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Session 1: Word List

suspicious

adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence

synonym: fishy, questionable, doubtful

(1) report **suspicious** activity, (2) a person who is **suspicious**

We carefully examine each **suspicious** transaction report we receive.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym: neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

inspire

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

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

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

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

tricky

adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

synonym : thorny, problematic, crafty

(1) **tricky** problem, (2) a **tricky** recipe to follow

We have discussed the entirety of this **tricky** problem.

filter

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

synonym : strainer

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

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

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (*noun*) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

monster

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

synonym : giant, freak, behemoth

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

This car has a **monster** engine.

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.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness
That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

voyage

n. a long journey, especially by sea or in space
synonym: journey, trip, excursion

(1) a **voyage** of discovery, (2) take a **voyage**
The astronaut trained for years before embarking on her **voyage** to the International Space Station.

comedy

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

synonym: humor, farce, satire

(1) **comedy** series, (2) romantic **comedy**
I love going to see live **comedy** shows with my friends.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym: disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**
Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

rebirth

n. the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation

synonym: renewal, rejuvenation, resurrection

(1) undergo a **rebirth**, (2) **rebirth** of democracy
The phoenix is a symbol of **rebirth**, rising from the ashes to be reborn anew.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

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

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

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym : emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

drawing

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

synonym : sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design

She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for her artwork.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym : resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen

before

synonym : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

imposing

adj. having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size

synonym : grand, impressive, majestic

(1) **imposing** figure, (2) **imposing** mansion

The **imposing** building stood tall amongst the others on the city skyline.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym : watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

revere

v. to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem

synonym : worship, venerate, admire

(1) **revere** a hero, (2) **revere** a deity

Many people **revere** their religious leaders and look up to them for guidance.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**
In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity
A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller
Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

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.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym : deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym : malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

inclined

adj. having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way

synonym : disposed, prone, likely

(1) **inclined** to think, (2) **inclined** angle

I am **inclined** to believe that she is telling the truth.

thumb

n. the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

synonym : digit, finger, phalange

(1) **thumb** wrestling, (2) **thumb** a ride

He used his right **thumb** to press the button on his phone.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

conspiracy

n. a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

synonym: plot, collaboration, scheme

(1) political **conspiracy**, (2) **conspiracy** theory

There was a **conspiracy** of silence about illegal police interrogation.

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym: scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

spontaneous

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

synonym: willing, impulsive, intuitive

(1) a **spontaneous** behavior, (2) **spontaneous** labor

The crowd broke out into **spontaneous** laughter.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish

something

synonym : academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

reaction

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

synonym : response, reply, answer

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

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

storyline

n. the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a
series of events or conflicts that move the story forward;
the overall structure or arc of a story

synonym : plot, narrative

(1) follow a **storyline**, (2) predictable **storyline**

The **storyline** of the movie was predictable but still
entertaining.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a
particular event, situation, or statement and that give it
meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before
making a decision.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for
wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a
country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to
strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym : toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

union

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

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

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

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

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym: autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

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.

readily

adv. easily or willingly; without hesitation or difficulty; quickly or promptly

synonym: easily, effortlessly, willingly

(1) **readily** available, (2) **readily** accessible

The user manual can **readily** find the information you're looking for.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

predecessor

n. a person who held a position or office before the current holder

synonym : antecedent, forerunner, precursor

(1) the words of a **predecessor**, (2) **predecessor** model

The new CEO is the **predecessor** of the former CEO.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym : lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

deception

n. the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

synonym : fraud, deceit, trickery

(1) **deception** tactics, (2) **deception** in advertising

The politician was accused of **deception** for making false promises during his campaign.

grab

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

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

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

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

id

- n.* a part of the psyche that represents the unconscious desires and instincts of an individual; in psychoanalytic theory, it is believed to be the most basic and primal part of the human psyche; (also ID, short for identification) a document or card that proves a person's identity, such as a driver's license, passport, or national ID card

synonym: identity, ego, persona

(1) the **id** ego, (2) **ID** card

I forgot my **ID** at home and needed it to enter the club.

combination

- n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

matrix

- n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

synonym: grid, cast, table

(1) the **matrix** of Western civilization, (2) **matrix** multiplication

The **matrix** of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

computation

- n.* the act or process of calculating something, especially an answer or amount, by using a machine or calculator

synonym: calculation, estimation, arithmetic

(1) parallel **computation**, (2) theory of **computation**

The researcher demonstrated the superiority of quantum **computation** in several mathematical tasks.

