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Session 1: Word List

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym: optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

doodle

v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

synonym: scribble, sketch, draw

(1) **doodle** my way through life, (2) **doodle** in a notebook

When on the phone, he likes to **doodle** little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym: by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

resistance

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

synonym : opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin

The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

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.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym : deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

disconnect

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

synonym : unplug, detach, take apart

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

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

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym : sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

discovery

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

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

flatter

v. to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely

synonym : compliment, praise, butter up

(1) **flatter** his superiors, (2) **flatter** the host

She managed to **flatter** her boss into giving her a promotion.

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.

verb

n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

(1) complex **verb**, (2) an auxiliary **verb**

Use a singular **verb** if the subject is singular.

swindle

v. to deceive or cheat someone out of money or property through deceitful means or false promises; (noun) an act

or instance of deceitful or fraudulent behavior, usually to trick someone out of their money, property, or valuables

synonym : cheat, swindle, defraud

(1) online **swindle**, (2) **swindle** the public into believing

He tried to **swindle** me out of my money by selling me a fake product.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym : derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

corrupt

adj. characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

synonym : dishonest, unethical, immoral

(1) **corrupt** good manners, (2) **corrupt** discipline

The **corrupt** politician was finally exposed and faced criminal charges.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

offensive

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

synonym :

disrespectful, abusive, attacking

(1) assume the **offensive**, (2) an **offensive** smell

His **offensive** philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

dawdle

v. to waste time; to move or act slowly; to be hesitant or indecisive in one's actions

synonym: loiter, lag, procrastinate

(1) **dawdle** through dinner, (2) **dawdle** the day away

You should wait to **dawdle** and finish your homework before bedtime.

dally

v. to waste time or linger aimlessly or idly; to engage in playful or flirtatious behavior without serious intent; to delay or procrastinate on something that requires attention or action

synonym: linger, procrastinate, flirt

(1) **dally** with the idea, (2) **dally** in procrastination

If you **dally** in the decision for too long, the opportunity might pass you by.

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

synonym: pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

substance

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

synonym: essence, core, material

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

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

import

v. to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

synonym : bring, spell

(1) **import** goods, (2) **import** a style sheet

The company **imports** raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

averse

adj. feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something

synonym : reluctant, disinclined, unwilling

(1) **averse** to change, (2) **averse** to risk

I am **averse** to making hasty decisions without carefully considering the consequences.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

akin

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin

synonym : similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

masturbation

n. the act of sexually stimulating oneself by touching or rubbing one's genitals, typically resulting in orgasm or sexual release

synonym : onanism

(1) manual **masturbation**, (2) the act of **masturbation**

Many physicians agree that the practice of **masturbation** is a natural and healthy way to explore and take pleasure in one's body.

inappropriate

adj. not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person

synonym : improper, unsuitable, unacceptable

(1) **inappropriate** behavior, (2) **inappropriate** language
It was highly **inappropriate** to make jokes during a serious business meeting.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

horror

n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

synonym: fear, terror, dread

(1) **horror** movie, (2) **horror-struck** look

The stories of war crimes filled her with **horror**.

scold

v. to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily

synonym: reprimand, rebuke, chastise

(1) **scold** him for being late, (2) **scold** in a loud voice

He **scolded** his employees for not meeting their deadlines.

boardroom

n. a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets

synonym: meeting room, conference room, executive room

(1) **boardroom** meeting, (2) **boardroom** decision

The corporate **boardroom** was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.

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**.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

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.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym: strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

confirmation

n. a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite

synonym: validation, verification, affirmation

(1) **confirmation** of purchase, (2) **confirmation** bias

The **confirmation** of his appointment as CEO was met with mixed reactions.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

aversion

n. a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant

synonym : dislike, loathing, repulsion

(1) **aversion** therapy, (2) strong **aversion**

Her **aversion** to snakes made her avoid the reptile exhibit at the zoo.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym : explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

psyche

n. the human soul, mind, or spirit

synonym : mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing

The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym : exact, precise, proper

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

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

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

megalomania

n. a psychological condition characterized by extreme delusions of power, wealth, or influence; an exaggerated sense of self-importance or belief in one's abilities to control or dominate others

synonym: delusions of grandeur, narcissism, egomania

(1) political **megalomania**, (2) **megalomania** disorder

The dictator's **megalomania** fueled his desire to conquer and expand his empire.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

verbal

adj. expressed in spoken rather than written words

synonym : speaking, lingual, oral

(1) **verbal** communication, (2) **verbal** abuse

The candidate must have excellent **verbal** skills.

blind

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

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

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

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

hurtle

v. to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

synonym : throw, hurl, fling

(1) **hurtle** into a tunnel, (2) **hurtle** through life

The car **hurtled** down the highway at breakneck speed.

