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Session 1: Word List

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym: optical, graphical, visible

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

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

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

stationary

adj. not moving or not capable of being changed

synonym: fixed, immobile, changeless

(1) remain **stationary**, (2) **stationary** bike

Stationary vehicles in traffic jams produce a tremendous amount of pollution.

sensible

adj. having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something

synonym: reasonable, practical, pragmatic

(1) **sensible** decision, (2) **sensible** approach

It's **sensible** to wear a helmet when riding a bike.

clamp

v. to fasten or secure something tightly, often using a tool or device called a clamp; to restrict something or someone's freedom or movement; (noun) a device used to secure, fasten, or hold objects together; a mass or group of things that are held or gathered tightly together

synonym: fasten, secure, hold tight

(1) **clamp** down on extremism, (2) **clamp** coupling

He used a wrench to **clamp** down the pipes tightly.

gentle

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

synonym: mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym: jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase

Canada **bounds** on the United States.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

benign

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

synonym : kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

penicillin

n. an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections

synonym : antibiotic, bacitracin

(1) **penicillin** allergy, (2) **penicillin** sensitivity testing

The doctor prescribed **penicillin** to treat the bacterial infection.

graphic

adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

synonym : illustrative, picturesque, visual

(1) **graphic** design, (2) a **graphic** description of an accident

The **graphic** novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

firm

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

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

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

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

arrival

n. the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

synonym : reaching, appearance, coming

(1) **arrival** and departure gate, (2) **arrival** at a conclusion

Weather forecasters are predicting the **arrival** of a heatwave.

assistant

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

synonym : aide, helper, associate

(1) an unwilling **assistant**, (2) **assistant** professor

An executive **assistant** director administers each branch.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

blackboard

n. a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk

synonym : chalkboard, slate

(1) chalk on a **blackboard**, (2) electronic **blackboard**

The teacher asked me to rub out the **blackboard**.

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.

moron

n. (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense

synonym: idiot, fool, imbecile

(1) social **moron**, (2) complete **moron**

The internet troll accused her of being a **moron** for her political views.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

behold

v. to look at and observe with attention

synonym: see, observe, watch

(1) **behold** the sunrise, (2) a joy to **behold**

His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to **behold**.

memoir

n. a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

synonym: bio, biography

(1) family **memoir**, (2) publish a **memoir**

He wrote his **memoirs** while awaiting trial.

biography

n. the story of a person's life written by someone else

synonym: bio, memoir, life history

(1) **biography** of an actor, (2) medical **biography**

This is a well-recorded **biography**.

conversation

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

synonym:

chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**
Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

observation

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

synonym: watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument
In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

purity

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

synonym: sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**
Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage
The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

synonym: reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil
The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

extract

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

synonym: excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**

Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

prehistoric

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history;
no longer fashionable

synonym : ancient, primitive, archaic

(1) **prehistoric** settlements, (2) **prehistoric** times

Scientists often fail to date archeological or **prehistorical** findings.

amber

n. a hard, translucent, yellow-orange or brownish-yellow fossil resin that is used in jewelry and ornamentation and often contains insects or other small organisms that were trapped inside when the resin was sticky; also used to describe the color that resembles this type of resin

synonym : resin, fossilized tree sap, golden stone

(1) **amber** resin, (2) **amber** ale

The bracelet was made of beautiful **amber** stones.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym : especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

diagram

n. a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something

synonym : chart, figure, graph

(1) 3D **diagram**, (2) in a **diagram**

He is drawing a **diagram** illustrating how the equipment operates.

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost
synonym: seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times
Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

tap

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

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

scotch

v. to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom

synonym: halt, stop, block

(1) **scotch** any further debate, (2) **scotch** the deal

I need to **scotch** these rumors before they spread any further.

youngster

n. a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development

synonym: child, youth, adolescent

(1) **youngster** education, (2) teenage **youngster**

The little **youngster** couldn't wait to open their birthday presents.

reconstitute

v. to restore to a former or original state; to make something new again

synonym: reform, revive, renew

(1) **reconstitute** an image, (2) **reconstitute** old memories

The dry soup mix was **reconstituted** by adding hot water.

representation

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons

made in appealing or protesting

synonym : delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

typography

n. the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images

synonym : printing, typesetting, font design

(1) **typography** skills, (2) **typography** layout

I love the bold **typography** used in this book's chapter heading.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

suggestive

adj. evocative or hinting at something without expressing it directly; having or conveying an implied or indirect meaning or message

synonym : evocative, allusive, provocative

(1) **suggestive** gesture, (2) **suggestive** image

The **suggestive** artwork on display was thought-provoking and sparked many discussions.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

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

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

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym : remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

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

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

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym : go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

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

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym : exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

permutation

n. the act or process of rearranging or reordering a set of elements or objects in a different sequence or configuration; a specific arrangement or order of a set of elements or objects

synonym: variation, transformation, alteration

(1) **permutation** formula, (2) **permutation** test

Scientists study the **permutations** of chemical elements and compounds to better understand their properties and potential uses.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

threefold

adj. three times as great or as many

synonym: three, triple, three times

(1) rise nearly **threefold**, (2) **threefold** increase

The price of the item was reduced **threefold** after the sale.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym: legal document, order, legal process

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

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

essay

n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

synonym: paper, commentary, report

(1) score the SAT **essays**, (2) thoughtful **essay**

The Chief editor checks all **essays** for plagiarism with software.

nudist

n. a person who engages in social or solitary activities while not wearing clothing; a person who believes that being naked is natural and healthy and that clothing is unnecessary in certain situations

synonym: naturist, clothes-free

(1) **nudist** resort, (2) **nudist** lifestyle

The **nudist** beach is a popular destination for those who enjoy being clothing-free.

colony

n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

synonym: settlement, territory, plantation

(1) plant a **colony**, (2) a **colony** of bacteria

The **colony** declared its independence and became a republic.