grasp

- v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

synonym: grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

dual

adj. having two parts, aspects, or elements

synonym : twofold, binary, double

(1) **dual** purpose, (2) **dual** nationality

This laptop has a **dual-core** processor, making it fast and efficient.

conflicting

adj. incompatible or inconsistent with something else; in disagreement

synonym : incompatible, inconsistent, contradictory

(1) a lot of **conflicting** information, (2) make **conflicting** allegations

The witness's testimony was **conflicting** with the evidence found at the scene.

astray

adv. away from the right path or direction

synonym : off course, misdirected, wayward

(1) led **astray** by superstition, (2) gone **astray**

He wandered **astray** from the path and got lost in the forest.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

allied

adj. united or connected by a political or military agreement

synonym : affiliated, associated, partnered

(1) **allied** forces, (2) chemicals **allied** products

The two countries were **allied** in their efforts to combat terrorism.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

synonym: perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

sway

v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

synonym: swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

blink

v. to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

synonym: twinkle, flash, flicker

(1) **blink** his eyes, (2) **blink** in astonishment

He **blinked** in the dazzling sunlight.

screw

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

synonym: tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**

He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym: tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

talisman

n. an object believed to bring good luck or protection to its owner, often worn as jewelry or carried on one's person

synonym: charm, amulet, mascot

(1) protective **talisman**, (2) religious **talisman**

I always carry my grandmother's **talisman** for good luck.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking;
(mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed
as the ratio of two integers

synonym : illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism,
danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

pessimism

n. a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate
adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally
bad or that something will go wrong more often than it
will go right

synonym : negativity, defeatism, cynicism

(1) deep **pessimism**, (2) sense of **pessimism**

The CEO's constant **pessimism** about the company's future affected employee morale.

fallacy

n. a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not
supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or
misleading statement or belief

synonym : falsity, misconception, delusion

(1) **fallacy** of logic, (2) belief in a **fallacy**

Many people cling to the **fallacy** that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

literacy

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

synonym: education, reading, writing

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

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

outsider

n. a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

synonym: stranger, foreigner, alien

(1) **outsider** perspective, (2) **outsider** artist

Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an **outsider** at times.

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

synonym: control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym: publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym: fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

bundle

n. a group of things that are tied or wrapped together; a large amount or quantity of something; a package or parcel of things

synonym : package, parcel, bale

(1) **bundle** of papers, (2) travel **bundle**

I tied up the **bundle** of newspapers and took them to the recycling center.

capitalism

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

synonym : commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

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

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

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym : encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable

agribusiness.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
synonym : choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**
Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
synonym : hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error
The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
synonym : fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review
Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

heuristic

adj. relating to a trial-and-error method of problem-solving, often involving learning from one's mistakes and using feedback to improve one's approach; also used to describe a problem-solving method or approach that is practical, efficient, or intuitive
synonym : solving, problem-solving, exploratory

(1) **heuristic** reasoning, (2) **heuristic** algorithm
The teacher used a **heuristic** method to teach the complex topic in a simple way.

luxury

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
synonym : extravagance, indulgence, opulence

(1) get into the **luxury** car market, (2) **luxury** hotel
His anti- **luxury** practices were quite strict.

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym: alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

seductive

adj. tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

synonym: alluring, tempting, enticing

(1) a **seductive** smile, (2) **seductive** behavior

The actor's **seductive** gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym: amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

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.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true
synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

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.

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym : canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

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.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym : compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards
Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

inspiring

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

synonym : exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe- **inspiring** sight

An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym : accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym : result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an

argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

triumph

n. a great victory or achievement

synonym: victory, success, conquest

(1) **triumph** of democracy, (2) **triumph** of the spirit

The team's **triumph** in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

opposing

adj. competing, fighting, or working against each other

synonym: disagreeing, dissenting, conflicting

(1) **opposing** counsel, (2) in an **opposing** direction

We have no intention of **opposing** his idea.

ignorant

adj. lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

synonym: uninformed, uneducated, unaware

(1) **ignorant** remark, (2) blissfully **ignorant**

He was **ignorant** of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.

burning

adj. intense or scorching heat

synonym: scorching, blazing, smoldering

(1) **burning** desire, (2) **burning** passion

The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a **burning** inferno.

