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Session 1: Word List

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym: miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

shady

adj. characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight

synonym: shadowy, dubious, questionable

(1) **shady** business, (2) **shady** deal

The tree provided some **shady** relief from the scorching sun.

suburb

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

synonym: outskirts, district, quarter

(1) **suburb** development, (2) **suburb** life

He grew up in the **suburbs** but always dreamed of living in the city.

dentist

n. a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth

synonym: oral surgeon, orthodontist, periodontist

(1) a **dentist's** office, (2) consult a **dentist**

I am going to the family **dentist** to get my teeth cleaned.

childhood

n. the state or time of being a child

synonym: youth, infancy, adolescence

(1) since **childhood**, (2) **childhood** development

He had fond memories of his **childhood** spent playing in the park with his friends.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym: equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

backyard

n. a whole space behind and belonging to a house

synonym: courtyard, garden

(1) play in the **backyard**, (2) **backyard** barbecue

He grows vegetables in his **backyard**.

graduated

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

synonym: completed, finished, earned

(1) **graduated** taxation, (2) **graduated** flask

She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

sitcom

n. a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format

synonym : comedy, TV show

(1) **sitcom** series, (2) popular **sitcom**

I love to watch **sitcoms** when I need a good laugh.

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.

pacific

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone;
(noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

synonym : calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **pacific-natured** disposition, (2) the **Pacific** Ocean

They adopted a **pacific** approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

seal

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

synonym : enclose, shut, close

(1) **seal** a hole, (2) a fur **seal**

He **sealed** the letter with hot wax.

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.

brehtaking

adj. extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming

synonym : stunning, awe-inspiring, magnificent

(1) **brehtaking** view, (2) **brehtaking** performance
The sunset over the ocean was truly **brehtaking**.

flip

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

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin
He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
synonym: disintegrate, soften, disappear

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

earthquake

n. a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
synonym: seismic activity, tremor, temblor

(1) an **earthquake** zone, (2) an **earthquake-proof**
The violent **earthquake** caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
synonym: cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**
The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
synonym: finance, trade, business

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

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

wobble

v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

synonym: sway, rock, totter

(1) **wobble** a few steps, (2) **wobble** chair

The table **wobbled** a little when I put my drink on it.

brink

n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

synonym: edge, verge, threshold

(1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**

We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

retirement

n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job

synonym: resignation, withdrawal, retreat

(1) **retirement** from politics, (2) impending **retirement**

This fund is responsible for disability and **retirement** benefits.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

summon

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

synonym: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

touched

adj. affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration

synonym: affected, moved, emotional

(1) **touched-hearted** audience, (2) emotionally **touched** by

the speech

He gave a **touched** smile as he read the heartfelt message in the card from his daughter.

challenging

adj. difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle

synonym: difficult, demanding, arduous

(1) **challenging** task, (2) mentally **challenging**

The advanced math problem was **challenging**, but the student was determined to solve it.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

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.

waitress

n. a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe

synonym: server, attendant, waitperson

(1) **waitress** at a restaurant, (2) tip the **waitress**

The friendly **waitress** brought the food to the table and asked if they needed anything else.

refill

v. to replenish a container with a substance that it previously held; to top up a supply or amount of something

synonym: replenish, top up, recharge

(1) **refill** with oil, (2) **refill** ink cartridge

Please **refill** my water glass when you have a chance.

buffet

n. a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard

synonym: sideboard, counter, smorgasbord

(1) **buffet** style, (2) have a **buffet** meal

The **buffet** at the hotel had a wide variety of food options.

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.

cashier

n. an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business

synonym: teller, clerk

(1) **cashier** position, (2) bank **cashier**

After working as a **cashier** for a few years, she was promoted to a managerial position within the grocery store.

checkout

n. the place in a store where customers pay for their purchases and receive a receipt; the process of paying for something and leaving a store or website

synonym: payment, billing, settlement

(1) self- **checkout**, (2) express **checkout**

The shopping trip ended with a long wait in the **checkout** line.

lane

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

synonym: roadway, street, artery

(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**

We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.

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.

swoop

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

synonym : dart, pounce

(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator
The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.

mood

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

synonym : mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**
His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

skyrocket

v. to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;

synonym : rocket, soar, shoot up

(1) **skyrocket** the cost, (2) price **skyrocketed**

Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have **skyrocketed** dramatically.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

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

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

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**
He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym: affected, bogus, counterfeit

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

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

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.

amazement

n. a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected

synonym: astonishment, wonder, surprise

(1) express **amazement**, (2) feeling of **amazement**

The magician's disappearing act left the audience in **amazement**.

overshadow

v. to cast a shadow over; to dominate or surpass in importance; to make someone or something seemingly insignificant or less important by comparison

synonym: eclipse, dominate, outshine

(1) **overshadowing** performance, (2) **overshadowed** by controversy

The rising young star's talent **overshadowed** the rest of the cast.

inbox

n. an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

(1) **inbox** full of emails, (2) **inbox** folder

After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your **inbox**.

literary

adj. relating to or characteristic of literature (= written or spoken works of artistic expression) or other related works, particularly in terms of style and content

synonym : written, authorial, erudite

(1) **literary** criticism, (2) **literary** figures

The **literary** community mourned the loss of the talented author.

agent

n. a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously

synonym : representative, delegate, envoy

(1) **agent** system, (2) antidiarrheal **agent**

The FBI **agent** went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.

straight

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

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

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

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

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

summarize

v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

synonym : recap, outline, digest

(1) **summarizes** the main ideas, (2) **summarize** text

Each chapter **summarizes** the most critical issues.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym: understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

authenticity

n. the quality of being real or genuine

synonym: genuineness, originality, credibility

(1) **authenticity** verification, (2) lack **authenticity**

The museum's experts confirmed the **authenticity** of the painting.

lump

n. a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough

synonym: mass, clump, ball

(1) **lump** in the throat, (2) single **lump** sum

There is a small **lump** on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.