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym: analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

underlying

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

synonym: fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident

The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make

someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym : apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

literally

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

synonym : actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**

He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

pants

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

synonym : trousers, breeches, slacks

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

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

magic

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

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

rehabilitate

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

synonym : reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

hotshot

n. a highly skilled or successful person, especially in a competitive field; a show-off or braggart

synonym : ace, expert, superstar

(1) marketing **hotshot**, (2) **hotshot** athlete

The **hotshot** detective quickly solved the case, impressing even his jaded colleagues.

executive

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

synonym: administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym: crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

rage

n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

synonym: fury, anger, outrage

(1) uncontrollable **rage**, (2) fall into a **rage**

She was filled with a burning **rage** at the injustice she had witnessed.

alcohol

n. a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.

synonym: booze, liquor, ethanol

(1) stop drinking **alcohol**, (2) diluted **alcohol**

There is a clear association between **alcohol** consumption and cognitive decline.

coworker

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

synonym: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**
My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

intervention

n. the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
synonym: interference, intercession, treatment

(1) **intervention** by foreign powers, (2) surgical **intervention**

This **intervention** does not require the patient's consent.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym: pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

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.

introduction

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

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

assignment

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

synonym : task, duty, designation

(1) finish the **assignment**, (2) **assignment** of interest

My **assignment** was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym : urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

soluble

adj. able to dissolve in a particular substance or solvent; able to be solved or settled

synonym : miscible, dissolvable, liquefiable

(1) **soluble** fiber, (2) water- **soluble** vitamin

The sugar is **soluble** in hot water and dissolves easily.

bucket

n. an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

synonym : pail, tub, can

(1) **bucket** list, (2) **bucket** of golf balls

She filled a **bucket** with water and carried it back to the house.

presto

adv. in a quick tempo, especially faster than allegro (= a tempo marking indicating that music should be played in a lively, brisk manner); suddenly

synonym : quickly, instantly, rapidly

(1) change **presto**, (2) poco **presto**

He performed the magic trick **presto**, and the rabbit disappeared.

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.

gloss

n. a smooth and shiny surface on a material, often achieved through the application of a coating or finish; a brief or superficial explanation or description, often used to make something seem better or more attractive than it actually is; (verb) to make something appear better or more positive than it really is, often by using vague or misleading language

synonym : shine, gleam, luster

(1) **gloss** over my mistake, (2) **gloss** of politeness

The shiny **gloss** on the new car made it look even more impressive.

waylay

v. to lie in wait for someone and attack or ambush them; to ambush or intercept someone unexpectedly to gain an advantage or inflict harm

synonym : ambush, trap, intercept

(1) **waylay** a tourist, (2) **waylay** a delivery

The thief tried to **waylay** unsuspecting pedestrians in the dark alley.

spy

n. a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

synonym : agent, undercover operative

(1) **spy** cameras, (2) digital **spy** tools

The government recruited a **spy** to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

squint

v. to look at something with half-closed eyes, especially when trying to see more clearly or in bright light; to consider or examine something with suspicion, doubt, or skepticism

synonym : squinch, peer, glare

(1) **squint** against the sun, (2) **squint** at the radar screen

I had to **squint** my eyes to read the small print on the menu.

registration

n. the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

synonym : enrollment, registry, record-keeping

(1) **registration** agency, (2) **registration** for a course

The online **registration** process was quick and easy to complete.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym : bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

distillation

n. the process of purifying or separating components from a liquid mixture by heating and cooling, typically by using a distillation apparatus; the concentration or essence of something

synonym : distilling, extracting, purification

(1) steam **distillation**, (2) alcohol **distillation**

The process of **distillation** is used to purify water and other substances.

epic

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

synonym: legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

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.

derive

v. to obtain or receive something from a source

synonym: deduce, judge, infer

(1) **derive** a conclusion, (2) **derive** knowledge from books

These English words are **derived** from Latin.

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.

interpreter

n. a person who translates spoken or written language from one language to another

synonym: translator, interpreter, mediator

(1) **interpreter** for the hard of hearing, (2) sign language **interpreter**

She worked as an **interpreter** at the United Nations.

translator

n. a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another

synonym: interpreter

(1) electronic **translator**, (2) professional **translator**

The author discovered that the **translator** had inserted

several unique interpretations into his book.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

Ottoman

n. a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table

synonym: Turkish Empire, footstool

(1) **Ottoman** Empire, (2) **ottoman** furniture

The **Ottoman** Sultan was considered the supreme ruler and held great authority.

deconstruct

v. to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

synonym:

break down, interpret, assay

(1) **deconstruct** the existing system, (2) **deconstruct** his method

She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to **deconstruct** various categories of literature.

spine

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

synonym: backbone, vertebra, column

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

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

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.

clandestine

adj. done or kept in secret, especially because it is illegal or not allowed

synonym: secret, hidden, covert

(1) non- **clandestine** expenses, (2) a **clandestine** location

The spy carried out the mission in a **clandestine** manner.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

sultan

n. a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader

synonym : emperor, monarch, king

(1) the **sultan's** throne, (2) Ottoman **sultan**

The **sultan's** royal guard is highly skilled and fiercely loyal to him.

kindle

v. to start a fire; to light

synonym : ignite, light, start

(1) **kindle** strife, (2) **kindle** a passion

He **kindled** a fire in the fireplace to warm the room.

convenience

n. the state of being suitable or opportune

synonym : availability, usefulness, amenity

(1) **convenience** goods, (2) for **convenience** sake

They offered the **convenience** of an installment plan.

portable

adj. easily moved or carried; able to be transported from one location to another

synonym : movable, transportable, convenient

(1) **portable** charger, (2) **portable** gas stove

The **portable** generator was essential during the camping trip.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

sensual

adj. relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure

synonym : sensuous, hedonistic, pleasure-seeking

(1) **sensual** appeal, (2) speak in a **sensual** tone

The room was filled with the **sensual** aroma of incense and flowers.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

humanity

n. all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.