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy

synonym: cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

oppressive

adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way

synonym: stifling, overwhelming, depressing

(1) the atmosphere was **oppressive**, (2) **oppressive** governments

The political situation has become increasingly **oppressive**.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym: mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

hesitate

v. to pause decision before saying or doing something

synonym: waver, pause, waffle

(1) **hesitate** for a moment, (2) **hesitate** to ask for help

Please do not **hesitate** to call us.

glory

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

synonym: acclaim, credit, recognition

(1) greatest **glory**, (2) former **glory**

It is preferable to die in **glory** than to live in dishonor.

agnostic

n. a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

synonym: skeptic, doubter, unbeliever

(1) **agnostic** world-view, (2) **agnostic** position

Her scientific background led her to be **agnostic** about the existence of a higher power.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

portfolio

n. a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization

synonym : collection, file, folder

(1) investment **portfolio**, (2) **portfolio** manager

The artist's **portfolio** showcased various works, from paintings to sculptures.

dogmatic

adj. characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence

synonym : authoritative, doctrinal, opinionated

(1) **dogmatic** beliefs, (2) **dogmatic** approach

The company's old **dogmatic** policies were the cause of its downfall.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym : reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

unreasonable

adj. not fair, sensible, or likely to be true

synonym : unjustified, unfair, excessive

(1) **unreasonable** demand, (2) an **unreasonable** amount of money

It would be **unreasonable** for me to expect you to work overtime without any extra compensation.

soak

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

synonym : saturate, steep, douse

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

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

stubbornness

n. the trait of being unyielding, obstinate, or inflexible; a refusal to change one's opinions or behavior despite pressure or persuasion

synonym : inflexibility, doggedness, obstinacy

(1) plain **stubbornness**, (2) show **stubbornness**

Her **stubbornness** in negotiations prevented a successful outcome for both parties.

open-minded

adj. willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas

synonym : receptive, impartial, approachable

(1) an **open-minded** person, (2) adopt an **open-minded** attitude

Both parties were pleased with the **open-minded** discussion.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

synonym : hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

epistemology

n. a branch of philosophy that deals with knowledge and belief, including the nature and limits of knowledge, the sources and criteria of knowledge, and the justification of belief

synonym: theory of knowledge, knowledge science

(1) a specialist in **epistemology**, (2) **epistemology** study
Evolutionary **epistemology** is a field of study that seeks to understand how knowledge has evolved.

incompleteness

n. the state of being lacking or not finished; the condition of being partial or unfinished

synonym: rawness, deficiency, insufficiency

(1) **incompleteness** theory, (2) feeling of **incompleteness**
The **incompleteness** of the instructions made it difficult to assemble the furniture correctly.

neat

adj. clean or tidy, with everything in its place

synonym: tidy, uncluttered, refined

(1) a **neat** piece of work, (2) **neat** idea

She has **neat** habits.

bow

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

synonym: bend, curve, arch

(1) **bow** and greet, (2) a **bow** wave

She **bowed** to the audience after her performance.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bl__e the lack of knowledge
 2. a person who is sus_____us
 3. gl_____us movie stars
 4. epi_____ogy study
 5. bu___e of papers
 6. al___d forces
 7. or_____ry annual revenue
 8. pr_____le cause of a fire
 9. a spo_____us behavior
- v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
- adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
- adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
- n.* a branch of philosophy that deals with knowledge and belief, including the nature and limits of knowledge, the sources and criteria of knowledge, and the justification of belief
- n.* a group of things that are tied or wrapped together; a large amount or quantity of something; a package or parcel of things
- adj.* united or connected by a political or military agreement
- adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
- adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

ANSWERS: 1. blame, 2. suspicious, 3. glamorous, 4. epistemology, 5. bundle, 6. allied, 7. ordinary, 8. probable, 9. spontaneous

10. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
11. a tr___y recipe to follow *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
12. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
13. re___e a hero *v.* to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem
14. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
15. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
16. protective ta_____an *n.* an object believed to bring good luck or protection to its owner, often worn as jewelry or carried on one's person
17. plain stu_____ess *n.* the trait of being unyielding, obstinate, or inflexible; a refusal to change one's opinions or behavior despite pressure or persuasion
18. ob_____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
19. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 10. fundamental, 11. tricky, 12. bias, 13. revere, 14. instance, 15. intention, 16. talisman, 17. stubbornness, 18. observe, 19. consequence

