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Session 1: Word List

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.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

grain

n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

synonym : seed, piece, cereal

(1) a **grain** of sand, (2) flour made from **grain**

Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen **grains**.

entertain

v. to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling

synonym: amuse, delight, engage

(1) **entertain** a guest, (2) let me **entertain** you with music
He refused to **entertain** our proposal.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade
Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident
We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

dung

n. solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

synonym: excrement, droppings, manure

(1) ball of **dung**, (2) **dung** the land
You can see the horse **dung** on the country road.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym: fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time
It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

nutrient

n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

synonym: food, vitamin

(1) **nutrient** medicine, (2) a **nutrient** for hair

They used fast-acting **nutrients** on the flowers in the flower beds.

sufficient

adj. adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement

synonym : acceptable, ample, satisfactory

(1) **sufficient** time, (2) self- **sufficient** economy

That candidate does not have **sufficient** means to win an election with certainty.

beetle

n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva

In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a sacred creature.

larva

n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

synonym : caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

fingernail

n. the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger

synonym : claw, paw

(1) **fingernail** biting, (2) fake **fingernail**

The car body scraped off with a **fingernail**.

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.

shuttle

n. a vehicle or boat that regularly moves between two places; bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads

synonym : ferry, transport, convey

(1) space **shuttle**, (2) **shuttle** service

The **shuttle** bus will take you to the airport in 15 minutes.

forth

adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

synonym : forward, onwards, ahead

(1) bring **forth** a beautiful vase, (2) call **forth** demand

I pushed **forth** with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym : earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

nest

n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

synonym : roost, perch, burrow

(1) bird's **nest**, (2) a **nest** of thieves

The female birds build a **nest** and lay their eggs in May.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym : subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

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.

packaging

n. the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging

synonym : wrapping, packing, boxing

(1) **packaging** materials, (2) biodegradable **packaging**

The **packaging** for the fragile items was made of sturdy materials and could withstand rough handling during shipping.

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.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym : prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

vicious

adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice

synonym : malicious, spiteful, malevolent

(1) **vicious** attack, (2) **vicious** deflationary spiral

The **vicious** dog barked and growled at anyone who came

near its territory.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

indication

n. a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur

synonym: clue, hint, inkling

(1) **indication** of inflation, (2) environmental **indication**

Faces are a good **indication** of age.

guarded

adj. cautious and careful in one's actions or speech; not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily; protected or defended against danger or risk

synonym: cautious, circumspect, careful

(1) **guarded** optimism, (2) **guarded** tone

The politician's **guarded** response left journalists questioning his words' sincerity.

competition

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

synonym: contest, match, fight

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

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

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

pat

v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

synonym: tap, stroke, caress

(1) **pat** on the back, (2) **pat** a dog

She **patted** the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

photograph

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

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

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

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

intense

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

synonym: extreme, fierce, harsh

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

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

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym: adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

moving

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

synonym: emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym: back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym: abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym : examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym : hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance

The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

synonym : accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

degree

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

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

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

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

flinch

v. to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily

synonym : shudder, recoil, wince

(1) **flinch** at the noise, (2) **flinch** from the truth

I couldn't help but **flinch** when the door slammed shut.

cue

n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something

synonym : signal, sign, hint

(1) **cue** card, (2) visual **cue**

The director gave the actor a **cue** to begin the scene.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

sunset

n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

synonym: evening, sundown, dusk

(1) **sunset** this function, (2) spectacular **sunset** views

He is in the **sunset** of his life.

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.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

polar

adj. relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

synonym : opposing, contrary, contrasting

(1) **polar** bears, (2) **polar** regions

Polar animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

pathway

n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

synonym : route, footpath, trail

(1) **pathway** to understanding, (2) cellular signaling **pathways**

When the first molecule in the **pathway** receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym : polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym : strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

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

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym : root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

orient

v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

synonym : position, align, adjust

(1) **orient** my thinking, (2) the exotic flavor of the **Orient**

She took a moment to **orient** herself in the unfamiliar city.

reorient

v. to change the focus, position, or direction of someone or something

synonym : reconstruct, reorganize

(1) **reorient** my thinking, (2) **reorient** the receiving antenna

Making a sharp noise will quickly **reorient** children's thoughts to the present.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

celestial

adj. relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens

synonym : heavenly, divine, ethereal

(1) **celestial** bliss, (2) **celestial** navigation

The **celestial** bodies in the night sky were beautiful to behold.