bump

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

synonym: collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

- AI** *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
synonym : robot, machine learning, neural network
(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art
The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.
- graduate** *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
synonym : alumna, alum, grad
(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**
Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.
- wed** *v.* to marry someone
synonym : marry, get hitched with
(1) **wed** my intended, (2) **wed** the rich man
The couple will **wed** after the tenth anniversary.
- screech** *v.* to make a loud, high-pitched, piercing sound, often indicating pain or fear
synonym : shriek, scream, yelp
(1) **screech** out a slogan, (2) **screech** with laughter
The brakes on the car began to **screech** as the driver suddenly stopped at the intersection.
- delivery** *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
synonym : sending, transporting, bringing
(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**
The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.
- pleasant** *adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
synonym : agreeable, delightful, pleasing

(1) **pleasant** news, (2) **pleasant** odor
The hotel's staff is very **pleasant** and efficient.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym: deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

headache

n. pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble

synonym: concern, difficulty, problem

(1) **headache** accompanied by fever, (2) bit of a **headache**

This pill will relieve your **headaches** immediately.

gang

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

synonym: crew, posse, group

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

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

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

synonym: throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can

It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym: wrench, turn, twirl

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

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

stomach

n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

synonym: belly, abdomen, gut

(1) upset **stomach**, (2) **stomach** virus

I have a **stomach** ache after overeating junk food.

sponge

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

(1) sea **sponge**, (2) metallic **sponge**

The tiny marine **sponge** has existed for more than 500 million years.

soak

v. to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money

synonym: saturate, steep, douse

(1) **soak** in a hot spring, (2) **soak** away stress

I **soaked** the shirt in the sink before washing it.

swirl

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym: spin, whirl, turn

(1) **swirl** the wine, (2) **swirl** up dirt and dust

The chef expertly **swirled** the sauce onto the plate.

twirl

v. to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion

synonym: spin, swirl, rotate

(1) **twirl** a ribbon, (2) **twirl** a hula hoop

She **twirled** her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.

gloom

n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

synonym : darkness, depression, melancholy

(1) a sense of **gloom**, (2) **gloom-filled** room

The **gloom** of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym : mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

sober

adj. not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises

synonym : calm, lucid, temperate

(1) **sober** discussion, (2) as **sober** as a judge

He led a **sober** life.

stare

v. to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

synonym : gaze, look, gawk

(1) **stare** blankly, (2) give a menacing **stare**

He couldn't help but **stare** at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.

bug

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

synonym : insect, bacterium, microbe

(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes

I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.

crossing

n. the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect

synonym : intersection, junction

(1) **crossing** bridge, (2) a **crossing-keeper**

The busy road was closed for a few hours for a railway **crossing**.

slack

adj. lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

synonym : loose, lax, floppy

(1) a **slack** rope, (2) **slack** performance

The team's **slack** attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.

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.

bat

n. a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

synonym : cane, rod, stick

(1) **bat** cave, (2) **bat** an eye

The cave was a habitat for **bats**.

crunch

n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

synonym : crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

peanut

n. a type of legume that grows underground and is widely cultivated and consumed as a food source

synonym : nut, groundnut, earthnut

(1) **peanut** butter, (2) the seed of a **peanut**

Some people have severe allergies to **peanuts** and must avoid them completely.

dandelion

n. a common weed with a bright yellow flower and deeply notched leaves that is often seen growing in lawns and other grassy areas; its leaves can be eaten as a salad green, and its roots are sometimes used in herbal medicine

synonym : blowball

(1) **dandelion** root, (2) **dandelion** tea

In the summer, fields are filled with yellow **dandelion** flowers.

centerpiece

n. the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table

synonym : highlight, focal point, heart

(1) the **centerpiece** of the meal, (2) **centerpiece** proposal

His writing activities are the **centerpiece** of his life.

thanksgiving

n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

synonym : gratitude, appreciation, recognition

(1) **thanksgiving** traditions, (2) **thanksgiving** parade

My family gathers together every year for **thanksgiving** dinner.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**
The woods **embrace** the house.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together,
composed of several twisted threads

synonym: line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano
strings

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

bakery

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made
and sold

synonym: bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

linebacker

n. a defensive player in American football whose primary
responsibility is to tackle the ball carrier or block pass
attempts by the opposing team

synonym: defensive back

(1) **linebacker** position, (2) rookie **linebacker**

The team's defensive strategy relied heavily on their
linebacker's ability to read the opposing team's offense.

fearsome

adj. causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or
formidable

synonym: terrifying, alarming, intimidating

(1) **fearsome** creature, (2) **fearsome** reputation

The dragon's **fearsome** roar echoed through the valley.

foursome

n. a group of four people or things, particularly used to
refer to a group of four individuals playing a game or
sport together, such as in golf or tennis doubles

synonym: group, quartet, team

(1) golf **foursome**, (2) tennis **foursome**

The talented **foursome** performed a stunning acrobatic

routine at the circus.

ram v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
synonym: crash, collide, slam
(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice
The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

crush v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
synonym: destroy, demolish, pulverize
(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt
The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

skull n. a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
synonym: cranium, scalp, brain
(1) **skull** fracture, (2) have a thick **skull**
Archaeologists found a Neanderthal **skull** at that historic site.

separate v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify
(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk
We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

passion n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
synonym: fervor, zeal, ardor
(1) **passion** hobby, (2) **passion** drive
Her **passion** for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.

authentic adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
synonym: genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

needle

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

synonym: thorn, spike, pin

(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**

The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

knit

v. to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine

synonym: weave, crochet, knot

(1) **knit** my eyebrows, (2) **knit** a pair of socks

The grandmother **knit** a warm sweater for her grandchild.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

relax

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

synonym: soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

chick

n. a baby bird, especially a young chicken

synonym: biddy, fledgling, nestling

(1) baby **chick**, (2) **chick** sorting

The majority of the **chicks** are raised on local family farms.

retire

v. to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age

synonym: relinquish, step down, withdraw

(1) **retire** voluntarily, (2) **retire** after four terms

After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to **retire** from her job.

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.

fulfill

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

synonym: satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

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.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction
The man **paused** before opening the door.

row *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
synonym : line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees
He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

nonprofit *adj.* not established for commercial profit
synonym : charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency
Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

immigrant *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
synonym : settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country
Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

pickle *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
synonym : jam, predicament, quagmire

(1) **pickle** a cucumber, (2) **pickle** barrel
The **pickle** must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

olive *n.* a small green or black fruit with a bitter taste that is eaten or used to produce oil or a tree on which this fruit grows

(1) **olive** branch, (2) **olive** oil
They enjoyed reading under the **olive** trees.