20. research in _____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
21. advance cap _____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
22. fa _____y of logic *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
23. re _____y available *adv.* easily or willingly; without hesitation or difficulty; quickly or promptly
24. a specialist in epi _____ogy *n.* a branch of philosophy that deals with knowledge and belief, including the nature and limits of knowledge, the sources and criteria of knowledge, and the justification of belief
25. fas _____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
26. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
27. sense of pe _____sm *n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right

ANSWERS: 20. institute, 21. capitalism, 22. fallacy, 23. readily, 24. epistemology, 25. fascinating, 26. rely, 27. pessimism

37. sc__w the cap *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
38. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
39. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
40. an unr_____ble amount of money *adj.* not fair, sensible, or likely to be true
41. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
42. make con_____ng allegations *adj.* incompatible or inconsistent with something else; in disagreement
43. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
44. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
45. r_g doll *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
46. ID card *n.* a part of the psyche that represents the unconscious desires and instincts of an individual; in psychoanalytic theory, it is believed to be the most basic and primal part of the human psyche; (also ID, short for identification) a document or card that proves a person's identity, such as a driver's license, passport, or national ID card
47. get ne_____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

ANSWERS: 37. screw, 38. probable, 39. psychology, 40. unreasonable, 41. reward, 42. conflicting, 43. improve, 44. consume, 45. rag, 46. id, 47. nervous

48. lu___y hotel *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
49. im_____ng mansion *adj.* having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
50. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
51. a n__t piece of work *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
52. opp_____ve governments *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
53. op_____ng counsel *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
54. n__t idea *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
55. chemicals al___d products *adj.* united or connected by a political or military agreement
56. bu_____g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat
57. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
58. se___e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
59. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
60. s__k away stress *v.* to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money

ANSWERS: 48. luxury, 49. imposing, 50. grab, 51. neat, 52. oppressive, 53. opposing, 54. neat, 55. allied, 56. burning, 57. defend, 58. seduce, 59. identify, 60. soak

61. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
62. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
63. th__b wrestling *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
64. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
65. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
66. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
67. ou_____er perspective *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
68. uni_____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
69. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
70. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

ANSWERS: 61. nervous, 62. economical, 63. thumb, 64. tragedy, 65. weird, 66. evil, 67. outsider, 68. unintended, 69. bias, 70. union

71. he_____te for a moment
v. to pause decision before saying or doing something
72. an ope_____ed person
adj. willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas
73. certain ex____t
n. the point or degree or area to which something extends
74. im_____ng figure
adj. having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
75. cause an ac_____nt
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
76. in_____e a feeling of curiosity
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
77. li_____me ban from the sport
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
78. s__y to the rhythm
v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
79. the qu__t for truth
n. a long or challenging search for something
80. de_____on authority
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
81. technical dr_____g
n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

ANSWERS: 71. hesitate, 72. open-minded, 73. extent, 74. imposing, 75. accident, 76. inspire, 77. lifetime, 78. sway, 79. quest, 80. decision, 81. drawing

82. report sus_____us activity *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
83. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
84. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
85. the atmosphere was opp_____ve *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
86. inc_____ess theory *n.* the state of being lacking or not finished; the condition of being partial or unfinished
87. romantic co____y *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
88. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
89. he_____ic algorithm *adj.* relating to a trial-and-error method of problem-solving, often involving learning from one's mistakes and using feedback to improve one's approach; also used to describe a problem-solving method or approach that is practical, efficient, or intuitive
90. a female sc__w *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

ANSWERS: 82. suspicious, 83. incentive, 84. possibility, 85. oppressive, 86. incompleteness, 87. comedy, 88. grab, 89. heuristic, 90. screw

91. trigger a re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
92. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
93. former gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
94. the id ego *n.* a part of the psyche that represents the unconscious desires and instincts of an individual; in psychoanalytic theory, it is believed to be the most basic and primal part of the human psyche; (also ID, short for identification) a document or card that proves a person's identity, such as a driver's license, passport, or national ID card
95. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
96. unr_____ble demand *adj.* not fair, sensible, or likely to be true
97. bl__k his eyes *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
98. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
99. ro_____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
100. ig_____nt remark *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

ANSWERS: 91. reaction, 92. combination, 93. glory, 94. id, 95. empower, 96. unreasonable, 97. blink, 98. essentially, 99. romantic, 100. ignorant