synonym : humankind, society, human race

(1) **humanity** at large, (2) mass of **humanity**

They donated large sums of money for the development of **humanity**.

rag

n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

synonym : cloth, fragment

(1) a **rag** of cloud, (2) **rag** doll

He used an old **rag** to clean the grease off the car's engine.

pungent

adj. having a strong, sharp odor or taste

synonym : sharp, acrid, biting

(1) **pungent** criticism, (2) **pungent** taste

The **pungent** aroma of garlic filled the kitchen.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

odor

- n.* a distinctive or unpleasant smell; a scent or aroma that can be sensed through the sense of smell

synonym: smell, aroma, fragrance

- (1) **odor** control, (2) pleasant **odor**

The **odor** from the trash can was unbearable, so I had to take it out.

emission

- n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

synonym: emanation, radiation, discharge

- (1) global **emissions** of greenhouse gases, (2) the **emission** of light

There are five distinct **emissions** at five unique wavelengths.

plug-in

- n.* a software module or hardware device that can be added to or integrated with a larger system to extend its functionality or capabilities; an accessory or attachment that can be connected to an electrical outlet or socket

synonym: add-on, extension, attachment

- (1) **plug-in** device, (2) video **plug-in**

I need to download a new **plug-in** for my web browser to enhance its functionality.

negotiate

- v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym: discuss, mediate, bargain

- (1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

spiral

n. a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

synonym: coil, helix, twist

(1) **spiral** staircase, (2) **spiral** design

The leaves of the fern were arranged in a **spiral** pattern.

staircase

n. a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

synonym: stairway, stairwell

(1) spiral **staircase**, (2) beetle up the **staircase**

She walked urgently down the emergency **staircase**.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

highway

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

synonym: road, expressway, freeway

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

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

parallel

adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

synonym: aligned, side-by-side, similar

(1) a **parallel** case, (2) **parallel** processing

He walked a road **parallel** to the railroad.

existence

n. the state or fact of someone or something existing

synonym: fact, being, reality

(1) the biggest tree in **existence**, (2) the struggle for

existence

He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the **existence** of heaven or hell.

merge

v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

synonym: combine, join, coalesce

(1) **merge** into a new party, (2) **merge** those systems into a new one

This consulting firm decided to **merge** the two companies into one.

transparent

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

synonym: translucent, evident, diaphanous

(1) a **transparent** lie, (2) **transparent** crystal

The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more **transparent**.

velum

n. a thin, membranous structure found in various parts of the body, such as the soft palate in the mouth or the back of the nasal cavity, which helps to regulate airflow, protect internal organs, or assist in various bodily functions

synonym: soft palate, sail, veil

(1) **velum** surface, (2) soft **velum**

The surgeon pointed out the **velum** tissue in the MRI, explaining its significance.

straddle

v. to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

synonym: strive, sit astride, span

(1) **straddle** a fence, (2) **straddle** a motorcycle

We had to **straddle** the fallen tree to cross the river.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

exploration

n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place

synonym : inquiry, quest, investigation

(1) future of space **exploration**, (2) an Arctic **exploration**

He called for a careful **exploration** of the consequences.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym : dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

consideration

n. the act or process of giving careful thought to something; a fee charged in advance to retain the services of someone

synonym : debate, regard, deliberation

(1) mature **consideration**, (2) take into **consideration**

We can rule this possibility out from our **consideration**.

debut

n. the first public performance of an artist or actor

synonym : introduction, launching, premiere

(1) **debut** on national TV, (2) **debut** performance

The **debut** album of the band was a success.

unheard

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

synonym : unknown, obscure

(1) an **unheard** story, (2) previously **unheard-of** economic development

The **unheard** melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym : tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

climactic

adj. relating to the highest point of a story or event, typically the most intense or exciting moment; bringing something to a high point or conclusion

synonym : pivotal, critical, decisive

(1) **climactic** chapter, (2) **climactic** moment

The **climactic** battle scene was the most intense moment of the movie.

horde

n. a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled

synonym : crowd, swarm, mass

(1) **horde** of attackers, (2) the **horde** of shoppers

The **horde** of zombies was approaching quickly.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym: herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

placeholder

n. a temporary or substitute element or object used to mark a position, space, or value, typically to be replaced or filled in with the correct or finalized content at a later time; a temporary member of a team or a temporary solution

synonym: temporary, substitute, fill-in

(1) data **placeholder**, (2) **placeholder** image

The **placeholders** in the presentation allowed for easy customization of the information.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document;
(finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym : edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

sniff

v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

synonym : smell, inhale, scent

(1) **sniff** the air, (2) **sniff** the perfume

The dog stopped to **sniff** around the tree, looking for something interesting.

Session 2: Spelling

1. tra_____nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
2. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
3. teenage yo_____er *n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
4. sp____l design *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
5. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
6. se_____l appeal *adj.* relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure
7. a co_____y of bacteria *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
8. medical bi_____hy *n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else
9. gl__s of politeness *n.* a smooth and shiny surface on a material, often achieved through the application of a coating or finish; a brief or superficial explanation or description, often used to make something seem better or more attractive than it actually is; (verb) to make something appear better or more positive than it really is, often by using vague or misleading language

ANSWERS: 1. transparent, 2. balance, 3. youngster, 4. spiral, 5. interaction, 6.