- roll** v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
synonym : spin, swirl, wheel
(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks
He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.
- turkey** n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
(1) swell like a **turkey**, (2) **turkey** breast meat
They prepared a stuffed **turkey** for Thanksgiving.
- roast** v. to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven
synonym : bake, broil, grill
(1) **roast** coffee beans, (2) **roast** beef
The chef **roasted** the chicken to perfection in the oven.
- cube** n. a three-dimensional shape with six square faces that are all equal in size; (of mathematics) the result of multiplying the number by itself three times
synonym : block, square, cell
(1) **cube** root, (2) ice **cube**
I cut the cheese into small **cubes** for the salad.
- tuna** n. a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals
(1) **tuna** steak, (2) canned **tuna**
I made a **tuna** sandwich for lunch today.
- salmon** n. a type of fish that is commonly found in the North Atlantic and North Pacific oceans
synonym : fish, trout, salmonid
(1) **salmon** fishery, (2) **salmon** migration
Grilled **salmon** is a popular dish at summer barbecues.

lasagna

n. a type of dish consisting of layers of pasta, cheese, meat, or vegetables, typically topped with tomato sauce and baked in an oven; a traditional staple of Italian cuisine

synonym : pasta bake, casserole, baked ziti

(1) **lasagna** recipe, (2) **lasagna** noodles

I always order spinach **lasagna** at my favorite Italian restaurant.

casserole

n. a dish made by cooking food, typically meat, vegetables, and a starch, such as potatoes or pasta, in a deep dish either in the oven or on the stovetop; the dish itself that is used for cooking and serving the dish

synonym : stew, hotpot, gratin

(1) vegetable **casserole**, (2) chicken **casserole**

I will bring a **casserole** dish to the potluck dinner.

brownie

n. a small square or rectangular piece of chocolate cake, typically with nuts or chocolate chips; (brownie point) a figurative reward or recognition for doing something good or helpful

synonym : bar, cake, square

(1) earn **Brownie** points, (2) **brownie** recipe

She baked a batch of chocolate chip **brownies** for the office party.

butt

v. to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the remaining end of a smoked cigarette

synonym : hit, punch, strike

(1) **butt** into several people, (2) cigarette **butt**

The goats often **butt** heads when they are fighting for dominance.

tart

n. a small pastry with a sweet or savory filling, typically with a shortcrust pastry base; a woman who is perceived to be sexually promiscuous; (adjective) sharp, tangy, or acidic in taste

synonym : pie, pastry, quiche

(1) **tart** flavor, (2) custard **tart**

The lemon **tart** at the bakery was simply divine.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

vegetarian

n. a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons

(1) eat a **vegetarian** diet, (2) a strict **vegetarian**

This restaurant has **vegetarian** dishes as well.

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

mango

n. tropical fruit with smooth, juicy flesh and a large, hard seed in the middle

synonym : fruit, tropical fruit

(1) ripe **mango**, (2) fresh **mango**

She cut the **mango** into small pieces and added them to the salad.

atlas

n. a book of maps or charts; a figure in Greek mythology who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders

synonym : map, chart, gazetteer

(1) **atlas** map, (2) **atlas** of anatomy

The world **atlas** showed me the locations of all the countries.

mysterious

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

synonym: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

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

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

dock

n. a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained

synonym: harbor, pier, quay

(1) fishing **dock**, (2) loading **dock**

The ship pulled to the **dock**, and we disembarked to start our adventure.

Atlantic

adj. relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

(1) **Atlantic** breeze, (2) **Atlantic** salmon

The **Atlantic** hurricane season runs from June to November each year.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

universe

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

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

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

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

capable

adj. having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise

synonym : able, competent, proficient

(1) **capable** worker, (2) **capable** leader

She is highly **capable** of handling multiple tasks at once.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym : design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym : farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

jewelry

n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

synonym : accessories, ornaments, adornments

(1) **jewelry** designer, (2) precious **jewelry**

I received a beautiful piece of **jewelry** from my partner for our anniversary.

democracy

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

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym : road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

interior

n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

synonym : inner, inside, internal

(1) **interior** decoration, (2) plenty of **interior** space

The painter focused on the moody **interiors** of abandoned buildings in his work.

horoscope

n. a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc

synonym : astrological chart, celestial map

(1) cast a **horoscope**, (2) believe in **horoscope**

She read her **horoscope** every morning to see what the day had in store for her.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym : style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

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**.

monster

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

synonym: giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

concert

n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

synonym: gig, musical, show

(1) have a **concert** again, (2) a benefit **concert**

This artist always packs the **concert** halls.

jam

n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

synonym: difficulty, mess, preserve

(1) a traffic **jam**, (2) a jar of **jam**

The shredder in the print room often has paper **jams**.

bride

n. a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married

synonym: groom, fiancée, wife-to-be

(1) **bride** of noble birth, (2) June **bride**

The young **bride** looked stunning in her wedding gown.

rollercoaster

n. a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages

synonym: turbulence, upheaval

(1) emotional **rollercoaster**, (2) wooden **rollercoaster**

We finally divorced after experiencing a **rollercoaster** marriage.

- rid** v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
synonym: do away with, free, clear
(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products
We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.
- bubble** n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
synonym: blob, balloon, mania
(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**
Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.
- wrap** v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
synonym: surround, cover, bandage
(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting
Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
- 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.
- nap** n. a short sleep, especially during the day
synonym: rest, doze, drowse
(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**
She woke the kids up from their **nap**.
- foreman** n. a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
synonym: supervisor, manager, overseer
(1) **foreman** position, (2) **foreman** duties

The **foreman** on the construction site is responsible for overseeing the workers and ensuring that the project is completed on time.

telecom

n. (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet

synonym : communication, telecommunications, telephony

(1) **telecom** industry, (2) **telecom** service providers

The **telecom** company is planning to launch a new smartphone next month.