101. gr__p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
102. belief in a fa____y *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
103. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
104. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
105. greatest gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
106. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
107. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
108. the ex___t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
109. religious ta_____an *n.* an object believed to bring good luck or protection to its owner, often worn as jewelry or carried on one's person
110. investment po_____io *n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization

ANSWERS: 101. grasp, 102. fallacy, 103. manipulate, 104. capitalism, 105. glory, 106. liberate, 107. union, 108. extent, 109. talisman, 110. portfolio

111. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
112. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
113. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
114. at___h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
115. in an op_____ng direction *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
116. historical no___l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
117. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
118. e___l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
119. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
120. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
121. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 111. complexity, 112. defend, 113. institute, 114. attach, 115. opposing, 116. novel, 117. psychology, 118. evil, 119. incentive, 120. stick, 121. opportune

122. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
123. undergo a re____h *n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation
124. in____te a preference *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
125. tr____y problem *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
126. the in____t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
127. s__y back and forth *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
128. tru____hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
129. ne____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
130. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
131. a lot of con____ng information *adj.* incompatible or inconsistent with something else; in disagreement

ANSWERS: 122. strip, 123. rebirth, 124. indicate, 125. tricky, 126. intent, 127. sway, 128. trustworthy, 129. negotiate, 130. weird, 131. conflicting

132. bl__k in astonishment *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
133. de_____on in advertising *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
134. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
135. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
136. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
137. theory of com_____on *n.* the act or process of calculating something, especially an answer or amount, by using a machine or calculator
138. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
139. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
140. ag_____ic world-view *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

ANSWERS: 132. blink, 133. deception, 134. cognitive, 135. fundamental, 136. tale, 137. computation, 138. tragedy, 139. specifically, 140. agnostic

141. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
142. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
143. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
144. publish a me____r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
145. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
146. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
147. mo_____r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
148. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
149. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
150. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
151. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 141. improve, 142. intellect, 143. intention, 144. memoir, 145. peer, 146. obvious, 147. monster, 148. claim, 149. instance, 150. grasp, 151. intellect

152. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
153. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
154. d__l purpose *adj.* having two parts, aspects, or elements
155. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
156. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
157. adopt an ope_____ed attitude *adj.* willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas
158. do_____ic beliefs *adj.* characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence
159. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
160. the words of a pre_____or *n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder
161. me__y data *adj.* disorganized and untidy
162. spo_____us labor *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

ANSWERS: 152. promote, 153. adopt, 154. dual, 155. quest, 156. opportune, 157. open-minded, 158. dogmatic, 159. essentially, 160. predecessor, 161. messy, 162. spontaneous

163. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
164. parallel com_____on *n.* the act or process of calculating something, especially an answer or amount, by using a machine or calculator
165. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
166. co____y series *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
167. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
168. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
169. at____h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
170. ma____x multiplication *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

ANSWERS: 163. fiction, 164. computation, 165. manipulate, 166. comedy, 167. labor, 168. decision, 169. attach, 170. matrix

171. tr____h of democracy *n.* a great victory or achievement
172. a di____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
173. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
174. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
175. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
176. po_____io manager *n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization
177. irr_____al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
178. cast gl_____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
179. do_____ic approach *adj.* characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence
180. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

ANSWERS: 171. triumph, 172. dictator, 173. fascinating, 174. fiction, 175. possibility, 176. portfolio, 177. irrational, 178. glamorous, 179. dogmatic, 180. mess

181. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
182. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
183. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
184. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
185. shopping re____ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
186. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
187. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
188. feeling of inc_____ess *n.* the state of being lacking or not finished; the condition of being partial or unfinished
189. take a vo____e *n.* a long journey, especially by sea or in space
190. in_____ng stories *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
191. tr_____h of the spirit *n.* a great victory or achievement

ANSWERS: 181. plot, 182. economical, 183. struggle, 184. religion, 185. reward, 186. unintended, 187. advertise, 188. incompleteness, 189. voyage, 190. inspiring, 191. triumph

192. follow a st_____ne *n.* the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story
193. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
194. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
195. d__l nationality *adj.* having two parts, aspects, or elements
196. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
197. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
198. pre_____or model *n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder
199. con_____cy theory *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
200. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
201. a vo___e of discovery *n.* a long journey, especially by sea or in space
202. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

ANSWERS: 192. storyline, 193. warn, 194. claim, 195. dual, 196. warn, 197. identify, 198. predecessor, 199. conspiracy, 200. consume, 201. voyage, 202. blame