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.

dictionary

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

synonym : lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**

I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

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.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym : endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym : possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

counterpart

n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

synonym : equivalent, analogue, match

(1) **counterpart** agreement, (2) negotiating **counterpart**

His **counterpart** in the other company is responsible for marketing.

preempt

v. to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else

synonym : forestall, head off, anticipate

(1) **preempt** a financial crisis, (2) **preempt** trouble

The government **preempted** the release of sensitive information.

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**.

intake

n. the act or process of taking food, air, etc., into your body through the mouth; the amount of food, air, or another substance that you take into your body

synonym: consumption, absorption, inhalation

(1) a small **intake** of breath, (2) an **intake** pipe

He has been advised to reduce his daily fat **intake**.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

auditory

adj. of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear

synonym: hearing, audible, aural

(1) a good **auditory** memory, (2) **auditory** system

The **auditory** nerve carries sound signals from the ear to the brain.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

kinesthetic

adj. relating to the sense of movement or muscle tension

synonym: physical, somatic, tactile

(1) **kinesthetic** feedback, (2) **kinesthetic** sense

The **kinesthetic** learning style focuses on physical movement and hands-on activities.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym: masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum
My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,
(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

mod

n. a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers

synonym: alteration, modification, tweak

(1) **mod** culture, (2) a house with **mod** cons

The **mod** for the video game added new features and improved gameplay.

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.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym: donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to

society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

simultaneously

adv. at the same time

synonym: concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs

simultaneously

Two students answered the teacher's question

simultaneously.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym: stable, reliable, hard

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

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

equate

v. to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

synonym: associate, liken, relate

(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility

It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.

nerd

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

synonym: geek, techie, wonk

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

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

anthropology

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

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

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

unfold

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

synonym: open, spread out, expose

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

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

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

synonym: beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity

Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

exhibit

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

synonym: display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent

Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning

or good arguments

synonym: reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

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**.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

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.

privy

adj. sharing in knowledge or information that is known by only a select few; having knowledge of something secret or confidential; participating or involved in something, often in a private or hidden way

synonym : informed, aware, knowledgeable

(1) **privy** chamber, (2) **privy** to the details

The employees were **privy** to confidential information regarding the company's upcoming merger.

precursor

n. a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind and that contributes to or influences its growth

synonym : antecedent, forerunner, herald

(1) **precursor** cell, (2) **precursor** to serotonin

Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides are the primary **precursors** of acid rain.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym : aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

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.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym : creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

eradicate

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

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

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

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

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym: opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym: accurate, exact, distinct

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

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

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

density

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

synonym: tightness, viscosity

(1) population **density**, (2) higher pixel **density**

Do you know the **density** of the population in Hong Kong?

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

accessible

adj. capable of being reached, easily got, or seen

synonym: affordable, available, unrestricted

(1) a town **accessible** by rail, (2) **accessible** to pity

He is an **accessible** and genial man.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

literacy

n. the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively

synonym: education, reading, writing

(1) digital **literacy**, (2) financial **literacy**

Many charities focus on improving **literacy** rates in underprivileged communities.

nemesis

n. an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions

synonym: foe, adversary, rival

(1) personal **nemesis**, (2) athletic **nemesis**

The CEO's **nemesis** was a competing business that refused to go out of business.

ally

n. a country that has officially agreed to assist and support another country, particularly in the event of a war

synonym: associate, colleague, partner

(1) close **ally**, (2) **ally** with a company

Our country is a traditional **ally** of England.