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.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym: incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

individual

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

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

reaction

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

substances are changed into others

synonym: response, reply, answer

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

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

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym: change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

bush

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

synonym: copse, scrub, brushwood

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

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

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

wipe

v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

synonym: clean, brush, swab

(1) **Wipe** off dirt, (2) **wipe** with water

Please **wipe** your sweat with this towel.

regulatory

adj. having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles

synonym: regulative, managerial

(1) **regulatory** cells, (2) compliance with **regulatory** requirements

In the past, Japanese banks were protected by **regulatory** control.

spit

v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

synonym: expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva

She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

arena

n. a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events

synonym: stadium, theatre, auditorium

(1) indoor **arena**, (2) political **arena**

The company is planning to build a 20,000-seat **arena** with a retractable roof.

thermal

adj. relating to heat or temperature; designed for or capable of producing or maintaining heat

synonym: heat-related, warm, hot

(1) **thermal** insulation, (2) **thermal** energy

The **thermal** imaging camera was used to detect heat signatures in the dark.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym: arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

temperature

n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

synonym: climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric **temperature**

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures**

this summer.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

centigrade

n. a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale

(1) **centigrade** scale, (2) **centigrade** thermometer

The temperature reached a peak of 35 degrees **centigrade**.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
synonym: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym : bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym : shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

synonym : grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

dental

adj. of or relating to teeth

synonym : oral, tooth, mouth

(1) **dental** hygiene, (2) **dental** care

I have a **dental** appointment at 2 pm to get my teeth cleaned.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two

or more elements

synonym: combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

fridge

n. a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh

synonym: refrigerator

(1) **fridge** magnet, (2) fill the **fridge**

She left the **fridge** door open inadvertently.

stilt

n. a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground

synonym: pole, post, long-legs

(1) **stilt** grass, (2) **stilt** walking

The archeologists found ancient **stilt** houses that were preserved under the water.

scuttle

v. to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side

synonym: scamper, scurry, flee

(1) **scuttle** out of a room, (2) **scuttle** the treaty

The mice **scuttled** across the kitchen floor in search of food.

genu

n. the anatomical term for the convex part of a structure, such as a knee or elbow joint

synonym: knee, joint, articulation

(1) **genu** valgum, (2) **genu** flexion

The surgeon performed a **genu** replacement on the elderly patient.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym : commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

pellet

n. a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic

synonym : bead, ball, bullet

(1) the form of a small **pellet**, (2) **pellet** stove

The **pellet** gun was used to shoot small metal balls.

forage

v. to search or hunt for food, provisions, or other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner

synonym : scavenge, hunt, search

(1) **forage** for food, (2) **forage** for information

She would **forage** through her massive handbag every morning to find her keys.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym : characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

provision

n. the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition

synonym : supply, agreement, stocking

(1) **provision** for loan losses, (2) administrative **provision**

The new law includes **provisions** for increased penalties for repeat offenders.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

outward

adj. relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible

synonym: external, surface, exterior

(1) an **outward** journey, (2) **outward** cheerfulness

The **outward** appearance of the building was impressive, but the inside was in dire need of repairs.

westward

adj. directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west

synonym: western, westerly, westbound

(1) **westward** expansion, (2) **westward** migration

Lewis and Clark's **westward** journey was an important exploration of the newly acquired Louisiana Territory.

lookout

n. a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence

synonym: watchman, sentinel, guard

(1) **lookout** team, (2) on the **lookout** for danger

The **lookout** tower provided a clear view of the surrounding area.

blob

n. a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance

synonym: chunk, lump, hunk

(1) a big **blob** of yellow, (2) a **blob** of jelly

A **blob** of ink fell on the floor.

integrate

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

synonym : mix, merge, combine

(1) **integrate** into the existing system, (2) **integrate** both businesses

He found that it is difficult to **integrate** socially.

convoluted

adj. extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand

synonym : intricate, complex, bending

(1) **convoluted** plot, (2) **convoluted** legal language

James Joyce's books are full of long, **convoluted** sentences.