203. blissfully ig____nt *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
204. 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
205. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
206. deep pe_____sm *n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
207. se_____ve behavior *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
208. ho__r around the table *v.* to stay in one place in the air
209. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
210. chemical re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
211. political con_____cy *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

ANSWERS: 203. ignorant, 204. margin, 205. labor, 206. pessimism, 207. seductive, 208. hover, 209. obvious, 210. reaction, 211. conspiracy

212. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
213. re_____y accessible *adv.* easily or willingly; without hesitation or difficulty; quickly or promptly
214. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
215. he_____te to ask for help *v.* to pause decision before saying or doing something
216. re_____h of democracy *n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation
217. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
218. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
219. he_____ic reasoning *adj.* relating to a trial-and-error method of problem-solving, often involving learning from one's mistakes and using feedback to improve one's approach; also used to describe a problem-solving method or approach that is practical, efficient, or intuitive
220. ob_____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 212. lifetime, 213. readily, 214. trap, 215. hesitate, 216. rebirth, 217. nudge, 218. dictator, 219. heuristic, 220. observe

221. bu____g desire	<i>adj.</i> intense or scorching heat
222. r__y on convenience stores	<i>v.</i> to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
223. gas fi____r	<i>n.</i> any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
224. a b_w wave	<i>v.</i> to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
225. a profit ma____n	<i>n.</i> the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
226. ho__r between life and death	<i>v.</i> to stay in one place in the air
227. awe-in_____ng sight	<i>adj.</i> stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
228. pr_____e bad behavior	<i>v.</i> to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
229. p__r group	<i>n.</i> a person who has the same age, status, or ability
230. th__b a ride	<i>n.</i> the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

ANSWERS: 221. burning, 222. rely, 223. filter, 224. bow, 225. margin, 226. hover, 227. inspiring, 228. promote, 229. peer, 230. thumb

231. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
232. se___e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
233. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
234. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
235. digital li____cy *n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively
236. in____ed angle *adj.* having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way
237. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
238. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
239. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
240. show stu_____ess *n.* the trait of being unyielding, obstinate, or inflexible; a refusal to change one's opinions or behavior despite pressure or persuasion
241. clogged fi____r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

ANSWERS: 231. plot, 232. seduce, 233. strength, 234. religion, 235. literacy, 236. inclined, 237. negotiate, 238. consequence, 239. narrative, 240. stubbornness, 241. filter

242. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
243. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
244. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
245. in_____ed to think *adj.* having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way
246. predictable st_____ne *n.* the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story
247. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
248. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
249. a se_____ve smile *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
250. b_w and greet *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

ANSWERS: 242. context, 243. struggle, 244. strength, 245. inclined, 246. storyline, 247. complexity, 248. mess, 249. seductive, 250. bow

262. dr____g for design *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
263. give a person a nu__e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
264. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
265. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
266. an irr_____al request *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
267. in_____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
268. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
269. me__y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
270. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
271. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

ANSWERS: 262. drawing, 263. nudge, 264. specifically, 265. biology, 266. irrational, 267. indicate, 268. liberate, 269. messy, 270. trap, 271. strip

272. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
273. family me___r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
274. ag____ic position *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
275. get into the lu___y car market *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
276. cell and molecular bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
277. travel bu___e *n.* a group of things that are tied or wrapped together; a large amount or quantity of something; a package or parcel of things
278. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
279. personal na____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
280. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
281. s__k in a hot spring *v.* to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money

ANSWERS: 272. invite, 273. memoir, 274. agnostic, 275. luxury, 276. biology, 277. bundle, 278. intent, 279. narrative, 280. empower, 281. soak

282. tru_____hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
283. horde of mo_____rs *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
284. ro_____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
285. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
286. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

ANSWERS: 282. trustworthy, 283. monster, 284. romantic, 285. advertise, 286. alternative

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.
 - n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
2. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
 - n.* something you want to do and are going to do
3. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.
 - adj.* not planned or meant
4. The enemy fell right into the _____.
 - n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
5. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
 - adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
6. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.
 - adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
7. Many people _____ their religious leaders and look up to them for guidance.
 - v.* to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem
8. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.
 - n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends

ANSWERS: 1. Capitalism, 2. intentions, 3. unintended, 4. trap, 5. obvious, 6. nervous, 7. revere, 8. extent

9. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
10. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
- v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
11. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
12. She has _____ habits.
- adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
13. The politician tried to _____ public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.
- v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
14. The researcher demonstrated the superiority of quantum _____ in several mathematical tasks.
- n.* the act or process of calculating something, especially an answer or amount, by using a machine or calculator
15. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 9. context, 10. promote, 11. struggle, 12. neat, 13. sway, 14. computation, 15. stick

16. He used his right _____ to press the button on his phone.

- n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

17. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

- adj.* disorganized and untidy

18. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

19. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.

