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Session 1: Word List

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

comedy

n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

synonym: humor, farce, satire

(1) **comedy** series, (2) romantic **comedy**

I love going to see live **comedy** shows with my friends.

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.

pants

n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

synonym : trousers, breeches, slacks

(1) woolly **pants**, (2) pajama **pants**

I always wear **pants** when I go outside, even in the summer.

subway

n. an underground railway system, typically in a city

synonym : underground, metro, tube

(1) **subway** train, (2) rapid transit **subway**

He took the **subway** to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

degree

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

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

scarf

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

synonym : shawl, wrap, kerchief

(1) knit a **scarf**, (2) dotted **scarf**

She wrapped a **scarf** around her neck to keep warm.

weirdo

n. a person who looks strange and behaves strangely

synonym : freak, oddball, geek

(1) treated as a **weirdo**, (2) a total **weirdo**

The CEO was once a **weirdo**, wandering barefoot around the university.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

norm

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

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

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

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

meantime

n. the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

synonym : interim, meanwhile, lag

(1) **meantime** report, (2) for the **meantime**

In the **meantime**, while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.

consecutive

adj. following in a sequence or order without interruption or break; occurring one after another

synonym : successive, sequential, uninterrupted

(1) **consecutive** holidays, (2) suffer **consecutive** defeats

The athlete won three **consecutive** championships in her sport.

underwear

n. (also "undies") clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes

synonym : undergarments, lingerie, innerwear

(1) **underwear** clothing, (2) men's **underwear**

I want to buy new winter **underwear** because mine have holes in them.

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym : unlucky, pitiful, wretched

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

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

- rap** *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
synonym : hip-hop, emceeing, MCing
(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**
The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.
- surround** *v.* to be all around something or somebody
synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop
(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace
On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.
- crack** *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
synonym : snap, burst, break
(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board
He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.
- scary** *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
synonym : terrifying, frightening, alarming
(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story
The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.
- confuse** *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
synonym : confound, obscure, disorient
(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.
- anonymous** *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
synonym : nameless, unidentified, unnamed
(1) **anonymous** letter, (2) **anonymous** house
She received several **anonymous** calls.
- giant** *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

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

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

duffel

n. a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities

synonym : gym bag, satchel, knapsack

(1) canvas **duffel**, (2) waterproof **duffel**

He packed all his clothes and gear into his **duffel** bag for the camping trip.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

battery

n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

synonym : electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

matter-of-factly

adv. in a manner that is straightforward, without emotion or enthusiasm, simply stating facts or information without speculation or elaboration

synonym : straightforwardly, bluntly

(1) speak **matter-of-factly**, (2) act **matter-of-factly**

He answered the question **matter-of-factly**, without any hesitation or emotion.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

reaction

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

synonym : response, reply, answer

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

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

videotape

n. a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing
video images and sound; a recording made on such
tape

synonym : videocassette, tape, recording

(1) **videotape** evidence, (2) rewind **videotape**

We watched a **videotape** of our family vacation from years
ago.

inspire

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

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

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

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

prank

n. a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of
mischief performed with the intention of amusing or
surprising others

synonym : hoax, trick, stunt

(1) **prank** caller, (2) harmless **prank**

The group of teenagers played an innocent **prank** on their
teacher, but it backfired, and they got in trouble.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities;
various

synonym : manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents
New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the
program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's
intramural sports program.

upright

adj. perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line; (adverb) in
a vertical position

synonym : vertical, perpendicular, plumb

(1) **upright** posture, (2) sit **upright** in a chair

The bookcase was **upright** against the wall.

brigade

n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions,
usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of
people organized for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : squad, group, unit

(1) **brigade** commander, (2) rescue **brigade**

The culinary **brigade** prepared a delicious meal for the
guests at the banquet.

creative

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

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

amass

v. to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something
over time; to collect or assemble for future use or
reference

synonym : gather, collect, accumulate

(1) **amass** a patent portfolio, (2) **amass** followers

She had **amassed** a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.

large-scale

adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

synonym : big, massive, grand

(1) **large-scale** project, (2) **large-scale** agriculture

The company is planning to make a **large-scale** expansion of its factory.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym : alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

peculiar

adj. odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

synonym : bizarre, abnormal, odd

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

The juice has a **peculiar** taste.

backlit

adj. with light shining from behind; (noun) light from behind

(1) **backlit** by a window, (2) **backlit** photo

I like to code in dark rooms, so a **backlit** keyboard is convenient.

