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Session 1: Word List

concerned

adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention

synonym: worried, caring, involved

(1) persons **concerned**, (2) **concerned** citizen

I am **concerned** about the safety of the children playing in the park.

complacency

n. a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems

synonym: self-satisfaction, smugness, satisfaction

(1) dangerous **complacency**, (2) avoid **complacency**

The team's **complacency** led to their defeat, as they didn't put in the effort needed to win the game.

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.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

zoom

v. to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

synonym: move quickly, dive, buzz

(1) **zoom** in on a photo, (2) **zoom** lens

He **zoomed** back in time to the soccer game.

expectancy

n. the anticipation, belief, or likelihood of something happening or occurring in the future; the state of expecting or looking forward to something

synonym: prospect, anticipation, hope

(1) life **expectancy**, (2) customer **expectancy**

There is a high **expectancy** for the new product to exceed sales targets.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

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

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

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

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.

peg

n. a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object
synonym: pin, dowel, spike

(1) **peg** in the ground, (2) **peg** an exchange rate
The sheep were tagged with numbered plastic **pegs** in their ears.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car
There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

fertility

n. the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants
synonym: richness, pregnancy, productivity

(1) soil **fertility**, (2) **fertility** above replacement
The sperm count is used as an indicator of male **fertility**.

pyramid

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
synonym: monument, edifice, tomb

(1) **pyramid** architecture, (2) a truncated **pyramid**
The Egyptian **pyramids** consist of a vast number of blocks.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

population

n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location

synonym: people, inhabitants, folk

(1) **population** change, (2) labor **population**

In just four years, the **population** has doubled.

winnow

v. to separate or remove the undesirable or unnecessary parts of a group or collection; to narrow down or sift through something to find what is useful or valuable

synonym: sift, filter, separate

(1) **winnow** grain, (2) **winnow** out the impractical idea

I need to **winnow** through these job applications to find the most qualified candidates.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym: summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash
These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts
The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

rectangle

n. a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

synonym: oblong, square, quadrangle

(1) orthogonal **rectangle**, (2) **rectangle** box

The living room had a **rectangle-shaped** coffee table in the center of it.

chill

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

synonym: coldness, coolness, (verb) freeze

(1) the **chill** of autumn, (2) feel a slight **chill**

His swear words cast a **chill** on the party.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow

and increase efficiency.

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.

genetically

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

synonym: hereditary, inherited, family-related

(1) **genetically** inherited traits, (2) **genetically** manipulated plant

The **genetically** modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

hardy

adj. able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient

synonym: tough, sturdy, resilient

(1) **hardy** plants, (2) **hardy** breed

The **hardy** construction workers worked tirelessly in the scorching heat to complete the project.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

crucible

n. a vessel made of ceramic, metal, or other materials used for melting or fusing substances at high temperatures; a difficult or trying experience that tests one's character or resilience

synonym : melting pot, cauldron, furnace

(1) electric **crucible** furnace, (2) fire **crucible**

The scientific experiment required the use of a high-temperature **crucible**.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym : wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

associate

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

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

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

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

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym : illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

laurel

n. an evergreen shrub or tree with dark green leaves that is often used symbolically to represent victory, honor, or accomplishment

synonym: wreath, crown, garland

(1) **laurel** wreath, (2) noble **laurel**

The athlete wore a **laurel** wreath to symbolize victory in the competition.

sweeping

adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

synonym: broad, extensive, vast

(1) **sweeping** changes, (2) **sweeping** landscapes

The **sweeping** views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

downward

adj. moving towards a lower position or a lower level

synonym: lower, earthward, descending

(1) a **downward** slope, (2) maintain **downward** compatibility

The stock market has been in a **downward** trend for the past month.

gross

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

synonym: before tax, total, abhorrent

(1) the **gross** amount, (2) **gross** injustice

The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's **gross** profits.

inaccurate

adj. not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard

synonym : incorrect, erroneous, imprecise

(1) **inaccurate** measurement, (2) **inaccurate** figures

The information in the report was found to be **inaccurate**, so it had to be corrected before it was published.

expertise

n. specialized knowledge or skills in a particular field or subject; expert proficiency or knowledge

synonym : knowledge, skill, mastery

(1) marketing **expertise**, (2) demonstrate **expertise**

The company's success can be attributed to the **expertise** of its employees.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

aspect

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

synonym : characteristic, element, factor

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

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

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research
Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

respondent

n. a person who answers questions in a survey or research study, or someone who responds to a complaint or accusation

synonym: reply, answer, feedback

(1) middle-aged **respondent**, (2) interview **respondent**

The **respondent** provided detailed feedback on the survey they completed.

significance

n. the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy

synonym: importance, value, worth

(1) **significance** level, (2) mystical **significance**

The **significance** of his discovery cannot be overstated.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

distress

n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort

synonym: discomfort, despair, misery

(1) a signal of **distress**, (2) emotional **distress**

She has been in great **distress** since she was heartbroken.

affirmative

adj. indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone

synonym : positive, confirming, approving

(1) **affirmative** decision, (2) **affirmative** action

The teacher gave an **affirmative** nod to let the student know they had answered the question correctly.

poll

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

synonym : survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

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.

undo

v. to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific

synonym : reverse, retract, revoke

(1) **undo** changes, (2) **undo** a belt

I accidentally deleted the file, so can you **undo** that action?