- n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

20. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

- v.* to make or become better

21. The teacher _____ the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

- v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

22. The actor's _____ gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

- adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

23. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

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

ANSWERS: 16. thumb, 17. messy, 18. consequences, 19. tragedy, 20. improve, 21. nudged, 22. seductive, 23. grab

24. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.

- v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

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

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

26. I forgot my ___ at home and needed it to enter the club.

- n.* a part of the psyche that represents the unconscious desires and instincts of an individual; in psychoanalytic theory, it is believed to be the most basic and primal part of the human psyche; (also ID, short for identification) a document or card that proves a person's identity, such as a driver's license, passport, or national ID card

27. The south coast is less _____ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

- adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

28. He wrote his _____ while awaiting trial.

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

29. It is preferable to die in _____ than to live in dishonor.

- n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements

30. Her _____ in negotiations prevented a successful outcome for both parties.

- n.* the trait of being unyielding, obstinate, or inflexible; a refusal to change one's opinions or behavior despite pressure or persuasion

ANSWERS: 24. blamed, 25. reaction, 26. ID, 27. glamorous, 28. memoirs, 29. glory, 30. stubbornness

31. I always carry my grandmother's _____ for good luck.
- n.* an object believed to bring good luck or protection to its owner, often worn as jewelry or carried on one's person
32. The _____ of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.
- n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
33. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.
- n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
34. The _____ to the safe was a secret.
- n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
35. The political situation has become increasingly _____.
- adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
36. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
37. Please do not _____ to call us.
- v.* to pause decision before saying or doing something
38. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.
- v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it;
(noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

ANSWERS: 31. talisman, 32. matrix, 33. tales, 34. combination, 35. oppressive, 36. complexity, 37. hesitate, 38. screw

39. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
40. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.
n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
41. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
42. She is talented at _____ and has won several awards for her artwork.
n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
43. An _____ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.
adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
44. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
45. The user manual can _____ find the information you're looking for.
adv. easily or willingly; without hesitation or difficulty; quickly or promptly
46. It would be _____ for me to expect you to work overtime without any extra compensation.
adj. not fair, sensible, or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 39. labor, 40. filter, 41. narrative, 42. drawing, 43. inspiring, 44. weird, 45. readily, 46. unreasonable

47. 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
48. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
49. Both parties were pleased with the _____ discussion.
adj. willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas
50. The politician was accused of _____ for making false promises during his campaign.
n. the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
51. Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an _____ at times.
n. a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
52. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
53. People tend to believe _____ friends with their secrets.
adj. reliable and dependable
54. She _____ to the audience after her performance.
v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

ANSWERS: 47. rag, 48. defend, 49. open-minded, 50. deception, 51. outsider, 52. institutes, 53. trustworthy, 54. bowed

55. Two birds were _____ overhead.

- v. to stay in one place in the air

56. His anti-_____ practices were quite strict.

- n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

57. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

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

58. He tried to _____ her with his charm and good looks.

- v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

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

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

60. The national assembly has _____ the budget.

- v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

61. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.

- v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

62. Many people cling to the _____ that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

- n. a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

ANSWERS: 55. hovering, 56. luxury, 57. decision, 58. seduce, 59. comedy, 60. adopted, 61. grasp, 62. fallacy

63. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.

- v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

64. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.

- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

65. We have no intention of _____ his idea.

- adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other

66. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

- v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

67. We are always happy to _____ a discount.

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

68. He was _____ of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.

- adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

69. The artist's _____ showcased various works, from paintings to sculptures.

- n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization

ANSWERS: 63. manipulate, 64. warn, 65. opposing, 66. observe, 67. negotiate, 68. ignorant, 69. portfolio

70. They have no _____ to win the game.

- n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

71. 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

72. The new CEO is the _____ of the former CEO.

- n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder

73. He _____ in the dazzling sunlight.

- v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

74. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

- n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

75. We have discussed the entirety of this _____ problem.

- adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

76. We want to _____ our company through your media.

- v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

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

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

ANSWERS: 70. incentive, 71. invite, 72. predecessor, 73. blinked, 74. religion, 75. tricky, 76. advertise, 77. inspired