efflorescent

adj. relating to the process of flowering or blooming; characterized by the formation of a powdery or crystalline deposit on the surface of a material due to the evaporation of water or other solvents

synonym : blooming, blossoming, flowering

(1) **efflorescent** crystals, (2) **efflorescent** growth

The artist's **efflorescent** paintings were featured in the gallery's exhibition.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

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.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym: show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

facade

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

synonym: front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth

A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

authorize

v. to give official permission or approval for something to happen; to empower or give authority to someone or something

synonym: empower, sanction, permit

(1) **authorize** payment, (2) **authorize** access

The government has **authorized** the use of military force in the region to keep the peace.

jack

n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

synonym: lever, crank, wrench

(1) a **jack** of all trades, (2) a line-in **jack**

He used a **jack** to lift the car to change the tire.

solo

adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone

synonym: alone

(1) a **solo** vocal recital, (2) a **solo** flight

I would love to **solo** camping someday.

soloist

n. a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer

synonym: solo performer, solo artist

(1) a vocal **soloist**, (2) **soloist** musician

The **soloist's** performance was the highlight of the concert.

sweat

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

synonym: perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

trash

n. discarded material, refuse, or waste

synonym: garbage, waste, refuse

(1) **trash** bin, (2) **trash** disposal site

The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of **trash** in the streets.

advancement

n. the development, improvement, or progress of something

synonym:

progression, breakthrough, improvement

(1) **advancement** of knowledge, (2) career **advancement**
Competition between countries resulted in fast technological **advancement**.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

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

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

polo

n. a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets

(1) **polo** shirt, (2) **polo** championship

I watched a thrilling **polo** match at the club over the weekend.

khaki

n. a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name

synonym: tan, beige, sand

(1) **khaki** jacket, (2) **khaki** shorts

The safari guide wore a **khaki** hat to protect himself from the sun.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

- dial**
- v. to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
- synonym* : adjust, set, turn
- (1) **dial** up the volume, (2) **dial** down the tension
He **dialed** the phone number and waited for an answer.
- 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.
- illegal**
- adj.* not allowed by law
- synonym* : banned, prohibited, illicit
- (1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants
The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.
- blank**
- adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
- synonym* : empty, void, barren
- (1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper
The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen
- 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.
- depart**
- v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
- synonym* : go away, leave, vacate
- (1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

pretended

adj. feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated

synonym : feigned, assumed, simulated

(1) **pretended** illness, (2) make a **pretended** purchase

His **pretended** interest soon caught everyone's attention.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym : idea, notion, vision

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

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

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

transfer

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

synonym : move, relocate, shift

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

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

escalator

n. a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure

synonym : moving stairway, elevator, lift

(1) **escalator** ride, (2) **escalator** malfunction

Please be careful getting on and off the **escalator**.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym : sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

photograph

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

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

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

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

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym : demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

permission

n. consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

synonym : approval, consent, authorization

(1) grant **permission**, (2) **permission** for permanent residence

I asked my boss for **permission** to leave early for a doctor's appointment.

criticism

n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

synonym : critique, commentary, review

(1) **criticism** from the public, (2) harsh **criticism**

Constructive **criticism** is always helpful to help improving one's work.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

leisure

n. the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities

synonym: relaxation, rest, downtime

(1) **leisure** activity, (2) a person of **leisure**

I like to spend my **leisure** time playing sports or reading on weekends.

occasionally

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

synonym: periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change the routine

She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

stadium

n. a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events

synonym: arena, field, park

(1) **stadium** seating, (2) **stadium** capacity

The baseball **stadium** was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.

valid

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

synonym: proper, reasonable, useful

(1) a **valid** contract, (2) a ticket **valid** for two days
Your credit card is no longer **valid**.

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.

terminal

n. a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route

synonym: endpoint, final, concluding

(1) **terminal** disease, (2) a **terminal** syllable

The **terminal** at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.

buster

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

synonym: breaker, destroyer, crusher

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

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

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.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

synonym: foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**

I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

spontaneous

adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

synonym:

willing, impulsive, intuitive

(1) a **spontaneous** behavior, (2) **spontaneous** labor
The crowd broke out into **spontaneous** laughter.

attire

n. clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose
synonym: clothing, dress, garb

(1) businesslike **attire**, (2) casual **attire**

The formal **attire** for the wedding was a black tie.