landmark

n. a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point

synonym : marker, reference point, guidepost

(1) a **landmark** discovery, (2) historical **landmark**

The Empire State Building is a **landmark** in New York City.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

bearing

n. the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

synonym : demeanor, posture, manner

(1) a thrust **bearing**, (2) a military **bearing**

The pilot had to adjust the plane's **bearing** to stay on course.

cunning

adj. clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily

synonym: sly, crafty, tricky

(1) **cunning** plan, (2) **cunning** thief

The **cunning** fox managed to elude the hunters and escape with his prey.

burrow

v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

synonym: tunnel, dig, excavate

(1) **burrow** through the forest, (2) **burrow** into a mystery

You can't **burrow** through solid metal.

orientation

n. a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment

synonym: direction, introduction, frontage

(1) sexual **orientation**, (2) the school **orientation**

There will be an **orientation** lecture for new students this afternoon.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

clue

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem,

question, or mystery

synonym : hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

callous

adj. insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

synonym : cold, heartless, unfeeling

(1) **callous** person, (2) **callous** remark

The supervisor's **callous** behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.

compass

n. a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability

synonym : guideline, borderline, ambit

(1) read a **compass**, (2) sailing without a **compass**

The results were beyond our **compass** of imagination.

odometer

n. an instrument in a vehicle that measures and displays the distance traveled, usually in miles or kilometers

synonym : mileage counter, mileometer, distance meter

(1) **odometer** reading, (2) reset the **odometer**

The mechanic checked the car's **odometer** to determine how many miles it had traveled.

regulation

n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

synonym : constraint, restriction, rule

(1) a company **regulation**, (2) **regulation** by the government

The **regulation** approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

fairly

adv. to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner

synonym : moderately, reasonably, pretty

(1) **fairly** accurate, (2) have a **fairly** clear view

He deals **fairly** with his employees.

revolting

adj. causing strong disgust or repugnance; obscene, offensive, or morally unappealing

synonym : disgusting, repulsive, nauseating

(1) **revolting** sight, (2) **revolting** behavior

The sight and smell of the rotting garbage were **revolting**.

substance

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

synonym : essence, core, material

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

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

awful

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

synonym : terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. an ob_____le to progress | <i>n.</i> a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress |
| 2. sh____w puppetry | <i>n.</i> a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner |
| 3. la__a of a butterfly | <i>n.</i> the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose |
| 4. ev____e | <i>v.</i> to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually |
| 5. re_____ng behavior | <i>adj.</i> causing strong disgust or repugnance; obscene, offensive, or morally unappealing |
| 6. the form of a small pe____t | <i>n.</i> a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic |
| 7. in_____e a lot of paperwork | <i>v.</i> to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else |
| 8. have a fa____y clear view | <i>adv.</i> to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner |

ANSWERS: 1. obstacle, 2. shadow, 3. larva, 4. evolve, 5. revolting, 6. pellet, 7. involve, 8. fairly

9. th____l energy *adj.* relating to heat or temperature; designed for or capable of producing or maintaining heat
10. mo____g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
11. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
12. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
13. a sm____ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
14. con_____ed legal language *adj.* extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand
15. fl____h from the truth *v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
16. pol_____ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
17. re_____ng sight *adj.* causing strong disgust or repugnance; obscene, offensive, or morally unappealing
18. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
19. suf_____nt time *adj.* adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement

ANSWERS: 9. thermal, 10. moving, 11. disappear, 12. transition, 13. smashing, 14. convoluted, 15. flinch, 16. polarization, 17. revolting, 18. displace, 19. sufficient

20. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
21. a n__t of thieves *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
22. reg_____ry cells *adj.* having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles
23. cen_____de thermometer *n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale
24. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
25. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
26. po__r regions *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
27. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
28. r__r with laughter *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

ANSWERS: 20. photograph, 21. nest, 22. regulatory, 23. centigrade, 24. fin, 25. probable, 26. polar, 27. sand, 28. roar

29. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
30. the story is bi_____e *adj.* very strange or unusual
31. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
32. a sand p___e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
33. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
34. bu___w into a mystery *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
35. bu___w through the forest *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
36. a s___m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
37. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
38. or___t my thinking *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

ANSWERS: 29. background, 30. bizarre, 31. classic, 32. pile, 33. underground, 34. burrow, 35. burrow, 36. sham, 37. fascinating, 38. orient