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.

fleeting

adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

synonym : temporary, brief, transitory

(1) for a **fleeting** moment, (2) **fleeting** opportunity

She savored the **fleeting** happiness she felt during the vacation.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym : please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

Session 2: Spelling

1. cr__k an eggshell
v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
2. br__e of noble birth
n. a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married
3. su___n a lawyer
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
4. cha_____ng task
adj. difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle
5. child of il_____l immigrants
adj. not allowed by law
6. gl__m-filled room
n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
7. sa_____y a user's needs
v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
8. lin_____er position
n. a defensive player in American football whose primary responsibility is to tackle the ball carrier or block pass attempts by the opposing team
9. believe in ho_____pe
n. a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc

ANSWERS: 1. crack, 2. bride, 3. summon, 4. challenging, 5. illegal, 6. gloom, 7. satisfy, 8. linebacker, 9. horoscope

20. run a gr____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
21. la____a recipe *n.* a type of dish consisting of layers of pasta, cheese, meat, or vegetables, typically topped with tomato sauce and baked in an oven; a traditional staple of Italian cuisine
22. as so__r as a judge *adj.* not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises
23. sh__y business *adj.* characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight
24. wooden rol_____ter *n.* a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages
25. pi___e barrel *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
26. feeling of am_____nt *n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
27. for a fl_____ng moment *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
28. at__s map *n.* a book of maps or charts; a figure in Greek mythology who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders

ANSWERS: 20. grocery, 21. lasagna, 22. sober, 23. shady, 24. rollercoaster, 25. pickle, 26. amazement, 27. fleeting, 28. atlas

29. da_____on root *n.* a common weed with a bright yellow flower and deeply notched leaves that is often seen growing in lawns and other grassy areas; its leaves can be eaten as a salad green, and its roots are sometimes used in herbal medicine
30. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
31. bit of a he_____he *n.* pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble
32. sewing ne____e *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
33. tip the wa_____ss *n.* a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe
34. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
35. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
36. b_t cave *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
37. lack aut_____ity *n.* the quality of being real or genuine
38. se____e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

ANSWERS: 29. dandelion, 30. calm, 31. headache, 32. needle, 33. waitress, 34. pause, 35. crazy, 36. bat, 37. authenticity, 38. settle

39. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
40. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
41. sa____n migration *n.* a type of fish that is commonly found in the North Atlantic and North Pacific oceans
42. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
43. su____b development *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
44. ripe ma__o *n.* tropical fruit with smooth, juicy flesh and a large, hard seed in the middle
45. self-ch_____ut *n.* the place in a store where customers pay for their purchases and receive a receipt; the process of paying for something and leaving a store or website
46. tha_____ing parade *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

ANSWERS: 39. absolutely, 40. courage, 41. salmon, 42. award, 43. suburb, 44. mango, 45. checkout, 46. thanksgiving

47. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
48. ca_____e leader *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
49. have a co_____t again *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
50. hi_____y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
51. te_____m service providers *n.* (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
52. ol__e oil *n.* a small green or black fruit with a bitter taste that is eaten or used to produce oil or a tree on which this fruit grows
53. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
54. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
55. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
56. g__g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

ANSWERS: 47. democracy, 48. capable, 49. concert, 50. highway, 51. telecom, 52. olive, 53. livelihood, 54. collapse, 55. eventually, 56. gang

65. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
66. the seed of a pe___t *n.* a type of legume that grows underground and is widely cultivated and consumed as a food source
67. re__x a series of muscles *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
68. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
69. At_____ic salmon *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
70. earn Br_____e points *n.* a small square or rectangular piece of chocolate cake, typically with nuts or chocolate chips; (brownie point) a figurative reward or recognition for doing something good or helpful
71. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
72. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 65. situ, 66. peanut, 67. relax, 68. par, 69. Atlantic, 70. brownie, 71. straight, 72. AI

73. ol__e branch *n.* a small green or black fruit with a bitter taste that is eaten or used to produce oil or a tree on which this fruit grows
74. st__e blankly *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
75. ho___r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
76. pe___t butter *n.* a type of legume that grows underground and is widely cultivated and consumed as a food source
77. metallic sp___e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
78. tennis fo____me *n.* a group of four people or things, particularly used to refer to a group of four individuals playing a game or sport together, such as in golf or tennis doubles
79. re__x at home *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
80. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
81. ove_____owing performance *v.* to cast a shadow over; to dominate or surpass in importance; to make someone or something seemingly insignificant or less important by comparison

ANSWERS: 73. olive, 74. stare, 75. horror, 76. peanut, 77. sponge, 78. foursome, 79. relax, 80. roll, 81. overshadow

82. apply AI technology to art *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
83. sl__k performance *adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
84. express ch____ut *n.* the place in a store where customers pay for their purchases and receive a receipt; the process of paying for something and leaving a store or website
85. ice c__e *n.* a three-dimensional shape with six square faces that are all equal in size; (of mathematics) the result of multiplying the number by itself three times
86. fe____me creature *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
87. have an aw____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
88. ro__t beef *v.* to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven
89. w_d the rich man *v.* to marry someone
90. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

ANSWERS: 82. AI, 83. slack, 84. checkout, 85. cube, 86. fearsome, 87. awesome, 88. roast, 89. wed, 90. flip

91. ag__t system *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
92. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
93. t__s a coin *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
94. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
95. an interstate hi_____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
96. at__s of anatomy *n.* a book of maps or charts; a figure in Greek mythology who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders
97. sa____n fishery *n.* a type of fish that is commonly found in the North Atlantic and North Pacific oceans
98. mo_____r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
99. take a n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day

ANSWERS: 91. agent, 92. conversation, 93. toss, 94. opportune, 95. highway, 96. atlas, 97. salmon, 98. monster, 99. nap

100. br__k of war *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
101. tw__l a ribbon *v.* to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion
102. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
103. su_____ze text *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
104. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
105. cr_____ng bridge *n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
106. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
107. ho___r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
108. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
109. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
110. cr__h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
111. no_____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit

ANSWERS: 100. brink, 101. twirl, 102. bug, 103. summarize, 104. separate, 105. crossing, 106. predict, 107. horror, 108. wrap, 109. exposed, 110. crush, 111. nonprofit