Session 2: Spelling

1. close a__y *n.* a country that has officially agreed to assist and support another country, particularly in the event of a war
2. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
3. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
4. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
5. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
6. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
7. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
8. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
9. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
10. sw_____e the public into believing *v.* to deceive or cheat someone out of money or property through deceitful means or false promises; (noun) an act or instance of deceitful or fraudulent behavior, usually to trick someone out of their money, property, or valuables

ANSWERS: 1. ally, 2. situ, 3. precise, 4. evolution, 5. lever, 6. committed, 7. engage, 8. deny, 9. creative, 10. swindle

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| 11. a__n to the prior experiences | <i>adj.</i> similar or related in nature, character, or origin |
| 12. kin____ic sense | <i>adj.</i> relating to the sense of movement or muscle tension |
| 13. c__w each word | <i>v.</i> to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it |
| 14. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund | <i>v.</i> to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people |
| 15. ex_____t a great talent | <i>v.</i> to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information |
| 16. ex-s__u conservation | <i>adj.</i> short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance |
| 17. develop in_____e itching | <i>adj.</i> (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe |
| 18. bl__d to the beauties | <i>adj.</i> unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something |
| 19. hu___e through life | <i>v.</i> to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way |
| 20. financial li_____cy | <i>n.</i> the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively |
| 21. negotiating cou_____rt | <i>n.</i> a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing |

ANSWERS: 11. akin, 12. kinesthetic, 13. chew, 14. contribute, 15. exhibit, 16. situ, 17. intense, 18. blind, 19. hurtle, 20. literacy, 21. counterpart

22. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
23. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
24. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
25. bo_____om decision *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
26. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
27. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
28. fl_____r his superiors *v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely
29. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
30. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

ANSWERS: 22. process, 23. suppose, 24. frank, 25. boardroom, 26. contribute, 27. definition, 28. flatter, 29. reinforce, 30. eradicate

31. kin_____ic feedback *adj.* relating to the sense of movement or muscle tension
32. su_____ce abuse problem *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
33. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
34. m_d culture *n.* a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers
35. pr__y to the details *adj.* sharing in knowledge or information that is known by only a select few; having knowledge of something secret or confidential; participating or involved in something, often in a private or hidden way
36. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
37. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
38. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
39. an ar_____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
40. co_____t good manners *adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

ANSWERS: 31. kinesthetic, 32. substance, 33. solid, 34. mod, 35. privy, 36. precise, 37. norm, 38. architect, 39. artistic, 40. corrupt

41. personal ne____s *n.* an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions
42. athletic ne____s *n.* an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions
43. a house with m_d cons *n.* a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers
44. hu____e into a tunnel *v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
45. ps____e healing *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
46. re____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
47. pos____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
48. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 41. nemesis, 42. nemesis, 43. mod, 44. hurtle, 45. psyche, 46. reinforce, 47. possibility, 48. label

49. population de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
50. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
51. pr_____t trouble *v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
52. un____d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
53. a__y with a company *n.* a country that has officially agreed to assist and support another country, particularly in the event of a war
54. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
55. the clear co_____ry *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
56. pe_____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
57. strong av_____on *n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant
58. pr_____or to serotonin *n.* a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind and that contributes to or influences its growth
59. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 49. density, 50. incredibly, 51. preempt, 52. unfold, 53. ally, 54. circumstance, 55. contrary, 56. perceive, 57. aversion, 58. precursor, 59. anthropology

60. au____ry system *adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
61. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
62. ri_____le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
63. ve____l communication *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
64. sim_____sly affected *adv.* at the same time
65. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
66. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
67. 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
68. im____t a style sheet *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

ANSWERS: 60. auditory, 61. encounter, 62. ridicule, 63. verbal, 64. simultaneously, 65. naturally, 66. contribution, 67. instinct, 68. import

69. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
70. con_____ion of purchase *n.* a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite
71. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
72. re___n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
73. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
74. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
75. an explosive su_____ce *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
76. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
77. political meg_____ia *n.* a psychological condition characterized by extreme delusions of power, wealth, or influence; an exaggerated sense of self-importance or belief in one's abilities to control or dominate others
78. sc__d in a loud voice *v.* to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily

ANSWERS: 69. unfold, 70. confirmation, 71. blind, 72. retain, 73. psychology, 74. writ, 75. substance, 76. politician, 77. megalomania, 78. scold

79. acc_____le to pity *adj.* capable of being reached, easily got, or seen
80. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
81. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
82. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
83. 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
84. im_____t goods *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
85. da__y with the idea *v.* to waste time or linger aimlessly or idly; to engage in playful or flirtatious behavior without serious intent; to delay or procrastinate on something that requires attention or action
86. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
87. a mea_____ss endeavor *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
88. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
89. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