39. aquatic co____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
40. the event ho____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
41. bi____e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
42. bachelor's de____e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
43. parched s__l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
44. develop in____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
45. meet with opp____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
46. gu____d optimism *adj.* cautious and careful in one's actions or speech; not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily; protected or defended against danger or risk
47. give sm____ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
48. we____rd migration *adj.* directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west
49. app____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

ANSWERS: 39. compound, 40. horizon, 41. bizarre, 42. degree, 43. soil, 44. intense, 45. opposition, 46. guarded, 47. smashing, 48. westward, 49. appropriate

50. re_____nt my thinking *v.* to change the focus, position, or direction of someone or something
51. a gr__n of sand *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
52. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
53. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
54. fa___y accurate *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
55. re_____nt the receiving antenna *v.* to change the focus, position, or direction of someone or something
56. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
57. reset the od_____er *n.* an instrument in a vehicle that measures and displays the distance traveled, usually in miles or kilometers
58. a c__e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
59. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
60. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

ANSWERS: 50. reorient, 51. grain, 52. experiment, 53. associate, 54. fairly, 55. reorient, 56. handle, 57. odometer, 58. clue, 59. transition, 60. straight

61. ce_____al navigation *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
62. be___e brows *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
63. the exotic flavor of the Or___t *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
64. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
65. a big b__b of yellow *n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
66. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
67. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
68. w__e with water *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
69. fin_____il biting *n.* the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger
70. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
71. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
72. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

ANSWERS: 61. celestial, 62. beetle, 63. orient, 64. transport, 65. blob, 66. forth, 67. roll, 68. wipe, 69. fingernail, 70. pause, 71. handle, 72. wrap

73. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
74. pa_____ng materials *n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
75. spectacular su____t views *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
76. lo____t team *n.* a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence
77. cellular signaling pa_____ys *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
78. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
79. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
80. a gr____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
81. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
82. c_e card *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something

ANSWERS: 73. probable, 74. packaging, 75. sunset, 76. lookout, 77. pathway, 78. appropriate, 79. brain, 80. gradual, 81. underneath, 82. cue

83. ca____s remark *adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation
84. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
85. vi____m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
86. ob____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
87. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
88. vi____s attack *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
89. st__t grass *n.* a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground
90. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 83. callous, 84. spot, 85. victim, 86. obstacle, 87. forth, 88. vicious, 89. stilt, 90. grab

91. a moth la__a *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
92. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
93. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
94. let me en_____in you with music *v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling
95. po__r bears *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
96. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
97. gu_____d tone *adj.* cautious and careful in one's actions or speech; not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily; protected or defended against danger or risk
98. a military be_____g *n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another
99. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

ANSWERS: 91. larva, 92. fin, 93. transport, 94. entertain, 95. polar, 96. evolve, 97. guarded, 98. bearing, 99. aspect

100. extreme tem_____res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
101. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
102. de___l care *adj.* of or relating to teeth
103. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
104. a thrust be_____g *n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another
105. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
106. ca_____s person *adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation
107. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
108. an explosive su_____ce *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
109. od_____er reading *n.* an instrument in a vehicle that measures and displays the distance traveled, usually in miles or kilometers

ANSWERS: 100. temperature, 101. normally, 102. dental, 103. bury, 104. bearing, 105. relative, 106. callous, 107. pile, 108. substance, 109. odometer

110. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
111. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
112. the atmospheric tem_____re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
113. we_____rd expansion *adj.* directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west
114. bird's n__t *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
115. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
116. on the lo_____t for danger *n.* a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence
117. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 110. sand, 111. investigate, 112. temperature, 113. westward, 114. nest, 115. shadow, 116. lookout, 117. obvious

118. flour made from gr__n *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
119. sh_____e service *n.* a vehicle or boat that regularly moves between two places; bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads
120. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
121. d__g the land *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
122. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
123. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
124. fo___e for information *v.* to search or hunt for food, provisions, or other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner
125. reg_____on by the government *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

ANSWERS: 118. grain, 119. shuttle, 120. photograph, 121. dung, 122. distance, 123. opposition, 124. forage, 125. regulation

126. business ho____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
127. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
128. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
129. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
130. political ar__a *n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
131. p_t a dog *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
132. fl___h at the noise *v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
133. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
134. in_____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

ANSWERS: 126. horizon, 127. experiment, 128. degree, 129. roll, 130. arena, 131. pat, 132. flinch, 133. colleague, 134. integrate

