ward off the **devil**, including prayer and holy water.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym : building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

infuse

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

synonym : instill, fill, permeate

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

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

vivid

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

synonym : intense, powerful, dazzling

(1) **vivid** colors, (2) still **vivid** in my memory

She made a **vivid** impression.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym : name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

ankle

n. the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg

synonym : mortise joint

(1) **ankle** injury, (2) pair of **ankle** boots

He accidentally sprained his **ankle** playing squash.

premature

adj. occurring or done too early; happening before the appropriate time; born before the end of a full-term pregnancy

synonym : prematurely born, untimely, early

(1) **premature** birth, (2) **premature** death

The **premature** baby was small but healthy.

straight

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

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

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

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

transfusion

n. the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery

synonym : transfer, graft, infusion

(1) red blood cell **transfusion**, (2) plasma **transfusion**

The patient received a blood **transfusion** during the surgery to replenish her supply.

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.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

Session 2: Spelling

1. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
2. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
3. in____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
4. pi_____nt signs of manipulation *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
5. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
6. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
7. ac_____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
8. ant_____ion of her arrival *n.* the action of expecting that something might happen in the future and perhaps doing something about it now
9. oak pl__k *n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

ANSWERS: 1. wealth, 2. panic, 3. instinct, 4. pinpoint, 5. firm, 6. frank, 7. acquire, 8. anticipation, 9. plank

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| 10. inc_____ly cheerful character | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely |
| 11. sc_____h off a name | <i>v.</i> to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object |
| 12. e__t a history book | <i>v.</i> to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it |
| 13. su_____er an insurance policy | <i>v.</i> to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority |
| 14. a steely det_____ion | <i>n.</i> the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something |
| 15. Platonic di_____ues | <i>n.</i> a conversation in a book, play, or film |
| 16. visit a ma_____um | <i>n.</i> a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground |
| 17. in_____on behind his decision | <i>n.</i> something you want to do and are going to do |
| 18. experienced scr_____ter | <i>n.</i> a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media |
| 19. a hysterical tem_____nt | <i>n.</i> a person's nature or disposition, especially as it permanently affects their behavior |
| 20. gu_____ne for clinical trial | <i>n.</i> a general rule or principle that provides guidance to appropriate behavior; a piece of advice or instructions that tell you how something should be done or what something should be |

ANSWERS: 10. incredibly, 11. scratch, 12. edit, 13. surrender, 14. determination, 15. dialogue, 16. mausoleum, 17. intention, 18. screenwriter, 19. temperament, 20. guideline

21. ba____cking trip *n.* a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies
22. si____ar goal *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
23. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
24. pe____e pathway *n.* a small, smooth, rounded rock, especially one worn by the action of water
25. b_b on the surface of the water *v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
26. b_b a quick curtsy *v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
27. wooden co____n *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
28. de____t \$100 from the price *v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total
29. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 21. backpack, 22. singular, 23. invisible, 24. pebble, 25. bob, 26. bob, 27. coffin, 28. deduct, 29. fundamental

30. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
31. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
32. de___e the meaning of a word *v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
33. marble ma_____um *n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground
34. in_____ve education *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
35. do_____t account *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
36. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
37. the blind g_t *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
38. bitter ir__y *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 30. storytelling, 31. motor, 32. deduce, 33. mausoleum, 34. inclusive, 35. dormant, 36. capture, 37. gut, 38. irony

39. sl__k in the shadows *v.* to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky
40. award-winning ly____st *n.* a person who writes lyrics or words for songs, often collaborating with a composer to create music
41. the at____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
42. cost ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
43. violate a com____nt *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
44. na__e mistake *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
45. se____ss act *adj.* concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic
46. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
47. an____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
48. con____al offer *adj.* depending on a specific condition or circumstance; imposed or subject to certain conditions or restrictions

ANSWERS: 39. slink, 40. lyricist, 41. attempt, 42. barrier, 43. commandment, 44. naive, 45. selfless, 46. tower, 47. animate, 48. conditional

49. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
50. na__e belief *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
51. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
52. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
53. d__f in one ear *adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
54. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
55. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
56. pu__y in a pet shop *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
57. evil vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
58. co_____y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
59. in_____ng scent *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