112. the m__d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
113. impending ret_____nt *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
114. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
115. br_____e recipe *n.* a small square or rectangular piece of chocolate cake, typically with nuts or chocolate chips; (brownie point) a figurative reward or recognition for doing something good or helpful
116. first l__e *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
117. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
118. popular si____m *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
119. fresh ma__o *n.* tropical fruit with smooth, juicy flesh and a large, hard seed in the middle
120. ba___y industry *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
121. loading d__k *n.* a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained

ANSWERS: 112. mood, 113. retirement, 114. rid, 115. brownie, 116. lane, 117. fashion, 118. sitcom, 119. mango, 120. bakery, 121. dock

131. t__s the bottle into a trash can *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
132. ca___r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
133. the ravages of a hu_____ne *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
134. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
135. tha_____ing traditions *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
136. st_____h virus *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
137. a benefit co_____t *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
138. in an ugly m__d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
139. ca_____r position *n.* an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business

ANSWERS: 131. toss, 132. cancer, 133. hurricane, 134. grant, 135. thanksgiving, 136. stomach, 137. concert, 138. mood, 139. cashier

140. gr_____ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
141. the cen_____ce of the meal *n.* the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table
142. sh__y deal *adj.* characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight
143. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
144. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
145. sc_____h out a slogan *v.* to make a loud, high-pitched, piercing sound, often indicating pain or fear
146. a gas cr__h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
147. he_____he accompanied by fever *n.* pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble
148. si___m series *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
149. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 140. graduated, 141. centerpiece, 142. shady, 143. pause, 144. architecture, 145. screech, 146. crunch, 147. headache, 148. sitcom, 149. surround

150. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
151. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
152. t__t flavor *n.* a small pastry with a sweet or savory filling, typically with a shortcrust pastry base; a woman who is perceived to be sexually promiscuous; (adjective) sharp, tangy, or acidic in taste
153. da_____on tea *n.* a common weed with a bright yellow flower and deeply notched leaves that is often seen growing in lawns and other grassy areas; its leaves can be eaten as a salad green, and its roots are sometimes used in herbal medicine
154. run a ba___y *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
155. fishing d__k *n.* a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained
156. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
157. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

ANSWERS: 150. roll, 151. rid, 152. tart, 153. dandelion, 154. bakery, 155. dock, 156. ram, 157. mysterious

158. express am_____nt
n. a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
159. upset st_____h
n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
160. f__e police officer
adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
161. 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.
162. consult a de_____t
n. a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth
163. wo___e a few steps
v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
164. theory of the un_____se
n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
165. daytime n_p
n. a short sleep, especially during the day
166. special de_____ry
n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
167. li_____ry figures
adj. relating to or characteristic of literature (= written or spoken works of artistic expression) or other related works, particularly in terms of style and content

ANSWERS: 158. amazement, 159. stomach, 160. fake, 161. politician, 162. dentist, 163. wobble, 164. universe, 165. nap, 166. delivery, 167. literary

168. sk_____et the cost *v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
169. bre_____ing performance *adj.* extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming
170. sea sp___e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
171. fu_____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
172. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
173. a strict veg_____an *n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
174. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
175. ca___r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
176. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
177. a sense of gl___m *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

ANSWERS: 168. skyrocket, 169. breathtaking, 170. sponge, 171. fulfill, 172. architecture, 173. vegetarian, 174. awareness, 175. cancer, 176. predict, 177. gloom

178. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
179. the Pa_____c Ocean *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
180. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
181. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
182. gr___e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
183. retie the st___g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
184. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
185. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
186. aut_____ity verification *n.* the quality of being real or genuine
187. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
188. re___e after four terms *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
189. bre_____ing view *adj.* extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming

ANSWERS: 178. disappear, 179. pacific, 180. universal, 181. flip, 182. grieve, 183. string, 184. giant, 185. disappear, 186. authenticity, 187. opportune, 188. retire, 189. breathtaking

190. b_t an eye *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
191. the gr____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
192. emotional rol_____ter *n.* a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages
193. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
194. sk__l fracture *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
195. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
196. c__e root *n.* a three-dimensional shape with six square faces that are all equal in size; (of mathematics) the result of multiplying the number by itself three times
197. swell like a tu___y *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
198. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody

ANSWERS: 190. bat, 191. grocery, 192. rollercoaster, 193. twist, 194. skull, 195. straight, 196. cube, 197. turkey, 198. grant

199. to____d-hearted audience *adj.* affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
200. tr____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
201. t__a steak *n.* a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals
202. re____e voluntarily *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
203. have a bu____t meal *n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard
204. fo____n duties *n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
205. pa____n drive *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
206. a traffic j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
207. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape

ANSWERS: 199. touched, 200. traffic, 201. tuna, 202. retire, 203. buffet, 204. foreman, 205. passion, 206. jam, 207. twist

208. in__x full of emails *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
209. have a thick sk__l *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
210. w_d my intended *v.* to marry someone
211. mentally cha_____ng *adj.* difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle
212. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
213. pa_____c-natured disposition *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
214. in_____or decoration *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
215. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
216. tense piano st___gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
217. cr__h coffee beans *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
218. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

ANSWERS: 208. inbox, 209. skull, 210. wed, 211. challenging, 212. immigrant, 213. pacific, 214. interior, 215. attitude, 216. string, 217. crush, 218. agriculture

219. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
220. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
221. fl_____ng opportunity *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
222. on the br__k *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
223. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
224. re___l ink cartridge *v.* to replenish a container with a substance that it previously held; to top up a supply or amount of something
225. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
226. the sets were meticulously
au_____ic *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
227. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
228. su___b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
229. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

ANSWERS: 219. crack, 220. mysterious, 221. fleeting, 222. brink, 223. crazy, 224. refill, 225. exposed, 226. authentic, 227. excite, 228. suburb, 229. wrap

230. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
231. walk on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
232. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
233. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
234. m__t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
235. so__r discussion *adj.* not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises
236. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
237. ne___e prick *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
238. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
239. emotionally to_____d by the speech *adj.* affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration

ANSWERS: 230. embrace, 231. onstage, 232. immigrant, 233. giant, 234. melt, 235. sober, 236. universe, 237. needle, 238. collapse, 239. touched