135. gas fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
136. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
137. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
138. pa_____n hobby *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
139. walk ba_____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
140. en_____in a guest *v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling
141. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
142. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
143. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
144. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
145. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 135. filter, 136. wrap, 137. recognize, 138. passion, 139. backward, 140. entertain, 141. normally, 142. straight, 143. associate, 144. adapt, 145. intense

146. de___l hygiene *adj.* of or relating to teeth
147. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
148. vi____s deflationary spiral *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
149. self-suf_____nt economy *adj.* adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement
150. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
151. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
152. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
153. pe___t stove *n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
154. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
155. do aw___l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
156. p_t on the back *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
157. a be___e larva *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
158. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 146. dental, 147. spot, 148. vicious, 149. sufficient, 150. emerging, 151. colleague, 152. competition, 153. pellet, 154. fascinating, 155. awful, 156. pat, 157. beetle, 158. brain

159. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
160. space sh_____e *n.* a vehicle or boat that regularly moves between two places; bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads
161. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
162. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
163. g__u flexion *n.* the anatomical term for the convex part of a structure, such as a knee or elbow joint
164. visual c_e *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
165. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
166. cu_____g plan *adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
167. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

ANSWERS: 159. contrast, 160. shuttle, 161. reaction, 162. classic, 163. genu, 164. cue, 165. reaction, 166. cunning, 167. relative

168. s__ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
169. fill the fr___e *n.* a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh
170. a gr____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
171. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
172. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
173. the school ori_____on *n.* a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment
174. fr___e magnet *n.* a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh
175. W__e off dirt *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
176. an aw__l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
177. sc_____e the treaty *v.* to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side

ANSWERS: 168. soil, 169. fridge, 170. gradual, 171. victim, 172. background, 173.

orientation, 174. fridge, 175. wipe, 176. awful, 177. scuttle

178. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
179. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
180. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
181. fo___e for food *v.* to search or hunt for food, provisions, or other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner
182. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
183. s__t a bullet *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
184. ball of d__g *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
185. sc_____e out of a room *v.* to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side
186. read a co_____s *n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability

ANSWERS: 178. individual, 179. underneath, 180. competition, 181. forage, 182. adapt, 183. spit, 184. dung, 185. scuttle, 186. compass

187. as__ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
188. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
189. a b__b of jelly *n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
190. s__t a mouthful of saliva *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
191. dielectric pol_____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
192. su_____ce abuse problem *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
193. compliance with reg_____ry requirements *adj.* having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles
194. an ou_____d journey *adj.* relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
195. st__t walking *n.* a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground
196. r__r for more *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
197. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 187. aspect, 188. pause, 189. blob, 190. spit, 191. polarization, 192. substance, 193. regulatory, 194. outward, 195. stilt, 196. roar, 197. movement

198. cu____g thief *adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
199. mo____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
200. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
201. chaotic env____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
202. biodegradable pa____ng *n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
203. a nu____nt for hair *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
204. nu____nt medicine *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
205. di____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
206. cen____de scale *n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale

ANSWERS: 198. cunning, 199. movement, 200. bush, 201. environment, 202. packaging, 203. nutrient, 204. nutrient, 205. displace, 206. centigrade

207. pa____y to understanding *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
208. a c__e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
209. or____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
210. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
211. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
212. th____l insulation *adj.* relating to heat or temperature; designed for or capable of producing or maintaining heat
213. indoor ar__a *n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
214. re____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
215. ma____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
216. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 207. pathway, 208. clue, 209. origin, 210. sham, 211. obvious, 212. thermal, 213. arena, 214. recognize, 215. maintain, 216. grab

217. ba____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
218. harmful co____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
219. inv____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
220. a la____rk discovery *n.* a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point
221. a company reg____on *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
222. fake fin____il *n.* the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger
223. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
224. clogged fi____r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
225. env____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
226. environmental ind____on *n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur

ANSWERS: 217. backward, 218. compound, 219. investigate, 220. landmark, 221. regulation, 222. fingernail, 223. bury, 224. filter, 225. environment, 226. indication

227. ou____d cheerfulness *adj.* relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
228. sexual ori_____on *n.* a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment
229. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
230. sailing without a co____s *n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability
231. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
232. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
233. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
234. pr_____on for loan losses *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
235. mo____g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