witness

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

synonym: onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**

The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

Session 2: Spelling

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6. harmless pr__k *n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
7. businesslike at___e *n.* clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose
8. au_____ze access *v.* to give official permission or approval for something to happen; to empower or give authority to someone or something
9. a line-in j__k *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
10. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

ANSWERS: 1. illegal, 2. crack, 3. consecutive, 4. upright, 5. tap, 6. prank, 7. attire, 8. authorize, 9. jack, 10. union

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| 12. so____t musician | <i>n.</i> a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer |
| 13. woolly pa__s | <i>n.</i> an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs |
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31. run a gr____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
32. eff_____ent crystals *adj.* relating to the process of flowering or blooming; characterized by the formation of a powdery or crystalline deposit on the surface of a material due to the evaporation of water or other solvents
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37. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
38. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
39. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
40. suffer con_____ve defeats *adj.* following in a sequence or order without interruption or break; occurring one after another

ANSWERS: 31. grocery, 32. efflorescent, 33. valid, 34. pretended, 35. rap, 36. afterward, 37. inspire, 38. display, 39. unfortunately, 40. consecutive

41. br____e commander *n.* a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
42. career adv_____nt *n.* the development, improvement, or progress of something
43. cr_____sm from the public *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
44. all in a sw__t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
45. pr__k caller *n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
46. 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.
47. for the me_____me *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
48. es_____or malfunction *n.* a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure

ANSWERS: 41. brigade, 42. advancement, 43. criticism, 44. sweat, 45. prank, 46. tap, 47. meantime, 48. escalator

49. ba____t photo *adj.* with light shining from behind; (noun) light from behind
50. romantic co____y *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
51. sc__y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
52. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
53. si____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
54. trigger a re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
55. ill____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
56. par____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
57. de____e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
58. su____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 49. backlit, 50. comedy, 51. scary, 52. blank, 53. silent, 54. reaction, 55. illustrate, 56. participate, 57. degree, 58. surround

59. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
60. te_____al disease *n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
61. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
62. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
63. bug bu_____r *n.* a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken
64. adv_____nt of knowledge *n.* the development, improvement, or progress of something
65. a material wi_____s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
66. kh__i jacket *n.* a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name
67. treated as a we____o *n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
68. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
69. harsh cr_____sm *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

ANSWERS: 59. improvisation, 60. terminal, 61. transfer, 62. depress, 63. buster, 64. advancement, 65. witness, 66. khaki, 67. weirdo, 68. scary, 69. criticism

70. learn new co____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
71. pr_____ed illness *adj.* feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated
72. sw__t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
73. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
74. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
75. de____t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
76. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
77. waterproof du____l *n.* a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities
78. un_____ar clothing *n.* (also "undies") clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes
79. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
80. p__o shirt *n.* a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets
81. an_____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something

ANSWERS: 70. concept, 71. pretended, 72. sweat, 73. giant, 74. stumble, 75. depart, 76. transfer, 77. duffel, 78. underwear, 79. grand, 80. polo, 81. announce

82. a dry ba____y *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
83. arrive and de____t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
84. walk on____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
85. sp____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
86. bl__k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
87. a s__o vocal recital *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
88. es____or ride *n.* a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure
89. even more unf____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
90. per____on for permanent residence *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
91. a vocal so____t *n.* a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer
92. a j__k of all trades *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

ANSWERS: 82. battery, 83. depart, 84. onstage, 85. specific, 86. blank, 87. solo, 88. escalator, 89. unfortunately, 90. permission, 91. soloist, 92. jack

93. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
94. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
95. an unf____te situation *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
96. pho____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
97. canvas du____l *n.* a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities
98. vi____pe evidence *n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
99. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
100. a va__d contract *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
101. knit a sc__f *n.* a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons
102. an____us letter *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
103. su____y train *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city

ANSWERS: 93. aft, 94. specific, 95. unfortunate, 96. photograph, 97. duffel, 98. videotape, 99. giant, 100. valid, 101. scarf, 102. anonymous, 103. subway

104. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
105. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
106. eff_____ent growth *adj.* relating to the process of flowering or blooming; characterized by the formation of a powdery or crystalline deposit on the surface of a material due to the evaporation of water or other solvents
107. a total we____o *n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
108. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
109. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
110. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
111. d__e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
112. a spo_____us behavior *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
113. lar_____le agriculture *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
114. tr__h bin *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste

ANSWERS: 104. illustrate, 105. confuse, 106. efflorescent, 107. weirdo, 108. union, 109. grand, 110. dare, 111. dare, 112. spontaneous, 113. large-scale, 114. trash

115. st____m seating *n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
116. au_____ze payment *v.* to give official permission or approval for something to happen; to empower or give authority to someone or something
117. an unf_____te orphan *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
118. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
119. pe_____ar people *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
120. a person of le_____e *n.* the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities
121. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
122. the gr_____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
123. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
124. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
125. pajama pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

ANSWERS: 115. stadium, 116. authorize, 117. unfortunate, 118. rev, 119. peculiar, 120. leisure, 121. photograph, 122. grocery, 123. inspire, 124. ultimate, 125. pants

126. speak mat_____tly *adv.* in a manner that is straightforward, without emotion or enthusiasm, simply stating facts or information without speculation or elaboration
127. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
128. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
129. di_____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
130. tr__h disposal site *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
131. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
132. fa___e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
133. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
134. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
135. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
136. 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: 126. matter-of-factly, 127. improvisation, 128. concept, 129. diverse, 130. trash, 131. decide, 132. facade, 133. aft, 134. immediately, 135. surround, 136. decide

137. rescue br____e *n.* a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
138. a te____al syllable *n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
139. ba____t by a window *adj.* with light shining from behind; (noun) light from behind
140. spo____us labor *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
141. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
142. dotted sc__f *n.* a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons
143. par____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
144. crime-bu____r *n.* a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken
145. di____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
146. grant per____on *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

ANSWERS: 137. brigade, 138. terminal, 139. backlit, 140. spontaneous, 141. creative, 142. scarf, 143. participate, 144. buster, 145. display, 146. permission

147. occ_____ly change the routine *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
148. up_____t posture *adj.* perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line; (adverb) in a vertical position
149. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
150. d__l up the volume *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
151. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
152. pe_____ar way *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
153. d__l down the tension *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
154. co_____y series *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
155. wi_____s of the car accident *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
156. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

ANSWERS: 147. occasionally, 148. upright, 149. confuse, 150. dial, 151. ultimate, 152. peculiar, 153. dial, 154. comedy, 155. witness, 156. diverse

157. rapid transit su___y *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
158. men's un_____ar *n.* (also "undies") clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes
159. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
160. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
161. st_____m capacity *n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
162. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
163. r_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
164. am__s followers *v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
165. a s__o flight *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
166. kh__i shorts *n.* a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name

ANSWERS: 157. subway, 158. underwear, 159. develop, 160. silent, 161. stadium, 162. afterward, 163. rap, 164. amass, 165. solo, 166. khaki

167. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
168. an____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
169. il____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
170. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
171. appeared on____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
172. chemical re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
173. occ____lly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
174. casual at____e *n.* clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose
175. imm____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
176. an____us house *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source

ANSWERS: 167. norm, 168. announce, 169. illegal, 170. rev, 171. onstage, 172. reaction, 173. occasionally, 174. attire, 175. immediately, 176. anonymous

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
2. I always wear _____ when I go outside, even in the summer.
n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
3. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.
adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
4. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
adv. after the time mentioned
5. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
6. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
7. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 1. norms, 2. pants, 3. diverse, 4. afterward, 5. develop, 6. display, 7. creative

8. I would love to _____ camping someday.
adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone
9. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
10. I watched a thrilling _____ match at the club over the weekend.
n. a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets
11. The stress-_____ meditation helped me relax and calm my nerves.
n. a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken
12. The _____ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.
adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
13. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
14. The CEO was once a _____ wandering barefoot around the university.
n. a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
15. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.
n. a shop that sells food and other household items
16. He answered the question _____ without any hesitation or emotion.
adv. in a manner that is straightforward, without emotion or enthusiasm, simply stating facts or information without speculation or elaboration

ANSWERS: 8. solo, 9. participated, 10. polo, 11. buster, 12. unfortunate, 13. improvisation, 14. weirdo, 15. grocery, 16. matter-of-factly,

17. I love going to see live _____ shows with my friends.

- n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

18. I asked my boss for _____ to leave early for a doctor's appointment.

- n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

19. The baseball _____ was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.

- n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events

20. I want to buy new winter _____ because mine have holes in them.

- n.* (also "undies") clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes

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

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

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

- adv.* now or without delay

23. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.