240. a sl__k rope *adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
241. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
242. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
243. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
244. sw__l up dirt and dust *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
245. s__k in a hot spring *v.* to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money
246. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
247. b__p against a wall *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
248. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
249. pl_____nt news *adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
250. re___l with oil *v.* to replenish a container with a substance that it previously held; to top up a supply or amount of something
251. since ch_____od *n.* the state or time of being a child
252. economic bu___e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 240. slack, 241. universal, 242. agriculture, 243. eventually, 244. swirl, 245. soak, 246. appreciate, 247. bump, 248. excite, 249. pleasant, 250. refill, 251. childhood, 252. bubble

253. custard t__t *n.* a small pastry with a sweet or savory filling, typically with a shortcrust pastry base; a woman who is perceived to be sexually promiscuous; (adjective) sharp, tangy, or acidic in taste
254. te____m industry *n.* (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
255. men's un_____ar *n.* (also "undies") clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes
256. cigarette b__t *v.* to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the remaining end of a smoked cigarette
257. golf fo_____me *n.* a group of four people or things, particularly used to refer to a group of four individuals playing a game or sport together, such as in golf or tennis doubles
258. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
259. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
260. in__x folder *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

ANSWERS: 253. tart, 254. telecom, 255. underwear, 256. butt, 257. foursome, 258. heartbreak, 259. settle, 260. inbox

261. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
262. ch__k sorting *n.* a baby bird, especially a young chicken
263. bu___t style *n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard
264. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
265. a fur s__l *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
266. 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.
267. a motorcycle g__g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
268. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
269. play in the ba_____rd *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
270. s__l a hole *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

ANSWERS: 261. calm, 262. chick, 263. buffet, 264. award, 265. seal, 266. politician, 267. gang, 268. economy, 269. backyard, 270. seal

271. sa____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
272. k__t my eyebrows *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
273. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
274. a hu_____ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
275. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
276. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
277. gr_____ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
278. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
279. an ear_____ke-proof *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
280. give a menacing st__e *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

ANSWERS: 271. satisfy, 272. knit, 273. nonprofit, 274. hurricane, 275. bubble, 276. row, 277. graduated, 278. graduate, 279. earthquake, 280. stare

281. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
282. a cr____ng-keeper *n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
283. eat a veg_____an diet *n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
284. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
285. raise public aw_____ss *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
286. l__p in the throat *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
287. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
288. a de_____t's office *n.* a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth
289. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
290. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

ANSWERS: 281. separate, 282. crossing, 283. vegetarian, 284. courage, 285. awareness, 286. lump, 287. situ, 288. dentist, 289. embrace, 290. graduate

291. li____ry criticism *adj.* relating to or characteristic of literature (= written or spoken works of artistic expression) or other related works, particularly in terms of style and content
292. su____n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
293. pi____e a cucumber *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
294. ove_____owed by controversy *v.* to cast a shadow over; to dominate or surpass in importance; to make someone or something seemingly insignificant or less important by comparison
295. ba____rd barbecue *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
296. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
297. il____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
298. appeared on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
299. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
300. number of b_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
301. l__e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

ANSWERS: 291. literary, 292. summon, 293. pickle, 294. overshadow, 295. backyard, 296. row, 297. illegal, 298. onstage, 299. fashion, 300. bug, 301. lane

302. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
303. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
304. chicken ca_____le *n.* a dish made by cooking food, typically meat, vegetables, and a starch, such as potatoes or pasta, in a deep dish either in the oven or on the stovetop; the dish itself that is used for cooking and serving the dish
305. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
306. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
307. bank ca_____r *n.* an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business
308. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
309. r_m into the ice *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
310. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 302. fake, 303. stick, 304. casserole, 305. amazing, 306. stick, 307. cashier, 308. doom, 309. ram, 310. traffic

311. at_____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
312. At_____ic breeze *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
313. gr___e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
314. fu_____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
315. single l__p sum *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
316. sc_____h with laughter *v.* to make a loud, high-pitched, piercing sound, often indicating pain or fear
317. k__t a pair of socks *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
318. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
319. un_____ar clothing *n.* (also "undies") clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes
320. an easy de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
321. pa_____n hobby *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

ANSWERS: 311. attitude, 312. Atlantic, 313. grieve, 314. fulfill, 315. lump, 316. screech, 317. knit, 318. livelihood, 319. underwear, 320. delivery, 321. passion

322. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
323. fe_____me reputation *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
324. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
325. cast a ho_____pe *n.* a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc
326. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
327. aw_____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
328. antidiarrheal ag__t *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
329. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 322. democracy, 323. fearsome, 324. conversation, 325. horoscope, 326. par, 327. awesome, 328. agent, 329. economy

330. cen_____ce proposal *n.* the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table
331. wo___e chair *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
332. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
333. an ear_____ke zone *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
334. price sk_____eted *v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
335. an au_____ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
336. je_____y designer *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
337. tu___y breast meat *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
338. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
339. financial cr___h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

ANSWERS: 330. centerpiece, 331. wobble, 332. absolutely, 333. earthquake, 334. skyrocket, 335. authentic, 336. jewelry, 337. turkey, 338. doom, 339. crunch

340. ca_____e worker *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
341. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
342. plenty of in_____or space *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
343. ro__t coffee beans *v.* to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven
344. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 340. capable, 341. amazing, 342. interior, 343. roast, 344. appreciate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The team's defensive strategy relied heavily on their _____ ability to read the opposing team's offense.
n. a defensive player in American football whose primary responsibility is to tackle the ball carrier or block pass attempts by the opposing team
2. He grows vegetables in his _____.
n. a whole space behind and belonging to a house
3. Her _____ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.
n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
4. She savored the _____ happiness she felt during the vacation.
adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
5. The _____ company is planning to launch a new smartphone next month.
n. (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
6. We were on the _____ of a financial crisis.
n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
7. The talented _____ performed a stunning acrobatic routine at the circus.
n. a group of four people or things, particularly used to refer to a group of four individuals playing a game or sport together, such as in golf or tennis doubles
8. I received a beautiful piece of _____ from my partner for our anniversary.
n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

ANSWERS: 1. linebacker's, 2. backyard, 3. passion, 4. fleeting, 5. telecom, 6. brink, 7. foursome, 8. jewelry