sensual, 7. colony, 8. biography, 9. gloss

10. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
11. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
12. thoughtful es__y *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
13. ki___e a passion *v.* to start a fire; to light
14. future of space exp_____on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
15. the em_____on of light *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
16. wa___y a delivery *v.* to lie in wait for someone and attack or ambush them; to ambush or intercept someone unexpectedly to gain an advantage or inflict harm
17. nu___t lifestyle *n.* a person who engages in social or solitary activities while not wearing clothing; a person who believes that being naked is natural and healthy and that clothing is unnecessary in certain situations
18. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
19. o__r control *n.* a distinctive or unpleasant smell; a scent or aroma that can be sensed through the sense of smell
20. beetle up the st_____se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

ANSWERS: 10. absolutely, 11. impressive, 12. essay, 13. kindle, 14. exploration, 15. emission, 16. waylay, 17. nudist, 18. emerge, 19. odor, 20. staircase

21. ex____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
22. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
23. be____d the sunrise *v.* to look at and observe with attention
24. in____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
25. de____e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
26. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
27. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
28. or____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
29. perfect ex____e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 21. explore, 22. technological, 23. behold, 24. intrigue, 25. devote, 26. process, 27. negotiate, 28. origin, 29. excuse

30. cl_____ic moment *adj.* relating to the highest point of a story or event, typically the most intense or exciting moment; bringing something to a high point or conclusion
31. score the SAT es__ys *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
32. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
33. mo___g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
34. surgical int_____ion *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
35. sug_____ve image *adj.* evocative or hinting at something without expressing it directly; having or conveying an implied or indirect meaning or message
36. be___n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
37. a cervical sp__e injury *n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column
38. mo___g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
39. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
40. po_____le charger *adj.* easily moved or carried; able to be transported from one location to another

ANSWERS: 30. climactic, 31. essay, 32. nowhere, 33. moving, 34. intervention, 35. suggestive, 36. benign, 37. spine, 38. moving, 39. comfort, 40. portable

41. de__t on national TV *n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor
42. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
43. sug_____ve gesture *adj.* evocative or hinting at something without expressing it directly; having or conveying an implied or indirect meaning or message
44. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
45. a tra_____nt lie *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
46. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
47. 3D di_____m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
48. plant a co____y *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
49. as_____nt professor *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
50. rec_____ute old memories *v.* to restore to a former or original state; to make something new again

ANSWERS: 41. debut, 42. responsible, 43. suggestive, 44. definitely, 45. transparent, 46. introduction, 47. diagram, 48. colony, 49. assistant, 50. reconstitute

51. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
52. sc___h any further debate *v.* to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom
53. an un_____d story *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
54. a profit ma___n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
55. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
56. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
57. the biggest tree in ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
58. int_____ion by foreign powers *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
59. the sp___e of a book *n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column

ANSWERS: 51. conversation, 52. scotch, 53. unheard, 54. margin, 55. devote, 56. incredibly, 57. existence, 58. intervention, 59. spine

60. data pla_____er *n.* a temporary or substitute element or object used to mark a position, space, or value, typically to be replaced or filled in with the correct or finalized content at a later time; a temporary member of a team or a temporary solution
61. finish the ass_____nt *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
62. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
63. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
64. pla_____er image *n.* a temporary or substitute element or object used to mark a position, space, or value, typically to be replaced or filled in with the correct or finalized content at a later time; a temporary member of a team or a temporary solution
65. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
66. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
67. arrive and de___t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
68. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
69. ma___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

ANSWERS: 60. placeholder, 61. assignment, 62. gentle, 63. writ, 64. placeholder, 65. murder, 66. tradition, 67. depart, 68. invite, 69. margin

70. me__e those systems into a new one *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
71. pleasant o__r *n.* a distinctive or unpleasant smell; a scent or aroma that can be sensed through the sense of smell
72. st____le a fence *v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests
73. sq__t at the radar screen *v.* to look at something with half-closed eyes, especially when trying to see more clearly or in bright light; to consider or examine something with suspicion, doubt, or skepticism
74. sh____rd boy *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
75. translate li____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
76. a be__n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
77. digital s_y tools *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

ANSWERS: 70. merge, 71. odor, 72. straddle, 73. squint, 74. shepherd, 75. literally, 76. benign, 77. spy

78. stop drinking al____l *n.* a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.
79. the ho__e of shoppers *n.* a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled
80. cl__p down on extremism *v.* to fasten or secure something tightly, often using a tool or device called a clamp; to restrict something or someone's freedom or movement; (noun) a device used to secure, fasten, or hold objects together; a mass or group of things that are held or gathered tightly together
81. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
82. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
83. bi_____hy of an actor *n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else
84. chalk on a bla_____rd *n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk
85. sta_____ry bike *adj.* not moving or not capable of being changed

ANSWERS: 78. alcohol, 79. horde, 80. clamp, 81. wrap, 82. puzzle, 83. biography, 84. blackboard, 85. stationary

86. dec_____ct the existing system *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
87. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; *(verb)* to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
88. ar_____l at a conclusion *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
89. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
90. bite his tongue li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
91. high vo___e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
92. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
93. th_____ld increase *adj.* three times as great or as many
94. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 86. deconstruct, 87. puzzle, 88. arrival, 89. discovery, 90. literally, 91. volume, 92. mad, 93. threefold, 94. technological

95. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
96. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
97. cl__p coupling *v.* to fasten or secure something tightly, often using a tool or device called a clamp; to restrict something or someone's freedom or movement; (noun) a device used to secure, fasten, or hold objects together; a mass or group of things that are held or gathered tightly together
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99. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
100. de___e a conclusion *v.* to obtain or receive something from a source
101. sheep without a sh_____rd *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
102. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 95. compelling, 96. magic, 97. clamp, 98. convenience, 99. germ, 100. derive, 101. shepherd, 102. process

103. sc___h the deal
- v. to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom
104. the state of being we__d
- adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
105. f__m grip
- adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
106. pl_____n device
- n. a software module or hardware device that can be added to or integrated with a larger system to extend its functionality or capabilities; an accessory or attachment that can be connected to an electrical outlet or socket
107. ex___e for inaction
- n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
108. gl__s over my mistake
- n. a smooth and shiny surface on a material, often achieved through the application of a coating or finish; a brief or superficial explanation or description, often used to make something seem better or more attractive than it actually is; (verb) to make something appear better or more positive than it really is, often by using vague or misleading language