ANSWERS: 79. accessible, 80. creative, 81. universal, 82. suppose, 83. instinct, 84. import, 85. dally, 86. accurate, 87. meaningless, 88. resistance, 89. intimidate

90. a small in___e of breath *n.* the act or process of taking food, air, etc., into your body through the mouth; the amount of food, air, or another substance that you take into your body
91. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
92. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
93. online sw_____e *v.* to deceive or cheat someone out of money or property through deceitful means or false promises; (noun) an act or instance of deceitful or fraudulent behavior, usually to trick someone out of their money, property, or valuables
94. public ri_____le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
95. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
96. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 90. intake, 91. doe, 92. addition, 93. swindle, 94. ridicule, 95. nerd, 96. circumstance

97. eq___e to legal responsibility *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
98. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
99. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
100. do___e in a notebook *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
101. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
102. av___e to change *adj.* feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something
103. a good au_____ry memory *adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
104. dic_____ry definition *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
105. cultural and ar_____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
106. the act of mas_____ion *n.* the act of sexually stimulating oneself by touching or rubbing one's genitals, typically resulting in orgasm or sexual release
107. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose

ANSWERS: 97. equate, 98. deny, 99. emotional, 100. doodle, 101. discovery, 102. averse, 103. auditory, 104. dictionary, 105. artistic, 106. masturbation, 107. meaningless

108. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
109. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
110. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
111. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
112. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
113. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
114. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
115. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
116. pr_____t a financial crisis *v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
117. an in___e pipe *n.* the act or process of taking food, air, etc., into your body through the mouth; the amount of food, air, or another substance that you take into your body
118. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

ANSWERS: 108. decision, 109. eradicate, 110. incredible, 111. intellect, 112. lever, 113. discovery, 114. evolution, 115. frank, 116. preempt, 117. intake, 118. native

119. online dic_____ry *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
120. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
121. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
122. ho___r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
123. complex v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
124. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
125. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
126. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
127. da__y in procrastination *v.* to waste time or linger aimlessly or idly; to engage in playful or flirtatious behavior without serious intent; to delay or procrastinate on something that requires attention or action
128. an auxiliary v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
129. co_____ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
130. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 119. dictionary, 120. disconnect, 121. psychology, 122. horror, 123. verb, 124. intense, 125. universal, 126. accurate, 127. dally, 128. verb, 129. contrary, 130. committed

131. an____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
132. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
133. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
134. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
135. pr_____or cell *n.* a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind and that contributes to or influences its growth
136. deep ps___e *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
137. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
138. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
139. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
140. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
141. eq___e mistakes with failure *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
142. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
143. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners

ANSWERS: 131. analyze, 132. chew, 133. possibility, 134. typical, 135. precursor, 136. psyche, 137. doe, 138. disconnect, 139. unfortunately, 140. exposed, 141. equate, 142. incredibly, 143. naturally

144. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
145. an of_____ve smell *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
146. do___e my way through life *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
147. re___n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
148. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
149. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
150. ina_____ate language *adj.* not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person
151. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
152. fl_____r the host *v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely
153. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
154. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

ANSWERS: 144. emotional, 145. offensive, 146. doodle, 147. retain, 148. profound, 149. encounter, 150. inappropriate, 151. norm, 152. flatter, 153. unfortunately, 154. asset

155. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
156. pr__y chamber *adj.* sharing in knowledge or information that is known by only a select few; having knowledge of something secret or confidential; participating or involved in something, often in a private or hidden way
157. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
158. meg_____ia disorder *n.* a psychological condition characterized by extreme delusions of power, wealth, or influence; an exaggerated sense of self-importance or belief in one's abilities to control or dominate others
159. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
160. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
161. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
162. pe_____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
163. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 155. definition, 156. privy, 157. decision, 158. megalomania, 159. logic, 160. complexity, 161. writ, 162. perceive, 163. intellect

164. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
165. spo_____us labor *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
166. ho___r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
167. manual mas_____ion *n.* the act of sexually stimulating oneself by touching or rubbing one's genitals, typically resulting in orgasm or sexual release
168. higher pixel de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
169. co_____t discipline *adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest
170. wanted cr_____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
171. digital li_____cy *n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively
172. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
173. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 164. incredible, 165. spontaneous, 166. horror, 167. masturbation, 168. density, 169. corrupt, 170. criminal, 171. literacy, 172. contribution, 173. process