9. Each chapter _____ the most critical issues.
- v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
10. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
11. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
12. The goats often _____ heads when they are fighting for dominance.
- v. to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the remaining end of a smoked cigarette
13. He grew up in the _____ but always dreamed of living in the city.
- n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
14. He had fond memories of his _____ spent playing in the park with his friends.
- n. the state or time of being a child
15. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
16. The painter focused on the moody _____ of abandoned buildings in his work.
- n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

ANSWERS: 9. summarizes, 10. Democracy, 11. excited, 12. butt, 13. suburbs, 14. childhood, 15. rolled, 16. interiors

17. The tree provided some _____ relief from the scorching sun.

adj. characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight

18. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

19. We finally divorced after experiencing a _____ marriage.

n. a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages

20. She accidentally _____ into him in the crowded room.

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

21. In the summer, fields are filled with yellow _____ flowers.

n. a common weed with a bright yellow flower and deeply notched leaves that is often seen growing in lawns and other grassy areas; its leaves can be eaten as a salad green, and its roots are sometimes used in herbal medicine

22. Grilled _____ is a popular dish at summer barbecues.

n. a type of fish that is commonly found in the North Atlantic and North Pacific oceans

23. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.

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

ANSWERS: 17. shady, 18. courage, 19. rollercoaster, 20. bumped, 21. dandelion, 22. salmon, 23. universe

24. The shopping trip ended with a long wait in the _____ line.
- n.* the place in a store where customers pay for their purchases and receive a receipt; the process of paying for something and leaving a store or website
25. The acupuncturist inserted _____ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.
- n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
26. I found a stink ____ crawling across the ceiling.
- n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
27. The lemon _____ at the bakery was simply divine.
- n.* a small pastry with a sweet or savory filling, typically with a shortcrust pastry base; a woman who is perceived to be sexually promiscuous; (adjective) sharp, tangy, or acidic in taste
28. Some people have severe allergies to _____ and must avoid them completely.
- n.* a type of legume that grows underground and is widely cultivated and consumed as a food source
29. Please _____ my water glass when you have a chance.
- v.* to replenish a container with a substance that it previously held; to top up a supply or amount of something
30. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
- n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
31. The _____ of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.
- n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

ANSWERS: 24. checkout, 25. needles, 26. bug, 27. tart, 28. peanuts, 29. refill, 30. graduate, 31. crunch

32. The grandmother _____ a warm sweater for her grandchild.
- v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
33. I could no longer earn my own _____.
- n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
34. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
35. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.
- adj.* not established for commercial profit
36. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
37. This restaurant has _____ dishes as well.
- n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
38. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.
- n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 32. knit, 33. livelihood, 34. predict, 35. nonprofit, 36. economy, 37. vegetarian, 38. bubble

39. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.
adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
40. I _____ the shirt in the sink before washing it.
v. to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money
41. After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to _____ from her job.
v. to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
42. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
43. The world _____ showed me the locations of all the countries.
n. a book of maps or charts; a figure in Greek mythology who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders
44. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
45. My family gathers together every year for _____ dinner.
n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
46. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.
v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

ANSWERS: 39. calm, 40. soaked, 41. retire, 42. settle, 43. atlas, 44. giant, 45. thanksgiving, 46. melted

47. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

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

48. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

49. The stages of the play were meticulously _____

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

50. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.

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

51. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

52. This pill will relieve your _____ immediately.

n. pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble

53. She woke the kids up from their ____.

n. a short sleep, especially during the day

54. I have a _____ ache after overeating junk food.

n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

55. The couple will ____ after the tenth anniversary.

v. to marry someone

ANSWERS: 47. mysterious, 48. disappear, 49. authentic, 50. summoning, 51. collapsed, 52. headaches, 53. nap, 54. stomach, 55. wed

56. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
v. to agree to give or allow somebody
57. The dragon's _____ roar echoed through the valley.
adj. causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
58. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.
adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
59. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
60. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
61. She _____ the loss of her parents.
v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
62. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
63. The _____ at the hotel had a wide variety of food options.
n. a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard
64. The man _____ before opening the door.
v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

ANSWERS: 56. granted, 57. fearsome, 58. graduated, 59. Agriculture, 60. traffic, 61. grieved, 62. Wrap, 63. buffet, 64. paused

65. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
66. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.
v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
67. The museum's experts confirmed the _____ of the painting.
n. the quality of being real or genuine
68. We walked along a muddy _____ to reach the farm.
n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
69. She had the _____ that work was fun.
n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
70. 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
71. He gave a _____ smile as he read the heartfelt message in the card from his daughter.
adj. affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
72. The brakes on the car began to _____ as the driver suddenly stopped at the intersection.
v. to make a loud, high-pitched, piercing sound, often indicating pain or fear

ANSWERS: 65. eventually, 66. cheated, 67. authenticity, 68. lane, 69. attitude, 70. situ, 71. touched, 72. screech

73. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

74. The magician's disappearing act left the audience in _____.

n. a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected

75. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

76. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

77. They enjoyed reading under the _____ trees.

n. a small green or black fruit with a bitter taste that is eaten or used to produce oil or a tree on which this fruit grows

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

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

79. The majority of the _____ are raised on local family farms.

n. a baby bird, especially a young chicken

80. The rising young star's talent _____ the rest of the cast.

v. to cast a shadow over; to dominate or surpass in importance; to make someone or something seemingly insignificant or less important by comparison

ANSWERS: 73. amazing, 74. amazement, 75. twisted, 76. string, 77. olive, 78. stick, 79. chicks, 80. overshadowed

81. I always order spinach _____ at my favorite Italian restaurant.
n. a type of dish consisting of layers of pasta, cheese, meat, or vegetables, typically topped with tomato sauce and baked in an oven; a traditional staple of Italian cuisine
82. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
83. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.
n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
84. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.
n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
85. It would be best if you _____ out all those old magazines.
v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion
86. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
87. The stories of war crimes filled her with _____.
n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
88. The busy road was closed for a few hours for a railway _____.
n. the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect

ANSWERS: 81. lasagna, 82. architecture, 83. hurricane, 84. awareness, 85. tossed, 86. opportune, 87. horror, 88. crossing