ANSWERS: 227. outward, 228. orientation, 229. underground, 230. compass, 231. maintain, 232. emerging, 233. distance, 234. provision, 235. moving

236. ce_____al bliss *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
237. ind_____on of inflation *n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur
238. su___t this function *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
239. historical la_____rk *n.* a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point
240. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
241. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
242. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
243. pa_____n drive *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
244. g__u valgum *n.* the anatomical term for the convex part of a structure, such as a knee or elbow joint
245. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
246. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
247. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

ANSWERS: 236. celestial, 237. indication, 238. sunset, 239. landmark, 240. contrast, 241. involve, 242. origin, 243. passion, 244. genu, 245. individual, 246. disappear, 247. bush

248. con_____ed plot *adj.* extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand
249. in_____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
250. administrative pr_____on *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition

ANSWERS: 248. convoluted, 249. integrate, 250. provision

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.
adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
2. She _____ the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.
v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
3. Faces are a good _____ of age.
n. a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur
4. They used fast-acting _____ on the flowers in the flower beds.
n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
5. The _____ of the argument was well-presented.
n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
6. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
7. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
8. The results were beyond our _____ of imagination.
n. a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability

ANSWERS: 1. appropriate, 2. patted, 3. indication, 4. nutrients, 5. substance, 6. recognize, 7. distance, 8. compass

9. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

10. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

11. The car body scraped off with a _____.

n. the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger

12. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

13. I have a _____ appointment at 2 pm to get my teeth cleaned.

adj. of or relating to teeth

14. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.

n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

15. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

16. The company is planning to build a 20,000-seat _____ with a retractable roof.

n. a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events

17. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

ANSWERS: 9. probable, 10. filter, 11. fingernail, 12. evolved, 13. dental, 14. temperatures, 15. brain, 16. arena, 17. backward

18. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.
v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
19. The _____ dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.
adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
20. He deals _____ with his employees.
adv. to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
21. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
22. The penny fell _____ the piano.
adv. under or below something else
23. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
24. She left the _____ door open inadvertently.
n. a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh
25. The director gave the actor a _____ to begin the scene.
n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
26. The female birds build a _____ and lay their eggs in May.
n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

ANSWERS: 18. contrast, 19. vicious, 20. fairly, 21. bury, 22. underneath, 23. roared, 24. fridge, 25. cue, 26. nest

27. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

28. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

29. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

30. The mechanic checked the car's _____ to determine how many miles it had traveled.

n. an instrument in a vehicle that measures and displays the distance traveled, usually in miles or kilometers

31. His _____ showed highly positive results.

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

32. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

33. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

34. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 27. disappear, 28. classic, 29. grab, 30. odometer, 31. experiments, 32. origin, 33. horizon, 34. displace

35. The _____ bodies in the night sky were beautiful to behold.
adj. relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
36. The new law includes _____ for increased penalties for repeat offenders.
n. the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
37. I pushed _____ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.
adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
38. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
39. Her _____ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.
n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
40. When the first molecule in the _____ receives a signal, it activates other molecules.
n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
41. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
42. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

ANSWERS: 35. celestial, 36. provisions, 37. forth, 38. maintain, 39. passion, 40. pathway, 41. obvious, 42. associate

43. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.
- n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
44. You can't _____ through solid metal.
- v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
45. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
- n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
46. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
- n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
47. I am going to trim this _____ off.
- n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
48. The _____ gun was used to shoot small metal balls.
- n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
49. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
50. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
- v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

ANSWERS: 43. clue, 44. burrow, 45. competition, 46. aspects, 47. bush, 48. pellet, 49. background, 50. investigated

51. I couldn't help but _____ when the door slammed shut.

- v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily

52. A _____ of ink fell on the floor.

- n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance

53. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

54. The butterfly emerged from its _____ stage.

- n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

55. The _____ imaging camera was used to detect heat signatures in the dark.

- adj.* relating to heat or temperature; designed for or capable of producing or maintaining heat

56. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.