ANSWERS: 103. scotch, 104. weird, 105. firm, 106. plug-in, 107. excuse, 108. gloss

109. t_p a new market
110. am__r resin
111. a cla_____ne location
112. per_____on test
113. in a ge___e voice
114. tr__e a telephone call
115. wa___y a tourist
116. a ma__c spell
- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
- n.* a hard, translucent, yellow-orange or brownish-yellow fossil resin that is used in jewelry and ornamentation and often contains insects or other small organisms that were trapped inside when the resin was sticky; also used to describe the color that resembles this type of resin
- adj.* done or kept in secret, especially because it is illegal or not allowed
- n.* the act or process of rearranging or reordering a set of elements or objects in a different sequence or configuration; a specific arrangement or order of a set of elements or objects
- adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
- v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
- v.* to lie in wait for someone and attack or ambush them; to ambush or intercept someone unexpectedly to gain an advantage or inflict harm
- n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 109. tap, 110. amber, 111. clandestine, 112. permutation, 113. gentle, 114. trace, 115. waylay, 116. magic

117. reh_____ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
118. woolly pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
119. steam dis_____ion *n.* the process of purifying or separating components from a liquid mixture by heating and cooling, typically by using a distillation apparatus; the concentration or essence of something
120. 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
121. an unwilling as_____nt *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
122. a gr_____c description of an accident *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
123. previously un_____d-of economic development *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
124. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
125. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
126. the degree of pu____y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

ANSWERS: 117. rehabilitate, 118. pants, 119. distillation, 120. spot, 121. assistant, 122. graphic, 123. unheard, 124. slightly, 125. absolutely, 126. purity

127. family me___r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
128. sq___t against the sun *v.* to look at something with half-closed eyes, especially when trying to see more clearly or in bright light; to consider or examine something with suspicion, doubt, or skepticism
129. come out of no____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
130. bu___t of golf balls *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
131. so____e fiber *adj.* able to dissolve in a particular substance or solvent; able to be solved or settled
132. reh_____ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
133. st____le a motorcycle *v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests
134. de___e knowledge from books *v.* to obtain or receive something from a source
135. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

ANSWERS: 127. memoir, 128. squint, 129. nowhere, 130. bucket, 131. soluble, 132. rehabilitate, 133. straddle, 134. derive, 135. universal

136. an interstate hi____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
137. el____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
138. ass_____nt of interest *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
139. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
140. ex____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
141. sl____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
142. video pl____n *n.* a software module or hardware device that can be added to or integrated with a larger system to extend its functionality or capabilities; an accessory or attachment that can be connected to an electrical outlet or socket
143. the th____l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
144. pu____t taste *adj.* having a strong, sharp odor or taste
145. pen_____in allergy *n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections

ANSWERS: 136. highway, 137. elevate, 138. assignment, 139. germ, 140. explode, 141. slightly, 142. plug-in, 143. thrill, 144. pungent, 145. penicillin

146. speak in a se_____l tone *adj.* relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure
147. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
148. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
149. ve__m surface *n.* a thin, membranous structure found in various parts of the body, such as the soft palate in the mouth or the back of the nasal cavity, which helps to regulate airflow, protect internal organs, or assist in various bodily functions
150. incredible th___l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
151. po_____le gas stove *adj.* easily moved or carried; able to be transported from one location to another
152. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
153. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
154. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 146. sensual, 147. comfort, 148. develop, 149. velum, 150. thrill, 151. portable, 152. observation, 153. underneath, 154. opposition

155. uncontrollable r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
156. de____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
157. reg_____ion for a course *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
158. mature con_____ion *n.* the act or process of giving careful thought to something; a fee charged in advance to retain the services of someone
159. ex_____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
160. high pu___y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
161. the su___n's throne *n.* a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader
162. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
163. a r_g of cloud *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

ANSWERS: 155. rage, 156. deserve, 157. registration, 158. consideration, 159. explore, 160. purity, 161. sultan, 162. tap, 163. rag

164. reg_____ion agency *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
165. electronic bla_____rd *n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk
166. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
167. argue with a co_____er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
168. professional tra_____or *n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another
169. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
170. the struggle for ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
171. publish a me____r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
172. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
173. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

ANSWERS: 164. registration, 165. blackboard, 166. impressive, 167. coworker, 168. translator, 169. writ, 170. existence, 171. memoir, 172. fir, 173. phenomenon

174. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
175. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
176. rise nearly th_____ld *adj.* three times as great or as many
177. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
178. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
179. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
180. an und_____ng cause of an accident *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
181. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
182. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
183. an und_____ng motive *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
184. dec_____ct his method *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

ANSWERS: 174. universal, 175. volume, 176. threefold, 177. fantastic, 178. desperately, 179. underneath, 180. underlying, 181. responsible, 182. emission, 183. underlying, 184. deconstruct

185. typ_____hy skills *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
186. ex_____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
187. nu___t resort *n.* a person who engages in social or solitary activities while not wearing clothing; a person who believes that being naked is natural and healthy and that clothing is unnecessary in certain situations
188. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
189. sn__f the air *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
190. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
191. take into con_____ion *n.* the act or process of giving careful thought to something; a fee charged in advance to retain the services of someone
192. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 185. typography, 186. executive, 187. nudist, 188. bound, 189. sniff, 190. trace, 191. consideration, 192. weird

193. sp___l staircase *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
194. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
195. pre_____ic settlements *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
196. co_____er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
197. ho_____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
198. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
199. alcohol dis_____ion *n.* the process of purifying or separating components from a liquid mixture by heating and cooling, typically by using a distillation apparatus; the concentration or essence of something
200. a joy to be___d *v.* to look at and observe with attention
201. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
202. r___n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
203. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
204. change pr___o *adv.* in a quick tempo, especially faster than allegro (= a tempo marking indicating that music should be played in a lively, brisk manner); suddenly