89. The eagle _____ down from the sky to catch its prey.
v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
90. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it
adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
91. She cut the _____ into small pieces and added them to the salad.
n. tropical fruit with smooth, juicy flesh and a large, hard seed in the middle
92. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.
n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
93. We would _____ an early reply.
v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
94. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
95. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.
n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
96. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
97. The cave was a habitat for _____.
n. a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

ANSWERS: 89. swooped, 90. faked, 91. mango, 92. award, 93. appreciate, 94. doom, 95. delivery, 96. flipped, 97. bats

98. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

99. After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your _____.

n. an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

100. The table _____ a little when I put my drink on it.

v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

101. The chef expertly _____ the sauce onto the plate.

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

102. The hotel's staff is very _____ and efficient.

adj. enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable

103. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

104. He was sick for five _____ days.

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

105. He worked at the _____ as a baker.

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

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

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 98. grocery, 99. inbox, 100. wobbled, 101. swirled, 102. pleasant, 103. crazy, 104. straight, 105. bakery, 106. absolutely

107. The violent _____ caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

n. a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

108. The _____ community mourned the loss of the talented author.

adj. relating to or characteristic of literature (= written or spoken works of artistic expression) or other related works, particularly in terms of style and content

109. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

110. They prepared a stuffed _____ for Thanksgiving.

n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

111. He led a _____ life.

adj. not drunk or affected by alcohol; dignified in manner or character and committed to keeping promises

112. I made a _____ sandwich for lunch today.

n. a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals

113. I am going to the family _____ to get my teeth cleaned.

n. a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth

114. The ship pulled to the _____ and we disembarked to start our adventure.

n. a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained

ANSWERS: 107. earthquake, 108. literary, 109. rid, 110. turkey, 111. sober, 112.

tuna, 113. dentist, 114. dock,

115. The young _____ looked stunning in her wedding gown.

- n.* a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married

116. The car was completely _____ in the accident.

- v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

117. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.

- n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

118. He couldn't help but _____ at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.

- v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

119. He _____ the letter with hot wax.

- v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

120. After working as a _____ for a few years, she was promoted to a managerial position within the grocery store.

- n.* an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business

121. She baked a batch of chocolate chip _____ for the office party.

- n.* a small square or rectangular piece of chocolate cake, typically with nuts or chocolate chips; (brownie point) a figurative reward or recognition for doing something good or helpful

ANSWERS: 115. bride, 116. crushed, 117. cancer, 118. stare, 119. sealed, 120. cashier, 121. brownies

122. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
123. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.
n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
124. The team's _____ attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.
adj. lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
125. The friendly _____ brought the food to the table and asked if they needed anything else.
n. a woman who serves food and drinks in a restaurant or cafe
126. That style is no longer in _____.
n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
127. The chef _____ the chicken to perfection in the oven.
v. to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven
128. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
129. This artist always packs the _____ halls.
n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

ANSWERS: 122. universal, 123. row, 124. slack, 125. waitress, 126. fashion, 127. roasted, 128. separate, 129. concert

130. She read her _____ every morning to see what the day had in store for her.
n. a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc
131. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
v. to be all around something or somebody
132. The sunset over the ocean was truly _____.
adj. extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming
133. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.
adj. not allowed by law
134. This fund is responsible for disability and _____ benefits.
n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
135. The street _____ was known for its violent behavior.
n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
136. 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
137. I want to buy new winter _____ because mine have holes in them.
n. (also "undies") clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes
138. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.
adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

ANSWERS: 130. horoscope, 131. surround, 132. breathtaking, 133. illegal, 134. retirement, 135. gang, 136. crack, 137. underwear, 138. awesome

139. The _____ of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.
- n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
140. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.
- n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
141. The _____ on the construction site is responsible for overseeing the workers and ensuring that the project is completed on time.
- n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
142. There is a small _____ on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.
- n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
143. I cut the cheese into small _____ for the salad.
- n.* a three-dimensional shape with six square faces that are all equal in size; (of mathematics) the result of multiplying the number by itself three times
144. His writing activities are the _____ of his life.
- n.* the most important or attractive part of something; something placed at the center of something, as on a table
145. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
146. The woods _____ the house.
- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

ANSWERS: 139. gloom, 140. mood, 141. foreman, 142. lump, 143. cubes, 144. centerpiece, 145. conversation, 146. embrace

147. This car has a _____ engine.

- n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

148. The _____ must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

- n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

149. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.

- v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

150. 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

151. They adopted a _____ approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

- adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

152. The car _____ into the wall, causing significant damage.

- v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

153. Archaeologists found a Neanderthal _____ at that historic site.

- n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

ANSWERS: 147. monster, 148. pickle, 149. fulfilled, 150. exposed, 151. pacific, 152. rammed, 153. skull

154. 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.

155. She _____ her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.

- v.* to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion

156. I will bring a _____ dish to the potluck dinner.

- n.* a dish made by cooking food, typically meat, vegetables, and a starch, such as potatoes or pasta, in a deep dish either in the oven or on the stovetop; the dish itself that is used for cooking and serving the dish

157. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.

- n.* a state of being equal to someone or something

158. The shredder in the print room often has paper _____.

- n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

159. The rules were _____ after the new executive arrived.

- v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

160. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.

- n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

161. I love to watch _____ when I need a good laugh.

- n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format

ANSWERS: 154. politician, 155. twirled, 156. casserole, 157. par, 158. jams, 159. relaxed, 160. immigrants, 161. sitcoms

162. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.
adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
163. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of ____.
n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
164. Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have _____ dramatically.
v. to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
165. She is highly _____ of handling multiple tasks at once.
adj. having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
166. Did this response _____ your request?
v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
167. The _____ hurricane season runs from June to November each year.
adj. relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
168. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
169. The advanced math problem was _____ but the student was determined to solve it.
adj. difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle

ANSWERS: 162. onstage, 163. AI, 164. skyrocketed, 165. capable, 166. satisfy, 167. Atlantic, 168. heartbreak, 169. challenging,

170. The FBI _____ went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.

- n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously

171. The tiny marine _____ has existed for more than 500 million years.

- n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

172. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.

- n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

ANSWERS: 170. agent, 171. sponge, 172. highway