174. na___e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
175. av_____on therapy *n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant
176. a town acc_____le by rail *adj.* capable of being reached, easily got, or seen
177. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
178. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
179. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
180. in a pre_____le manner *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
181. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
182. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
183. da___e the day away *v.* to waste time; to move or act slowly; to be hesitant or indecisive in one's actions

ANSWERS: 174. native, 175. aversion, 176. accessible, 177. engage, 178. resistance, 179. nerd, 180. predictable, 181. visual, 182. label, 183. dawdle

184. a spo_____us behavior *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
185. ex_____t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
186. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
187. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
188. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
189. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
190. pre_____le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
191. a pr_____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
192. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
193. take several inputs sim_____sly *adv.* at the same time
194. av___e to risk *adj.* feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something

ANSWERS: 184. spontaneous, 185. exhibit, 186. typical, 187. intimidate, 188. anthropology, 189. complexity, 190. predictable, 191. profound, 192. architect, 193. simultaneously, 194. averse

195. da___e through dinner *v.* to waste time; to move or act slowly; to be hesitant or indecisive in one's actions
196. assume the of _____ve *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
197. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
198. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
199. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
200. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
201. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
202. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
203. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
204. ve___l abuse *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words

ANSWERS: 195. dawdle, 196. offensive, 197. politician, 198. visual, 199. exposed, 200. criminal, 201. addition, 202. asset, 203. logic, 204. verbal

205. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
206. an____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
207. cou_____rt agreement *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
208. ina_____ate behavior *adj.* not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person
209. bo_____om meeting *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
210. sc__d him for being late *v.* to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
211. con_____ion bias *n.* a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite
212. a__n to anger *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin

ANSWERS: 205. solid, 206. analyze, 207. counterpart, 208. inappropriate, 209. boardroom, 210. scold, 211. confirmation, 212. akin

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.
adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
2. You should wait to _____ and finish your homework before bedtime.
v. to waste time; to move or act slowly; to be hesitant or indecisive in one's actions
3. Our country is a traditional _____ of England.
n. a country that has officially agreed to assist and support another country, particularly in the event of a war
4. The corporate _____ was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.
n. a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
5. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.
n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
6. The _____ for the video game added new features and improved gameplay.
n. a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers
7. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 1. predictable, 2. dawdle, 3. ally, 4. boardroom, 5. lever, 6. mod, 7. unfolded

8. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
9. Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides are the primary _____ of acid rain.
- n.* a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind and that contributes to or influences its growth
10. Other technology industries _____ similarly explosive growth.
- v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
11. I need to purchase a new English _____.
- n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
12. I am _____ to making hasty decisions without carefully considering the consequences.
- adj.* feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something
13. The _____ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
- n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
14. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

ANSWERS: 8. intellect, 9. precursors, 10. exhibit, 11. dictionary, 12. averse, 13. ridicule, 14. norms

15. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

16. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

17. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

18. Her interests are _____ to mine.

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin

19. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

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

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

21. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

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

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 15. asset, 16. intense, 17. profound, 18. akin, 19. engaged, 20. anthropology, 21. committed, 22. possibility

23. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

24. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

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

25. The _____ of water is called ice.

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

26. The dictator's _____ fueled his desire to conquer and expand his empire.

n. a psychological condition characterized by extreme delusions of power, wealth, or influence; an exaggerated sense of self-importance or belief in one's abilities to control or dominate others

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

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

28. The content is _____ and informative for me.

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

29. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

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

adj. relating to people's feelings

ANSWERS: 23. architect, 24. blind, 25. solid-state, 26. megalomania, 27. nerd, 28. precise, 29. native, 30. emotional

31. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
32. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
33. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
34. The government _____ the release of sensitive information.
v. to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
35. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
36. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.
n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
37. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
38. The therapist helped her understand the workings of her _____ and how to cope with her anxiety.
n. the human soul, mind, or spirit

ANSWERS: 31. incredibly, 32. complexity, 33. incredible, 34. preempted, 35. doe, 36. contrary, 37. process, 38. psyche

39. If you _____ in the decision for too long, the opportunity might pass you by.
v. to waste time or linger aimlessly or idly; to engage in playful or flirtatious behavior without serious intent; to delay or procrastinate on something that requires attention or action
40. He _____ his employees for not meeting their deadlines.
v. to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
41. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
42. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
43. Use a singular _____ if the subject is singular.
n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
44. The _____ of the argument was well-presented.
n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
45. She managed to _____ her boss into giving her a promotion.
v. to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely
46. The crowd broke out into _____ laughter.
adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