ANSWERS: 193. spiral, 194. definitely, 195. prehistoric, 196. coworker, 197. hopeless, 198. specifically, 199. distillation, 200. behold, 201. interaction, 202. ruin, 203. incredibly, 204. presto

205. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
206. hulking di_____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
207. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
208. rec_____ute an image *v.* to restore to a former or original state; to make something new again
209. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
210. botanical ex_____t *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
211. sn__f the perfume *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
212. spiral st_____se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
213. me__e into a new party *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
214. am__r ale *n.* a hard, translucent, yellow-orange or brownish-yellow fossil resin that is used in jewelry and ornamentation and often contains insects or other small organisms that were trapped inside when the resin was sticky; also used to describe the color that resembles this type of resin

ANSWERS: 205. visual, 206. dinosaur, 207. compelling, 208. reconstitute, 209. fir, 210. extract, 211. sniff, 212. staircase, 213. merge, 214. amber

215. sign language int_____er *n.* a person who translates spoken or written language from one language to another
216. ho__e of attackers *n.* a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled
217. a pa_____el case *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
218. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
219. r_g doll *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
220. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
221. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
222. ex_____ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
223. ho_____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

ANSWERS: 215. interpreter, 216. horde, 217. parallel, 218. observation, 219. rag, 220. engineer, 221. epic, 222. executive, 223. hopeless

234. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
235. in a di____m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
236. di____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
237. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
238. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
239. sales rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
240. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
241. de___t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
242. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
243. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

ANSWERS: 234. mad, 235. diagram, 236. dinosaur, 237. wrap, 238. introduction, 239. representation, 240. invite, 241. depart, 242. emerge, 243. ruin

244. ho____t athlete *n.* a highly skilled or successful person, especially in a competitive field; a show-off or braggart
245. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
246. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
247. pa_____el processing *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
248. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
249. water-so_____e vitamin *adj.* able to dissolve in a particular substance or solvent; able to be solved or settled
250. per_____on formula *n.* the act or process of rearranging or reordering a set of elements or objects in a different sequence or configuration; a specific arrangement or order of a set of elements or objects
251. sigh of re____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
252. a brief ex_____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

ANSWERS: 244. hotshot, 245. engineer, 246. develop, 247. parallel, 248. bound, 249. soluble, 250. permutation, 251. relief, 252. extract

253. diluted al_____l
n. a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.
254. remain sta_____ry
adj. not moving or not capable of being changed
255. cl_____ic chapter
adj. relating to the highest point of a story or event, typically the most intense or exciting moment; bringing something to a high point or conclusion
256. pu_____t criticism
adj. having a strong, sharp odor or taste
257. hi_____y system
n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
258. ki____e strife
v. to start a fire; to light
259. social mo__n
n. (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
260. complete mo__n
n. (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
261. for con_____ce sake
n. the state of being suitable or opportune
262. am_____g advances
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
263. historical phe_____on
n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
264. the ba_____e of power
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 253. alcohol, 254. stationary, 255. climactic, 256. pungent, 257. highway, 258. kindle, 259. moron, 260. moron, 261. convenience, 262. amazing, 263. phenomenon, 264. balance

265. typ_____hy layout *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
266. mass of hu_____ty *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
267. mu____r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
268. gr_____c design *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
269. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
270. fall into a r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
271. bu____t list *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
272. pre_____ic times *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
273. a ge____s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
274. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
275. a person of ge____s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

ANSWERS: 265. typography, 266. humanity, 267. murder, 268. graphic, 269. representation, 270. rage, 271. bucket, 272. prehistoric, 273. genius, 274. elevate, 275. genius

276. se_____le approach *adj.* having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something
277. se_____le decision *adj.* having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something
278. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
279. poco pr____o *adv.* in a quick tempo, especially faster than allegro (= a tempo marking indicating that music should be played in a lively, brisk manner); suddenly
280. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
281. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
282. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
283. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
284. tax re____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

ANSWERS: 276. sensible, 277. sensible, 278. opposition, 279. presto, 280. feat, 281. conversation, 282. discovery, 283. tradition, 284. relief

285. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
286. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
287. marketing ho_____t *n.* a highly skilled or successful person, especially in a competitive field; a show-off or braggart
288. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
289. soft ve__m *n.* a thin, membranous structure found in various parts of the body, such as the soft palate in the mouth or the back of the nasal cavity, which helps to regulate airflow, protect internal organs, or assist in various bodily functions
290. non-cla_____ne expenses *adj.* done or kept in secret, especially because it is illegal or not allowed
291. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
292. racial or___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
293. ar_____l and departure gate *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

ANSWERS: 285. deserve, 286. intrigue, 287. hotshot, 288. amazing, 289. velum, 290. clandestine, 291. firm, 292. origin, 293. arrival

294. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
295. 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
296. pajama pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
297. electronic tra_____or *n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another
298. yo_____er education *n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
299. ot_____n furniture *n.* a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table
300. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
301. de__t performance *n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor
302. Ot_____n Empire *n.* a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table

ANSWERS: 294. fantastic, 295. spot, 296. pants, 297. translator, 298. youngster, 299. Ottoman, 300. specifically, 301. debut, 302. Ottoman

303. pen_____in sensitivity testing

n. an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections

304. Ottoman su____n

n. a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader

ANSWERS: 303. penicillin, 304. sultan

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.
adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
2. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
3. This is a well-recorded _____.
n. the story of a person's life written by someone else
4. It's _____ to wear a helmet when riding a bike.
adj. having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something
5. The _____ beach is a popular destination for those who enjoy being clothing-free.
n. a person who engages in social or solitary activities while not wearing clothing; a person who believes that being naked is natural and healthy and that clothing is unnecessary in certain situations
6. The _____ Sultan was considered the supreme ruler and held great authority.
n. a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table
7. She was filled with a burning _____ at the injustice she had witnessed.
n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