- v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

57. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

58. The data he prepared was completely _____.

- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 51. flinch, 52. blob, 53. movement, 54. larva, 55. thermal, 56. adapt, 57. environment, 58. sham

59. The man _____ before opening the door.

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

60. Please _____ your sweat with this towel.

v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

61. James Joyce's books are full of long, _____ sentences.

adj. extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand

62. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

63. The _____ bus will take you to the airport in 15 minutes.

n. a vehicle or boat that regularly moves between two places; bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads

64. The _____ fox managed to elude the hunters and escape with his prey.

adj. clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily

65. The truth was more _____ than expected.

adj. very strange or unusual

66. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

ANSWERS: 59. paused, 60. wipe, 61. convoluted, 62. sand, 63. shuttle, 64. cunning, 65. bizarre, 66. shadow

67. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

68. The _____ for the fragile items was made of sturdy materials and could withstand rough handling during shipping.

n. the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging

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

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

70. The _____ appearance of the building was impressive, but the inside was in dire need of repairs.

adj. relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible

71. There will be an _____ lecture for new students this afternoon.

n. a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment

72. She took a moment to _____ herself in the unfamiliar city.

v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

73. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

74. He refused to _____ our proposal.

v. to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling

ANSWERS: 67. relatives, 68. packaging, 69. intense, 70. outward, 71. orientation, 72. orient, 73. involves, 74. entertain

75. The archeologists found ancient _____ houses that were preserved under the water.
- n.* a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground
76. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
- v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
77. She tried to _____ out the gum that she had been chewing.
- v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
78. His _____ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.
- adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
79. The _____ approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.
- n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
80. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.
- adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
81. The mice _____ across the kitchen floor in search of food.
- v.* to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side

ANSWERS: 75. stilt, 76. Wrap, 77. spit, 78. moving, 79. regulation, 80. underground, 81. scuttled

82. Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen _____.
- n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
83. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.
- adj.* extremely interesting
84. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.
- adv.* usually; under normal conditions
85. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
86. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.
- adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
87. The surgeon performed a _____ replacement on the elderly patient.
- n.* the anatomical term for the convex part of a structure, such as a knee or elbow joint
88. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
89. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.
- n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

ANSWERS: 82. grains, 83. fascinating, 84. normally, 85. transportation, 86. awful, 87. genu, 88. spot, 89. piles

90. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

91. The politician's _____ response left journalists questioning his words' sincerity.

adj. cautious and careful in one's actions or speech; not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily; protected or defended against danger or risk

92. Lewis and Clark's _____ journey was an important exploration of the newly acquired Louisiana Territory.

adj. directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west

93. That candidate does not have _____ means to win an election with certainty.

adj. adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement

94. We all should learn how to _____ stress.

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

95. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

96. The band's new album was a _____ success, reaching the top of the charts.

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

97. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

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

ANSWERS: 90. Emerging, 91. guarded, 92. westward, 93. sufficient, 94. handle, 95. compound, 96. smashing, 97. reaction

98. He was sick for five _____ days.

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

99. The _____ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

100. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

101. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

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

102. 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

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

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

104. You can see the horse _____ on the country road.

n. solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

105. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

ANSWERS: 98. straight, 99. polarization, 100. victim, 101. degree, 102. rolled, 103. individual, 104. dung, 105. integrate

106. The Empire State Building is a _____ in New York City.

n. a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point

107. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

108. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

109. The sight and smell of the rotting garbage were _____.

adj. causing strong disgust or repugnance; obscene, offensive, or morally unappealing

110. The _____ tower provided a clear view of the surrounding area.

n. a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence

111. Making a sharp noise will quickly _____ children's thoughts to the present.

v. to change the focus, position, or direction of someone or something

112. The pilot had to adjust the plane's _____ to stay on course.

n. the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

113. The supervisor's _____ behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.

adj. insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

ANSWERS: 106. landmark, 107. opposition, 108. fins, 109. revolting, 110. lookout, 111. reorient, 112. bearing, 113. callous

114. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
115. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
116. The _____ course was challenging but fun.
n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
117. The temperature reached a peak of 35 degrees _____.
n. a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale
118. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
119. _____ animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.
adj. relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
120. He is in the _____ of his life.
n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
121. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.
adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

ANSWERS: 114. Soil, 115. transition, 116. obstacle, 117. centigrade, 118. photograph, 119. Polar, 120. sunset, 121. gradual

122. In ancient civilizations, the scarab _____ was worshiped as a sacred creature.
n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
123. She would _____ through her massive handbag every morning to find her keys.
v. to search or hunt for food, provisions, or other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner
124. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
125. In the past, Japanese banks were protected by _____ control.
adj. having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles

ANSWERS: 122. beetle, 123. forage, 124. colleague, 125. regulatory