ANSWERS: 49. instinct, 50. naive, 51. mysterious, 52. property, 53. deaf, 54. conquer, 55. doubt, 56. puppy, 57. villain, 58. county, 59. inviting

60. ce____ar and molecular biology *adj.* of or connected with the cells of animals or plants; of or connected with a mobile telephone system that uses several short-range radio stations instead of wires
61. hi____nd agriculture *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
62. st__f muscles *adj.* not easily bent, flexible, or pliable; difficult to move or be maneuvered; difficult to relax; having a heavy or formal manner
63. social media wi____t *n.* a small device or component of a larger system or software that performs a specific function or provides information or control, often displayed on a computer screen or mobile device
64. in____e life with meaning *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
65. an____on studio *n.* the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave
66. em____m the body *v.* preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
67. ho____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
68. a reckless at____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

ANSWERS: 60. cellular, 61. highland, 62. stiff, 63. widget, 64. infuse, 65. animation, 66. embalm, 67. horrible, 68. attempt

69. an ear ca__l *n.* a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation
70. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
71. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
72. nu__e practitioner *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
73. pr___l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
74. ba_____cker's hostel *n.* a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies
75. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
76. ev__e sympathy *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
77. co_____m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
78. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

ANSWERS: 69. canal, 70. recognize, 71. toy, 72. nurse, 73. propel, 74. backpack, 75. release, 76. evoke, 77. confirm, 78. bet

79. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
80. a cervical sp__e injury *n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column
81. achieve a do_____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
82. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
83. in_____te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
84. st__f penalty *adj.* not easily bent, flexible, or pliable; difficult to move or be maneuvered; difficult to relax; having a heavy or formal manner
85. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
86. have no pu_____ne *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
87. calendar wi____t *n.* a small device or component of a larger system or software that performs a specific function or provides information or control, often displayed on a computer screen or mobile device

ANSWERS: 79. lift, 80. spine, 81. dominant, 82. constant, 83. infinite, 84. stiff, 85. intention, 86. punchline, 87. widget

88. pr_____re death *adj.* occurring or done too early; happening before the appropriate time; born before the end of a full-term pregnancy
89. ma____t attraction *n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel
90. hu__h up the shoulders *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
91. de____t the interest *v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total
92. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
93. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
94. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
95. a ne____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
96. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
97. en____b a body *v.* to place or bury a person or object in a tomb or grave; to trap or enclose someone or something within a confined space
98. household bu____r *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
99. an__e injury *n.* the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg

ANSWERS: 88. premature, 89. magnet, 90. hunch, 91. deduct, 92. interpret, 93. inevitable, 94. ultimate, 95. negative, 96. ultimate, 97. entomb, 98. butler, 99. ankle

100. take an un_____in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
101. ha_____y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
102. red blood cell tra_____on *n.* the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery
103. ha_____y decent job *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
104. acutely ins_____ul *adj.* having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject
105. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
106. the tem_____nt of an engineer *n.* a person's nature or disposition, especially as it permanently affects their behavior
107. still vi__d in my memory *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
108. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
109. skilled ar____r *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
110. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 100. uncertain, 101. halfway, 102. transfusion, 103. halfway, 104. insightful, 105. cycle, 106. temperament, 107. vivid, 108. barrier, 109. archer, 110. conclude

111. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
112. crown pr____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
113. co____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
114. authoritarian vi____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
115. pl__k exercise *n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes
116. co____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
117. academic se____r *n.* a group meeting or class for discussion, teaching, or training on a particular subject
118. be my go____er at my christening *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

ANSWERS: 111. tower, 112. princess, 113. conquer, 114. villain, 115. plank, 116. construct, 117. seminar, 118. godfather

119. aspiring ly____st *n.* a person who writes lyrics or words for songs, often collaborating with a composer to create music
120. af____m old traditions *v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively
121. the height of a p____e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
122. ar____r's bow *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
123. pr____re birth *adj.* occurring or done too early; happening before the appropriate time; born before the end of a full-term pregnancy
124. con____an philosophy *n.* a person who tends to oppose or reject commonly held beliefs or opinions, often for the sake of being different or creating controversy
125. a co____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
126. ca____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
127. cr____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
128. chemical pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
129. te____am service *n.* a message sent by telegraph (= a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals), typically consisting of a few words and sent at a reduced rate for urgent or brief communications