ANSWERS: 1. nowhere, 2. Technological, 3. biography, 4. sensible, 5. nudist, 6. Ottoman, 7. rage

8. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
9. The _____ aroma of garlic filled the kitchen.
adj. having a strong, sharp odor or taste
10. He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the _____ of heaven or hell.
n. the state or fact of someone or something existing
11. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.
n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
12. He _____ a fire in the fireplace to warm the room.
v. to start a fire; to light
13. The lump was discovered to be _____ and no further treatment was needed.
adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
14. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.
n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
15. I love the bold _____ used in this book's chapter heading.
n. the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
16. Weather forecasters are predicting the _____ of a heatwave.
n. the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

ANSWERS: 8. Wrap, 9. pungent, 10. existence, 11. epic, 12. kindled, 13. benign, 14. purity, 15. typography, 16. arrival

17. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
n. the first existence or beginning of something
18. The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.
n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
19. The _____ novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.
adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
20. He called for a careful _____ of the consequences.
n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
21. The _____ declared its independence and became a republic.
n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
22. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more _____.
adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
23. The smell of fresh ___ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
24. The online _____ process was quick and easy to complete.
n. the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

ANSWERS: 17. origin, 18. dinosaur, 19. graphic, 20. exploration, 21. colony, 22. transparent, 23. fir, 24. registration

25. He used a wrench to _____ down the pipes tightly.

- v.* to fasten or secure something tightly, often using a tool or device called a clamp; to restrict something or someone's freedom or movement; (noun) a device used to secure, fasten, or hold objects together; a mass or group of things that are held or gathered tightly together

26. The _____ in the presentation allowed for easy customization of the information.

- n.* a temporary or substitute element or object used to mark a position, space, or value, typically to be replaced or filled in with the correct or finalized content at a later time; a temporary member of a team or a temporary solution

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

- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

28. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.

- n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

29. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.

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

30. We can rule this possibility out from our _____.

- n.* the act or process of giving careful thought to something; a fee charged in advance to retain the services of someone

31. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.

- n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

ANSWERS: 25. clamp, 26. placeholders, 27. absolutely, 28. margin, 29. tap, 30. consideration, 31. volume

32. The room was filled with the _____ aroma of incense and flowers.
adj. relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure
33. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.
adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
34. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
35. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
36. The _____ artwork on display was thought-provoking and sparked many discussions.
adj. evocative or hinting at something without expressing it directly; having or conveying an implied or indirect meaning or message
37. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
38. The teacher asked me to rub out the _____.
n. a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk

ANSWERS: 32. sensual, 33. firm, 34. engineer, 35. excuse, 36. suggestive, 37. incredibly, 38. blackboard

39. My ex-_____ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.
n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization
40. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
41. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
42. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
43. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
44. There is a clear association between _____ consumption and cognitive decline.
n. a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.
45. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.
n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

ANSWERS: 39. coworker, 40. tradition, 41. writ, 42. invite, 43. discovery, 44. alcohol, 45. extracting

46. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
47. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
- adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
48. The _____ album of the band was a success.
- n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor
49. An executive _____ director administers each branch.
- n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
50. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
51. The Chief editor checks all _____ for plagiarism with software.
- n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
52. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
53. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
- v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

ANSWERS: 46. feat, 47. impressive, 48. debut, 49. assistant, 50. process, 51. essays, 52. responsible, 53. elevates

54. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.
- v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
55. They donated large sums of money for the development of _____.
- n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
56. The leaves of the fern were arranged in a _____ pattern.
- n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
57. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.
- v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
58. The spy carried out the mission in a _____ manner.
- adj.* done or kept in secret, especially because it is illegal or not allowed
59. I need to _____ these rumors before they spread any further.
- v.* to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom
60. I always wear _____ when I go outside, even in the summer.
- n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
61. The little _____ couldn't wait to open their birthday presents.
- n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development

ANSWERS: 54. explore, 55. humanity, 56. spiral, 57. intrigues, 58. clandestine, 59. scotch, 60. pants, 61. youngster

62. She worked as an _____ at the United Nations.

n. a person who translates spoken or written language from one language to another

63. The _____ of zombies was approaching quickly.

n. a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled

64. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.

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

65. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

66. He _____ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

67. The author discovered that the _____ had inserted several unique interpretations into his book.

n. a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another

68. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

69. The price of the item was reduced _____ after the sale.

adj. three times as great or as many

ANSWERS: 62. interpreter, 63. horde, 64. magic, 65. trace, 66. literally, 67. translator, 68. universal, 69. threefold

70. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.
n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
71. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.
n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
72. The baby clung _____ to her mother.
adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
73. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.
n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
74. The thief tried to _____ unsuspecting pedestrians in the dark alley.
v. to lie in wait for someone and attack or ambush them; to ambush or intercept someone unexpectedly to gain an advantage or inflict harm
75. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.
n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
76. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
77. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.
n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

ANSWERS: 70. emissions, 71. representation, 72. desperately, 73. observation, 74. waylay, 75. relief, 76. exploded, 77. thrill

78. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.
- n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
79. She has a minor curved _____ due to desk work for many years.
- n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column
80. The _____ royal guard is highly skilled and fiercely loyal to him.
- n.* a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader
81. They offered the _____ of an installment plan.
- n.* the state of being suitable or opportune
82. His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to _____.
- v.* to look at and observe with attention
83. The sugar is _____ in hot water and dissolves easily.
- adj.* able to dissolve in a particular substance or solvent; able to be solved or settled
84. The _____ generator was essential during the camping trip.
- adj.* easily moved or carried; able to be transported from one location to another
85. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
- v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
86. He is drawing a _____ illustrating how the equipment operates.
- n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something