ANSWERS: 39. dally, 40. scolded, 41. universal, 42. analyze, 43. verb, 44. substance, 45. flatter, 46. spontaneous

47. Many physicians agree that the practice of _____ is a natural and healthy way to explore and take pleasure in one's body.
- n.* the act of sexually stimulating oneself by touching or rubbing one's genitals, typically resulting in orgasm or sexual release
48. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
- n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
49. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.
- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
50. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
- n.* a person who has committed a crime
51. He is an _____ and genial man.
- adj.* capable of being reached, easily got, or seen
52. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
- adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
53. The company _____ raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.
- v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
54. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 47. masturbation, 48. politician, 49. resistance, 50. criminal, 51. accessible, 52. situ, 53. imports, 54. decision

55. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

- n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

56. She had a master's degree in _____.

- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

57. Her _____ to snakes made her avoid the reptile exhibit at the zoo.

- n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant

58. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

59. Her research team made an important _____.

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

60. He was _____ gifted.

- adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners

61. The candidate must have excellent _____ skills.

- adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words

62. Do you know the _____ of the population in Hong Kong?

- n.* the quality of compactness of a substance

63. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.

- n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

ANSWERS: 55. circumstances, 56. psychology, 57. aversion, 58. encounter, 59. discovery, 60. naturally, 61. verbal, 62. density, 63. contribution

64. The stories of war crimes filled her with _____.
- n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
65. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
- adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
66. The _____ nerve carries sound signals from the ear to the brain.
- adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
67. It was highly _____ to make jokes during a serious business meeting.
- adj.* not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person
68. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
- v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
69. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.
- adv.* at the same time
70. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
71. Many charities focus on improving _____ rates in underprivileged communities.
- n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively
72. There's no _____ in his description.
- n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

ANSWERS: 64. horror, 65. unfortunately, 66. auditory, 67. inappropriate, 68. eradicate, 69. simultaneously, 70. suppose, 71. literacy, 72. logic

73. 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
74. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
75. The _____ of his appointment as CEO was met with mixed reactions.
n. a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite
76. The car _____ down the highway at breakneck speed.
v. to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
77. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.
adj. correct and exact in all details
78. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
79. This experiment's results are _____ because the other conditions are not identical.
adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose
80. The _____ politician was finally exposed and faced criminal charges.
adj. characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

ANSWERS: 73. definition, 74. label, 75. confirmation, 76. hurtled, 77. accurate, 78. writ, 79. meaningless, 80. corrupt

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

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

82. His _____ in the other company is responsible for marketing.

- n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

83. The _____ learning style focuses on physical movement and hands-on activities.

- adj.* relating to the sense of movement or muscle tension

84. The CEO's _____ was a competing business that refused to go out of business.

- n.* an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions

85. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

- n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

86. His _____ philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

- adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

87. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 81. disconnect, 82. counterpart, 83. kinesthetic, 84. nemesis, 85. addition, 86. offensive, 87. contribute

88. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

89. It isn't very reasonable to _____ money with happiness.

v. to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

90. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

91. My dog loves to _____ on bones.

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

92. Computers help people _____ specific memories.

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

93. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

94. The employees were _____ to confidential information regarding the company's upcoming merger.

adj. sharing in knowledge or information that is known by only a select few; having knowledge of something secret or confidential; participating or involved in something, often in a private or hidden way

95. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 88. artistic, 89. equate, 90. exposed, 91. chew, 92. retain, 93. frank, 94. privy, 95. visual

96. They study the _____ of the universe.

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

97. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

98. 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

99. 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

100. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

101. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

102. He tried to _____ me out of my money by selling me a fake product.

v. to deceive or cheat someone out of money or property through deceitful means or false promises; (noun) an act or instance of deceitful or fraudulent behavior, usually to trick someone out of their money, property, or valuables

103. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

ANSWERS: 96. evolution, 97. perceived, 98. instinct, 99. creative, 100. denying, 101. intimidate, 102. swindle, 103. typical

104. When on the phone, he likes to _____ little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

- v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

105. He has been advised to reduce his daily fat _____.

- n.* the act or process of taking food, air, etc., into your body through the mouth; the amount of food, air, or another substance that you take into your body

106. We should _____ the troops at the front line.

- v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

ANSWERS: 104. doodle, 105. intake, 106. reinforce