ANSWERS: 119. lyricist, 120. affirm, 121. pile, 122. archer, 123. premature, 124. contrarian, 125. constant, 126. capture, 127. crucial, 128. property, 129. telegram

130. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
131. co____d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
132. vi__d colors *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
133. in___e with spirit *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
134. political go_____er *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
135. numerous un_____in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
136. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
137. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
138. su_____er at discretion *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority

ANSWERS: 130. tide, 131. command, 132. vivid, 133. infuse, 134. godfather, 135. uncertain, 136. conflict, 137. cycle, 138. surrender

139. re___l the incident *v.* to remember something
140. an_____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
141. 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
142. v___l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (*v.*) to cover, conceal, or obscure
143. drop a pe___e into a pond *n.* a small, smooth, rounded rock, especially one worn by the action of water
144. high pain th_____ld *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
145. a flavorful sa___e *n.* a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods
146. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
147. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
148. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
149. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

ANSWERS: 139. recall, 140. animate, 141. insist, 142. veil, 143. pebble, 144. threshold, 145. sauce, 146. depict, 147. influence, 148. outcome, 149. definition

150. em___m a corpse *v.* preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
151. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
152. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
153. an en____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
154. a fully in____ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
155. sl_____ot aim *n.* a Y-shaped stick with an elastic band attached for shooting small stones or other projectiles
156. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
157. i__h constantly *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
158. the form of a di____ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
159. co___n lid *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
160. first-person na____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
161. soy sa__e *n.* a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods

ANSWERS: 150. embalm, 151. bless, 152. device, 153. engaging, 154. inclusive, 155. slingshot, 156. historic, 157. itch, 158. dialogue, 159. coffin, 160. narrator, 161. sauce

162. a mec_____al style of writing *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
163. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
164. a ce_____ar phone handset *adj.* of or connected with the cells of animals or plants; of or connected with a mobile telephone system that uses several short-range radio stations instead of wires
165. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
166. compound the ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
167. ho___d on drugs *adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak
168. m_r the reputation *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
169. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
170. co_____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
171. in a pre_____le manner *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
172. su___n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

ANSWERS: 162. mechanical, 163. emotional, 164. cellular, 165. pile, 166. ingredient, 167. hooked, 168. mar, 169. intellect, 170. confirm, 171. predictable, 172. summon

173. business se____r *n.* a group meeting or class for discussion, teaching, or training on a particular subject
174. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
175. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
176. so_____ce quiet *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
177. st___c electricity *adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
178. det_____ion of a DNA sequence *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
179. ins_____ul analysis *adj.* having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject
180. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
181. secret ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

ANSWERS: 173. seminar, 174. pitch, 175. sand, 176. someplace, 177. static, 178. determination, 179. insightful, 180. magic, 181. ingredient

182. st___e hard to get *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
183. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
184. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
185. sc_____h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
186. de__'s advocate *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
187. statement of aff_____on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
188. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
189. half a p__t of milk *n.* a unit of measurement for liquid and dry substances, typically equal to 1/8th of a gallon or 16 fluid ounces, commonly used to measure beverages, such as beer or milk, as well as certain food ingredients
190. ev___e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

ANSWERS: 182. strive, 183. aesthetic, 184. bet, 185. scratch, 186. devil, 187. affirmation, 188. depict, 189. pint, 190. evoke

191. import things pr_____ly *adv.* in a private manner; not publicly; secretly
192. re___l his name *v.* to remember something
193. secular dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
194. se_____ss devotion *adj.* concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic
195. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
196. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
197. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
198. in___t daughter *n.* a baby or very young child
199. pi_____nt the problem *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
200. number of b_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
201. a Royal Pr_____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable

ANSWERS: 191. privately, 192. recall, 193. drama, 194. selfless, 195. device, 196. introduction, 197. magic, 198. infant, 199. pinpoint, 200. bug, 201. princess

202. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
203. pre_____le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
204. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
205. ir__y humor *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
206. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
207. world's ep_____e *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type
208. hazard ant_____ion *n.* the action of expecting that something might happen in the future and perhaps doing something about it now
209. me_____d costume *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
210. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
211. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

ANSWERS: 202. attract, 203. predictable, 204. definition, 205. irony, 206. wealth, 207. epitome, 208. anticipation, 209. mermaid, 210. straight, 211. panic

212. an education gu_____ne *n.* a general rule or principle that provides guidance to appropriate behavior; a piece of advice or instructions that tell you how something should be done or what something should be
213. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
214. di_____te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
215. the th_____ld between rooms *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
216. d__f child *adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
217. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
218. unc_____us bias *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
219. sl_____ot projectile *n.* a Y-shaped stick with an elastic band attached for shooting small stones or other projectiles

ANSWERS: 212. guideline, 213. grand, 214. disparate, 215. threshold, 216. deaf, 217. acknowledge, 218. unconscious, 219. slingshot

220. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
221. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
222. from so_____ce deep inside *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
223. self-aff_____on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
224. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
225. a congratulatory te_____am *n.* a message sent by telegraph (= a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals), typically consisting of a few words and sent at a reduced rate for urgent or brief communications
226. st___e for excellence *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
227. con_____al release *adj.* depending on a specific condition or circumstance; imposed or subject to certain conditions or restrictions
228. professional ba_____er *n.* a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar
229. me_____d tail *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
230. su___n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

ANSWERS: 220. scar, 221. vast, 222. someplace, 223. affirmation, 224. fundamental, 225. telegram, 226. strive, 227. conditional, 228. bartender, 229. mermaid, 230. summon

231. co_____d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
232. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
233. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
234. af____m strong identity *v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively
235. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
236. acclaimed pla_____ht *n.* a person who writes plays
237. an_____on film *n.* the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave
238. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
239. a pla_____ht attached to the theatre *n.* a person who writes plays

ANSWERS: 231. command, 232. straight, 233. recognize, 234. affirm, 235. edit, 236. playwright, 237. animation, 238. engaging, 239. playwright

240. ab____e from work *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
241. permanent ma____t *n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel
242. a li____e character *adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
243. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
244. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
245. share my in____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
246. an in____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
247. throughout the co____y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
248. linear so____r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

ANSWERS: 240. absence, 241. magnet, 242. likable, 243. steer, 244. firm, 245. insight, 246. innocent, 247. county, 248. solver

249. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
250. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
251. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
252. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
253. moonlight as a ba_____er *n.* a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar
254. g_t feelings *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
255. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
256. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
257. the sp___e of a book *n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column
258. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
259. in___e the right to remain silent *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

ANSWERS: 249. desert, 250. grand, 251. outcome, 252. acquire, 253. bartender, 254. gut, 255. insight, 256. silent, 257. spine, 258. aesthetic, 259. invoke

260. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
261. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
262. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
263. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
264. th__p on the back *v.* to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully
265. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
266. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
267. in___t food *n.* a baby or very young child
268. t_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
269. aspiring scr_____ter *n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
270. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
271. reb_____us spirit *adj.* characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary

ANSWERS: 260. suddenly, 261. intellect, 262. underneath, 263. fantastic, 264. thump, 265. aft, 266. steer, 267. infant, 268. toy, 269. screenwriter, 270. lift, 271. rebellious

272. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
273. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
274. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
275. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
276. oasis in the de___t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
277. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
278. roast marshmallows around the
ca_____re *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
279. puzzle-so___r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
280. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
281. th__p a blistering shot *v.* to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully

ANSWERS: 272. damn, 273. frank, 274. aft, 275. tide, 276. desert, 277. mysterious, 278. campfire, 279. solver, 280. release, 281. thump

282. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
283. a cr____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
284. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
285. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
286. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
287. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
288. con_____an investor *n.* a person who tends to oppose or reject commonly held beliefs or opinions, often for the sake of being different or creating controversy
289. st___c website *adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
290. bu___r service *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
291. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
292. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
293. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 282. vast, 283. crucial, 284. tap, 285. silent, 286. invisible, 287. conflict, 288. contrarian, 289. static, 290. butler, 291. underneath, 292. incredibly, 293. decide