ANSWERS: 78. interaction, 79. spine, 80. sultan's, 81. convenience, 82. behold, 83. soluble, 84. portable, 85. emerged, 86. diagram

87. The dry soup mix was _____ by adding hot water.
- v.* to restore to a former or original state; to make something new again
88. She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to _____ various categories of literature.
- v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
89. We are always happy to _____ a discount.
- v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
90. The internet troll accused her of being a _____ for her political views.
- n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
91. The _____ dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.
- n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
92. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.
- adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
93. I need to download a new _____ for my web browser to enhance its functionality.
- n.* a software module or hardware device that can be added to or integrated with a larger system to extend its functionality or capabilities; an accessory or attachment that can be connected to an electrical outlet or socket
94. The shiny _____ on the new car made it look even more impressive.
- n.* a smooth and shiny surface on a material, often achieved through the application of a coating or finish; a brief or superficial explanation or description, often used to make something seem better or more attractive than it actually is; (verb) to make something appear better or more positive than it really is, often by using vague or misleading language

ANSWERS: 87. reconstituted, 88. deconstruct, 89. negotiate, 90. moron, 91. shepherd's, 92. definitely, 93. plug-in, 94. gloss

95. The _____ battle scene was the most intense moment of the movie.

adj. relating to the highest point of a story or event, typically the most intense or exciting moment; bringing something to a high point or conclusion

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

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

97. This consulting firm decided to _____ the two companies into one.

v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

98. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

99. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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

100. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

101. The _____ principle of every business was identical.

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

102. The government recruited a _____ to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

n. a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

ANSWERS: 95. climactic, 96. introduction, 97. merge, 98. germ, 99. develop, 100.

compelling, 101. underlying, 102. spy

103. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

104. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

105. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

106. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

107. He was ___ with joy to see the results.

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

108. He wrote his _____ while awaiting trial.

n. a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

109. A rainbow is a natural _____.

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

110. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

111. 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

ANSWERS: 103. comfort, 104. specifically, 105. deserved, 106. devoted, 107. mad, 108. memoirs, 109. phenomenon, 110. murder, 111. spot

112. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.

- v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

113. The dog stopped to _____ around the tree, looking for something interesting.

- v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

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

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

115. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

- n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

116. Mozart was a musical _____.

- n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

117. She walked urgently down the emergency _____.

- n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

118. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

119. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

ANSWERS: 112. ruined, 113. sniff, 114. highway, 115. balance, 116. genius, 117. staircase, 118. amazing, 119. conversation

120. These English words are _____ from Latin.

v. to obtain or receive something from a source

121. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

122. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

123. He walked a road _____ to the railroad.

adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

124. He used an old ____ to clean the grease off the car's engine.

n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

125. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

126. _____ vehicles in traffic jams produce a tremendous amount of pollution.

adj. not moving or not capable of being changed

127. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

128. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

ANSWERS: 120. derived, 121. slightly, 122. underneath, 123. parallel, 124. rag, 125. puzzle, 126. Stationary, 127. departed, 128. hopeless

129. She filled a _____ with water and carried it back to the house.

n. an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

130. This _____ does not require the patient's consent.

n. the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so

131. He performed the magic trick _____ and the rabbit disappeared.

adv. in a quick tempo, especially faster than allegro (= a tempo marking indicating that music should be played in a lively, brisk manner); suddenly

132. The bracelet was made of beautiful _____ stones.

n. a hard, translucent, yellow-orange or brownish-yellow fossil resin that is used in jewelry and ornamentation and often contains insects or other small organisms that were trapped inside when the resin was sticky; also used to describe the color that resembles this type of resin

133. The doctor prescribed _____ to treat the bacterial infection.

n. an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections

134. Scientists study the _____ of chemical elements and compounds to better understand their properties and potential uses.

n. the act or process of rearranging or reordering a set of elements or objects in a different sequence or configuration; a specific arrangement or order of a set of elements or objects

135. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 129. bucket, 130. intervention, 131. presto, 132. amber, 133. penicillin, 134. permutations, 135. visual

136. I had to _____ my eyes to read the small print on the menu.

- v.* to look at something with half-closed eyes, especially when trying to see more clearly or in bright light; to consider or examine something with suspicion, doubt, or skepticism

137. We had to _____ the fallen tree to cross the river.

- v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

138. Scientists often fail to date archeological or _____ findings.

- adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

139. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

- adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

140. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.

- adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

141. The organization works to _____ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

- v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

142. The process of _____ is used to purify water and other substances.

- n.* the process of purifying or separating components from a liquid mixture by heating and cooling, typically by using a distillation apparatus; the concentration or essence of something

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

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

ANSWERS: 136. squint, 137. straddle, 138. prehistorical, 139. weird, 140. gentle, 141. rehabilitate, 142. distillation, 143. opposition

144. The surgeon pointed out the _____ tissue in the MRI, explaining its significance.
n. a thin, membranous structure found in various parts of the body, such as the soft palate in the mouth or the back of the nasal cavity, which helps to regulate airflow, protect internal organs, or assist in various bodily functions
145. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.
n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
146. The _____ detective quickly solved the case, impressing even his jaded colleagues.
n. a highly skilled or successful person, especially in a competitive field; a show-off or braggart
147. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.
n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
148. The _____ melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.
adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
149. Canada _____ on the United States.
v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
150. His _____ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.
adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
151. The _____ from the trash can was unbearable, so I had to take it out.
n. a distinctive or unpleasant smell; a scent or aroma that can be sensed through the sense of smell

ANSWERS: 144. velum, 145. executive, 146. hotshot, 147. assignment, 148. unheard, 149. bounds, 150. moving, 151. odor

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

adj. extremely good; excellent

ANSWERS: 152. fantastic,