- v.* to have the courage to do something

24. Your credit card is no longer _____.

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

ANSWERS: 17. comedy, 18. permission, 19. stadium, 20. underwear, 21. crack, 22. immediately, 23. dare, 24. valid

25. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.
v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
26. She wrapped a _____ around her neck to keep warm.
n. a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons
27. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
28. The formal _____ for the wedding was a black tie.
n. clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose
29. She wiped the _____ off her forehead with a towel.
n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
30. He _____ the phone number and waited for an answer.
v. to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
31. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
32. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 25. transferred, 26. scarf, 27. degree, 28. attire, 29. sweat, 30. dialed, 31. employ, 32. specific

33. The crowd broke out into _____ laughter.

adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

34. A gentle _____ concealed his powerfulness.

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

35. 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

36. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

37. She had _____ a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.

v. to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference

38. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

39. The juice has a _____ taste.

adj. odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

40. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

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

ANSWERS: 33. spontaneous, 34. facade, 35. aft, 36. silent, 37. amassed, 38. onstage, 39. peculiar, 40. inspired

41. The manufacturing industry is _____ fierce competition.
n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
42. The company is planning to make a _____ expansion of its factory.
adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
43. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
44. The third season of the anime show has been _____.
v. to make something known or officially inform people about something
45. He took the _____ to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.
n. an underground railway system, typically in a city
46. The new ____ album is getting a lot of attention.
n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
47. The artist's _____ paintings were featured in the gallery's exhibition.
adj. relating to the process of flowering or blooming; characterized by the formation of a powdery or crystalline deposit on the surface of a material due to the evaporation of water or other solvents
48. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.
v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

ANSWERS: 41. witnessing, 42. large-scale, 43. photograph, 44. announced, 45. subway, 46. rap, 47. efflorescent, 48. departed

49. The _____ performance was the highlight of the concert.
n. a person who performs a solo, especially a solo musician or singer
50. The economic recession _____ the housing market.
v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
51. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
52. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
53. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
54. The safari guide wore a _____ hat to protect himself from the sun.
n. a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name
55. He used a _____ to lift the car to change the tire.
n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
56. Competition between countries resulted in fast technological _____.
n. the development, improvement, or progress of something
57. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.
adj. not allowed by law

ANSWERS: 49. soloist's, 50. depressed, 51. grand, 52. ultimate, 53. reaction, 54. khaki, 55. jack, 56. advancement, 57. illegal

58. We watched a _____ of our family vacation from years ago.
- n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
59. Constructive _____ is always helpful to help improving one's work.
- n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
60. The group of teenagers played an innocent _____ on their teacher, but it backfired, and they got in trouble.
- n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
61. He packed all his clothes and gear into his _____ bag for the camping trip.
- n.* a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities
62. The government has _____ the use of military force in the region to keep the peace.
- v.* to give official permission or approval for something to happen; to empower or give authority to someone or something
63. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
64. The _____ at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.
- n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route

ANSWERS: 58. videotape, 59. criticism, 60. prank, 61. duffel, 62. authorized, 63. rev, 64. terminal

65. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
66. I like to code in dark rooms, so a _____ keyboard is convenient.
adj. with light shining from behind; (noun) light from behind
67. The engine did not start because the _____ was flat.
n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
68. The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of _____ in the streets.
n. discarded material, refuse, or waste
69. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.
n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
70. The athlete won three _____ championships in her sport.
adj. following in a sequence or order without interruption or break; occurring one after another
71. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen
adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
72. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.
v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

ANSWERS: 65. concept, 66. backlit, 67. battery, 68. trash, 69. union, 70. consecutive, 71. blank, 72. illustrate

73. 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
74. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.
adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
75. I like to spend my _____ time playing sports or reading on weekends.
n. the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities
76. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
77. 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.
78. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
79. She still _____ writes a short romance novel.
adv. now and then; sometimes but not often
80. The culinary _____ prepared a delicious meal for the guests at the banquet.
n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
81. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
v. to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 73. decide, 74. scary, 75. leisure, 76. confused, 77. tap, 78. unfortunately, 79. occasionally, 80. brigade, 81. surround

82. In the _____ while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.

n. the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

83. She received several _____ calls.

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source

84. The bookcase was _____ against the wall.

adj. perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line; (adverb) in a vertical position

85. His _____ interest soon caught everyone's attention.

adj. feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated

86. She _____ over the tree root.

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

87. Please be careful getting on and off the _____.

n. a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure

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

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

ANSWERS: 82. meantime, 83. anonymous, 84. upright, 85. pretended, 86. stumbled, 87. escalator, 88. giant