294. li____e personality *adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
295. upcoming crime dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
296. co____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
297. p__t glass *n.* a unit of measurement for liquid and dry substances, typically equal to 1/8th of a gallon or 16 fluid ounces, commonly used to measure beverages, such as beer or milk, as well as certain food ingredients
298. pair of an__e boots *n.* the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg
299. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
300. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
301. nurse a pu__y *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
302. in____e memories *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
303. in____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 294. likable, 295. drama, 296. conclude, 297. pint, 298. ankle, 299. bug, 300. motor, 301. puppy, 302. invoke, 303. influence

304. a landing p__r *n.* a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area
305. i__h to speak *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
306. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
307. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
308. en___b the pharaoh *v.* to place or bury a person or object in a tomb or grave; to trap or enclose someone or something within a confined space
309. the influence of mec_____al action *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
310. in_____ng atmosphere *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
311. reb_____us teenager *adj.* characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary
312. sorted in chr_____cal order *adj.* arranged in the order in which events occurred

ANSWERS: 304. pier, 305. itch, 306. pitch, 307. doubt, 308. entomb, 309. mechanical, 310. inviting, 311. rebellious, 312. chronological

313. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
314. ca____re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
315. the final pu_____ne *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
316. p__t a revolution *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
317. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
318. de___e facts from the evidence *v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
319. chr_____cal progression *adj.* arranged in the order in which events occurred
320. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 313. sand, 314. campfire, 315. punchline, 316. plot, 317. introduction, 318. deduce, 319. chronological, 320. decide

321. hu__h against the rain *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
322. the na____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
323. pr___l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
324. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
325. haunted ma____n *n.* a very large and imposing house
326. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
327. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
328. v__l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
329. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
330. a person who is unc_____us *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
331. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
332. an ep____e of history *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

ANSWERS: 321. hunch, 322. narrator, 323. propel, 324. interpret, 325. mansion, 326. historic, 327. emotional, 328. veil, 329. negative, 330. unconscious, 331. fantastic, 332. epitome

333. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
334. physically di_____te location *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
335. de__l horns *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
336. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
337. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
338. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
339. do_____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
340. an irrigation ca___l *n.* a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation
341. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

ANSWERS: 333. acknowledge, 334. disparate, 335. devil, 336. storytelling, 337. innocent, 338. compel, 339. dominant, 340. canal, 341. compel

342. reside in a ma____n *n.* a very large and imposing house
343. sl__k back home *v.* to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky
344. ho____d hair *adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak
345. ine____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
346. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
347. m_r a proper relationship *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
348. ho____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
349. do____t volcano *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
350. a religious com____nt *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
351. 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
352. at____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 342. mansion, 343. slink, 344. hooked, 345. inevitable, 346. bless, 347. mar, 348. horrible, 349. dormant, 350. commandment, 351. plot, 352. attract

353. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
354. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
355. a volunteer nu__e *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
356. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
357. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
358. hi_____nd Indian *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
359. mi_____e with the locals *v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
360. si_____ar purpose *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
361. 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
362. plasma tra_____on *n.* the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery
363. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 353. scar, 354. construct, 355. nurse, 356. suddenly, 357. damn, 358. highland, 359. mingle, 360. singular, 361. insist, 362. transfusion, 363. tap

364. mi___e with colleagues *v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
365. p__r fishing *n.* a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area
366. a pr_____ly-owned railway *adv.* in a private manner; not publicly; secretly
367. a leave of ab_____e *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
368. in_____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

ANSWERS: 364. mingle, 365. pier, 366. privately, 367. absence, 368. infinite

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
 - v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

2. The priest prayed over the _____ before it was lowered into the ground.
 - n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

3. This movie is likely to _____ strong emotions in the viewer.
 - v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

4. She picked up a _____ from the beach and put it in her pocket as a souvenir.
 - n. a small, smooth, rounded rock, especially one worn by the action of water

5. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.
 - adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

6. He was the _____ of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.
 - n. a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

7. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
 - n. a thing or things that belong to someone

8. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
 - n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

ANSWERS: 1. damn, 2. coffin, 3. evoke, 4. pebble, 5. uncertain, 6. epitome, 7. property, 8. scar

9. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.
adj. extremely vital or necessary
10. Families gathered on the head of a _____ to watch the sunset and catch a glimpse of the dolphins swimming in the bay.
n. a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area
11. The _____ of the characters in the movie was so realistic, and it was as if they were there.
n. the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave
12. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
13. I _____ over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.
v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
14. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
15. The pasta dish was served with a rich tomato _____.
n. a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods
16. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 9. crucial, 10. pier, 11. animation, 12. silent, 13. hunch, 14. constructs, 15. sauce, 16. fundamental

17. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

18. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

19. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

20. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

21. The politician _____ the name of the founding fathers in his speech.

v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

22. The famous musician started his career as a _____.

n. a person who writes lyrics or words for songs, often collaborating with a composer to create music

23. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.

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

24. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

ANSWERS: 17. ultimate, 18. compel, 19. invisible, 20. wealth, 21. invoked, 22. lyricist, 23. instinct, 24. mysterious

25. The movie's success was largely attributed to the _____ cleverly written script.
- n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
26. His _____ to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.
- n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
27. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.
- v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
28. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
- n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
29. She waited in eager _____ for his arrival.
- n.* the action of expecting that something might happen in the future and perhaps doing something about it now
30. The _____ student needed an interpreter to understand the lecture.
- adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
31. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.
- n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
32. The patient received a blood _____ during the surgery to replenish her supply.
- n.* the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery

ANSWERS: 25. screenwriter's, 26. determination, 27. summoning, 28. barrier, 29. anticipation, 30. deaf, 31. tower, 32. transfusion

33. The third _____ was far more successful.

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

34. Let's go _____ new and try something we have not done before.

adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

35. The _____ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

36. I can't stop _____ my arm because of the mosquito bite.

v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

37. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

38. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

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

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

adj. relating to people's feelings

40. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.

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

41. 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

ANSWERS: 33. attempt, 34. someplace, 35. villain, 36. itching, 37. county's, 38. grand, 39. emotional, 40. definition, 41. insisted

42. He gave his daughter a new ____ for her birthday.
n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
43. The organization worked to bring together _____ groups in the community.
adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
44. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
45. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.
n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
46. The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl discovering a secret _____ kingdom beneath the sea.
n. a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
47. There are various ways to ward off the _____ including prayer and holy water.
n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
48. The ancient burial site _____ the remains of long-lost civilizations.
v. to place or bury a person or object in a tomb or grave; to trap or enclose someone or something within a confined space

ANSWERS: 42. toy, 43. disparate, 44. storytelling, 45. panic, 46. mermaid, 47. devil, 48. entombs

49. The wealthy businessman acted as a _____ to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.

- n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

50. A _____ engineer is still in demand in many companies.

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

51. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

52. I decided to _____ with the crowd and converse with some new people.

- v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner

53. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

54. He never _____ his fault.

- v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

55. You can easily add a _____ to your blog by following these steps

- n.* a small device or component of a larger system or software that performs a specific function or provides information or control, often displayed on a computer screen or mobile device

ANSWERS: 49. godfather, 50. mechanical, 51. conflicts, 52. mingle, 53. vast, 54. acknowledged, 55. widget

56. I know his _____ habit that he touches his face when he lies.

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

57. Her company soon won a _____ market share.

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

58. He ordered a _____ of beer at the pub and enjoyed it with his friends.

n. a unit of measurement for liquid and dry substances, typically equal to 1/8th of a gallon or 16 fluid ounces, commonly used to measure beverages, such as beer or milk, as well as certain food ingredients

59. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's _____.

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

60. He presented the timeline of the project in a _____ sequence.

adj. arranged in the order in which events occurred

61. The _____ from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.

n. a statement declaring something to be true strongly

62. The _____ work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

n. a person who writes plays

63. The government is eager to _____ international investment.

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 56. unconscious, 57. dominant, 58. pint, 59. absence, 60. chronological, 61. affirmation, 62. playwright's, 63. attract

64. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

65. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

66. His _____ comments added a new perspective to the discussion.

adj. having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject

67. The _____ statement in the program tells the computer what to do next.

adj. depending on a specific condition or circumstance; imposed or subject to certain conditions or restrictions

68. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

69. He told me a _____ truth about my parent's death.

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

70. The politician's _____ stance on immigration has earned him a lot of supporters and detractors alike.

n. a person who tends to oppose or reject commonly held beliefs or opinions, often for the sake of being different or creating controversy

71. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

ANSWERS: 64. Constant, 65. acquire, 66. insightful, 67. conditional, 68. suddenly, 69. gut-wrenching, 70. contrarian, 71. narrator

72. The personal _____ announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.
- n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
73. He accidentally sprained his _____ playing squash.
- n.* the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg
74. The food chain causes a material _____.
- n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
75. The bank _____ the premium amount from his bank account.
- v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total
76. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.
- n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
77. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
- n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
78. The night shift _____ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.
- n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
79. He was punished because he contravened a _____ of God.
- n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority

ANSWERS: 72. butler, 73. ankle, 74. cycle, 75. deducted, 76. piles, 77. Doubt, 78. nurse, 79. commandment

80. We sat around the _____ and told stories late into the night.
- n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
81. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
82. He was ordered to walk the _____ by the pirate captain.
- n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes
83. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
84. They _____ to make their dream come true.
- v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
85. They turned away the crowd at the gate of the governor's _____.
- n.* a very large and imposing house
86. This region has a humid subtropical and _____ climate.
- adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
87. The _____ aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.
- n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

ANSWERS: 80. campfire, 81. release, 82. plank, 83. insights, 84. strived, 85. mansion, 86. highland, 87. archer's

88. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.

- v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

89. Her _____ attitude often got her into trouble with the school authorities.

- adj.* characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary

90. He lifted her _____ with both hands.

- n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

91. The con artist's lies quickly took in the _____ young man.

- adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

92. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

93. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.

- v.* to make something full of interest and energy

94. Her voice gradually increased in _____.

- n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

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

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

ANSWERS: 88. edit, 89. rebellious, 90. veil, 91. naive, 92. decide, 93. animated, 94. pitch, 95. infused

96. The _____ beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.
n. being only one of its kind; unique
97. We _____ a cease-fire.
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
98. The flow _____ is validated against the experiment.
n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
99. The couple _____ exchanged their vows before the ceremony began.
adv. in a private manner; not publicly; secretly
100. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
101. Greed is the primary _____ in the making of criminals.
n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
102. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
103. I found a stink ____ crawling across the ceiling.
n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
104. The prince fell in love with the _____ and asked her to marry him.
n. the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable

ANSWERS: 96. singular, 97. concluded, 98. solver, 99. privately, 100. incredibly, 101. ingredient, 102. outcome, 103. bug, 104. princess

105. Different people might _____ this news differently.

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

106. The general gave a _____ to his troops to prepare for battle.

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

107. She has a minor curved _____ due to desk work for many years.

n. the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column

108. She's on the _____ of adulthood.

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

109. My son was _____ on the Internet.

adj. being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak

110. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.

v. to bring under control by force or authority

111. I packed my _____ with all the necessary camping gear for our trip.

n. a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies

112. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

ANSWERS: 105. interpret, 106. command, 107. spine, 108. threshold, 109. hooked, 110. conquer, 111. backpack, 112. tide

113. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

114. The _____ of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

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

115. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

116. Her body felt _____ after sitting at her desk for hours without moving.

adj. not easily bent, flexible, or pliable; difficult to move or be maneuvered; difficult to relax; having a heavy or formal manner

117. The famous restaurant stands _____ up the hill.

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

118. To expand the company, we must _____ new human resources.

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

119. The imperial _____ was built to honor the late king.

n. a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground

120. My husband was found _____ of any crime.

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

ANSWERS: 113. aesthetic, 114. irony, 115. firm, 116. stiff, 117. halfway, 118. tap, 119. mausoleum, 120. innocent

121. The _____ baby was small but healthy.

adj. occurring or done too early; happening before the appropriate time; born before the end of a full-term pregnancy

122. She adopted a small brown _____ from the shelter.

n. a young dog, usually less than a year old

123. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

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

124. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

125. She vividly _____ getting laid off several years ago.

v. to remember something

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

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

127. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

128. This region is predominantly _____.

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

129. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

ANSWERS: 121. premature, 122. puppy, 123. recognize, 124. negative, 125. recalls, 126. intellect, 127. underneath, 128. desert, 129. dialogue

130. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.