78. The _____ of the movie was predictable but still entertaining.
- n.* the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story
79. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
80. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
81. I _____ the shirt in the sink before washing it.
- v.* to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money
82. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
- n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
83. I am _____ to believe that she is telling the truth.
- adj.* having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way
84. 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
85. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
- n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 78. storyline, 79. novel, 80. consume, 81. soaked, 82. intent, 83. inclined, 84. margin, 85. biology

86. We carefully examine each _____ transaction report we receive.
adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
87. The CEO's constant _____ about the company's future affected employee morale.
n. a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
88. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
n. a long or challenging search for something
89. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
90. This laptop has a _____ processor, making it fast and efficient.
adj. having two parts, aspects, or elements
91. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
92. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
93. Evolutionary _____ is a field of study that seeks to understand how knowledge has evolved.
n. a branch of philosophy that deals with knowledge and belief, including the nature and limits of knowledge, the sources and criteria of knowledge, and the justification of belief

ANSWERS: 86. suspicious, 87. pessimism, 88. quest, 89. possibility, 90. dual-core, 91. liberated, 92. rely, 93. epistemology

94. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
95. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
96. The data _____ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.
v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
97. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
98. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
99. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
100. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
101. The astronaut trained for years before embarking on her _____ to the International Space Station.
n. a long journey, especially by sea or in space

ANSWERS: 94. intellect, 95. strength, 96. indicates, 97. peer, 98. probable, 99. accident, 100. opportune, 101. voyage

102. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.

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

103. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

104. The company's old _____ policies were the cause of its downfall.

adj. characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence

105. Many charities focus on improving _____ rates in underprivileged communities.

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

106. The _____ building stood tall amongst the others on the city skyline.

adj. having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size

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

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

108. It was his first _____ love.

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

109. The crowd broke out into _____ laughter.

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

ANSWERS: 102. union, 103. cognitive, 104. dogmatic, 105. literacy, 106. imposing, 107. specifically, 108. romantic, 109. spontaneous

110. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

111. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.

adj. intense or scorching heat

112. The _____ of the instructions made it difficult to assemble the furniture correctly.

n. the state of being lacking or not finished; the condition of being partial or unfinished

113. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

114. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

115. He wandered _____ from the path and got lost in the forest.

adv. away from the right path or direction

116. Truth is stranger than _____.

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

117. The teacher used a _____ method to teach the complex topic in a simple way.

adj. relating to a trial-and-error method of problem-solving, often involving learning from one's mistakes and using feedback to improve one's approach; also used to describe a problem-solving method or approach that is practical, efficient, or intuitive

ANSWERS: 110. empowered, 111. burning, 112. incompleteness, 113. fundamental, 114. instances, 115. astray, 116. fiction, 117. heuristic

118. The phoenix is a symbol of _____ rising from the ashes to be reborn anew.

n. the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation

119. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

120. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

121. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

122. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

123. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

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

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

125. There was a _____ of silence about illegal police interrogation.

n. a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

ANSWERS: 118. rebirth, 119. evil, 120. economical, 121. irrational, 122. identify, 123. attach, 124. psychology, 125. conspiracy

126. This car has a _____ engine.

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

127. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

- n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

128. I tied up the _____ of newspapers and took them to the recycling center.

- n.* a group of things that are tied or wrapped together; a large amount or quantity of something; a package or parcel of things

129. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

- n.* a great victory or achievement

130. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

- adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

131. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.

- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

132. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

- n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

133. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.

- n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

ANSWERS: 126. monster, 127. plot, 128. bundle, 129. triumph, 130. ordinary, 131. alternative, 132. mess, 133. lifetime

134. The two countries were _____ in their efforts to combat terrorism.
adj. united or connected by a political or military agreement
135. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
136. Her scientific background led her to be _____ about the existence of a higher power.
n. a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
137. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
138. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
139. The witness's testimony was _____ with the evidence found at the scene.
adj. incompatible or inconsistent with something else; in disagreement
140. She researched gender _____ in politics.
n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
141. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.
adj. extremely interesting

ANSWERS: 134. allied, 135. dictator, 136. agnostic, 137. Essentially, 138. claim, 139. conflicting, 140. bias, 141. fascinating

142. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

143. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

ANSWERS: 142. rewards, 143. strip