- v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

131. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

- n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

132. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

- adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

133. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

- n.* something you want to do and are going to do

134. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.

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

135. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.

- v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

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

- adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

137. He sent a _____ to let his family know he was safe.

- n.* a message sent by telegraph (= a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals), typically consisting of a few words and sent at a reduced rate for urgent or brief communications

ANSWERS: 130. propel, 131. motors, 132. horrible, 133. intentions, 134. steer, 135. blessed, 136. infinite, 137. telegram

138. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
139. This radar quickly _____ the position of the enemy.
v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
140. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
141. The _____ of the joke was hilarious.
n. the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
142. The chief _____ mixed the ingredients to create a new and exciting cocktail.
n. a person who serves drinks, especially alcoholic beverages, at a bar
143. The enemy was forced to _____ after a long battle.
v. to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
144. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
145. Her _____ dedication to the community earned her a prestigious award.
adj. concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic
146. The _____ aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.
adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

ANSWERS: 138. historic, 139. pinpoints, 140. magic, 141. punchline, 142. bartender, 143. surrender, 144. device, 145. selfless, 146. inviting

147. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

148. This factory employs a _____ manufacturing system.

adj. of or connected with the cells of animals or plants; of or connected with a mobile telephone system that uses several short-range radio stations instead of wires

149. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.

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

150. I _____ that I will always stand by my beliefs.

v. to assert that something is true or real; to state positively

151. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

152. Our container ship went through the Panama _____.

n. a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation

153. I heard someone _____ on the door, and when I opened it, no one was there.

v. to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully

154. Please write to _____ your reservation.

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

ANSWERS: 147. inevitable, 148. cellular, 149. scratch, 150. affirm, 151. influence, 152. Canal, 153. thump, 154. confirm

155. The MRI machine uses _____ to produce images of the body's internal organs.

n. an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel

156. 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

157. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

158. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

159. She has a calm _____ and never gets overly upset or angry.

n. a person's nature or disposition, especially as it permanently affects their behavior

160. He's a very _____ person who makes friends easily.

adj. having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable

161. This book will be a practical _____ when coding.

n. a general rule or principle that provides guidance to appropriate behavior; a piece of advice or instructions that tell you how something should be done or what something should be

ANSWERS: 155. magnets, 156. plot, 157. aft, 158. predictable, 159. temperament, 160. likable, 161. guideline

162. The scratches on the car _____ its otherwise perfect appearance.
v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
163. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
164. The researcher _____ the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.
v. to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
165. I ____ that you know it.
v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
166. The ____ on the beach was warm and golden.
n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
167. She made a _____ impression.
adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
168. The funeral director _____ the body to make it presentable for the wake.
v. preserve a dead body by treating it with chemicals to delay decomposition and make it suitable for display at a funeral
169. The kids used a _____ to launch small stones into the pond.
n. a Y-shaped stick with an elastic band attached for shooting small stones or other projectiles

ANSWERS: 162. marred, 163. lifted, 164. deduced, 165. bet, 166. sand, 167. vivid, 168. embalmed, 169. slingshot

170. I need to ____ my head to the beat of the music.

- v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

171. She had an audition for _____ school.

- n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

172. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

- adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

173. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

- adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming

174. Mozart was an _____ prodigy.

- n.* a baby or very young child

175. The _____ image on the screen took a lot of work to make out.

- adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing

176. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

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

177. The thief tried to _____ away unnoticed, but the security guard caught him.

- v.* to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky

ANSWERS: 170. bob, 171. drama, 172. frank, 173. engaging, 174. infant, 175. static, 176. introduction, 177. slink

178. The disease can remain _____ for years before it presents any symptoms.
adj. in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
179. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
180. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
181. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
182. He was sick for five _____ days.
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
183. I'm attending a leadership _____ next week.
n. a group meeting or class for discussion, teaching, or training on a particular subject
184. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.
adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

ANSWERS: 178. dormant, 179. capture, 180. fantastic, 181. depicted, 182. straight, 183. seminar, 184. inclusive