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

typical

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

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

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

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

spin

v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

synonym: rotate, twirl, swirl

(1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton

The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

existence

n. the state or fact of someone or something existing

synonym: fact, being, reality

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

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

disavow

v. to deny any responsibility, connection, or knowledge of something; to reject or repudiate something as being false, untrue, or unauthorized

synonym : deny, reject, disclaim

(1) **disavow** responsibility, (2) **disavow** any knowledge

The politician was quick to **disavow** any association with the controversial organization.

colleague

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

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym : enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

studied

adj. deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned

synonym : thoughtful, deliberate, calculated

(1) **studied** analysis, (2) well- **studied** decision

His speech was carefully crafted and delivered with **studied** confidence.

electronics

n. the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems

synonym : technology, gadgets, circuitry

(1) **electronics** industry, (2) **electronics** store

The company specializes in manufacturing and selling cutting-edge **electronics**.

pager

n. a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other

professional settings

synonym : beeper, pager device

(1) **pager** beep, (2) wireless **pager** service

The company provides all employees with a digital **pager** for emergency purposes.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym : hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

intense

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

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

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

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

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym: person, being, self

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

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

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

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

slight

adj. very small in degree or amount

synonym: feeble, nuanced, subtle

(1) feel a **slight** concern, (2) **slight** increase

We made **slight** modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

downturn

n. a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment

synonym: decline, fall, drop

(1) the **downturn** in auto sales, (2) **downturn** in health

The global economy experienced a sharp **downturn** in the wake of the pandemic.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

simplistic

adj. oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something

complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms

synonym: basic, uncomplicated, elementary

(1) **simplistic** approach, (2) **simplistic** design

The politician's solution to the problem was too **simplistic** to solve the underlying issue.

engage

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

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

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

comfort

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

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

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

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

accepting

adj. willing to receive or to take something offered

synonym: tolerant, open-minded, receptive

(1) **accepting** attitude, (2) **accepting** of diversity

He was an **accepting** person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding

conflict

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

synonym: unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

synonym: pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident

His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym: dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

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.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

recall

v. to remember something

synonym: remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name

She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

laboratory

n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

synonym: lab, workshop, testing room

(1) **laboratory** accident, (2) anthropology **laboratory**

Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a **laboratory**.

frown

v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

synonym: scowl, glare, disapprove

(1) people with **frown** faces, (2) a worried **frown**

Thinking always made him **frown**.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

satisfaction

n. a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

synonym : delight, pleasure, content

(1) a sense of **satisfaction**, (2) customer **satisfaction**

The mediated settlement brought **satisfaction** to both sides.

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.

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

synonym : degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

neural

adj. of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain

synonym : sensory, neuronic, nervous

(1) **neural** stem cells, (2) **neural** networks in AI

There was a disturbance of **neural** function.

brain

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

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage
X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

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.

uniquely

adv. in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others

synonym: singularly, exclusively, distinctively

(1) play a **uniquely** important role, (2) **uniquely** different

The painting is **uniquely** painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym: proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

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**.

recognize

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

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement
It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

horizon

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

synonym : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**
As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

nebulous

adj. hazy, vague, or ill-defined; of or relating to or resembling a nebula (= an immense cloud of gas and dust in interstellar space)

synonym : vague, cloudy, hazy

(1) **nebulous** concept, (2) **nebulous** material
The plan was **nebulous** and needed more specific details.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

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.

explore

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

synonym : analyze, delve into, examine

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

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

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym : surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

blind

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

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

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

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

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym : importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

trivial

adj. of little value or importance

synonym : insignificant, minor, unimportant

(1) a **trivial** man, (2) for **trivial** reasons

The problem seemed **trivial** initially, but it became a significant issue.

savor

v. to enjoy or appreciate something fully; to relish or delight in something delicious or enjoyable; to preserve or season with a savory flavor

synonym: enjoy, relish, appreciate

(1) **savor** the moment, (2) **savor** the taste

I always like to **savor** a good cup of coffee in the morning.

appreciative

adj. expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment

synonym: grateful, thankful, pleased

(1) **appreciative** audience, (2) **appreciative** nod

The teacher was **appreciative** of the student's dedication and hard work.

reconciliation

n. the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond

synonym: accord, agreement, settlement

(1) national **reconciliation**, (2) **reconciliation** of financial accounts

They had a complete **reconciliation** a few days after their argument.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

tolerance

n. the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant

synonym: acceptance, patience, forbearance

(1) religious **tolerance**, (2) **tolerance** for risk

The school's diversity program aimed to promote **tolerance** and understanding among the students.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

capitalize

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

synonym: bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

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.

dramatically

adv. in a very impressive manner

synonym: greatly, noticeably, suddenly

(1) he confessed **dramatically**, (2) the cabin pressure fell **dramatically**

Life expectancy has grown **dramatically** this century.

talented

adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

synonym: gifted, able, skilled

(1) a very **talented** actor, (2) **talented** athlete

She is a **talented** musician, able to play several instruments.

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym: sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym: knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym: applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. human ev_____on | <i>n.</i> a gradual process of transformation of living things |
| 2. the br__d of the new car | <i>n.</i> a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning |
| 3. tr_____te a document into English | <i>v.</i> to convert or change words into another language |
| 4. a ne_____ve number | <i>adj.</i> having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal |
| 5. improve co_____ve function | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to mental processes of understanding |
| 6. an une_____ed visitor | <i>adj.</i> not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen |
| 7. re_____le box | <i>n.</i> a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length |
| 8. the characters that re_____nt numbers | <i>v.</i> to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute |
| 9. la____l wreath | <i>n.</i> an evergreen shrub or tree with dark green leaves that is often used symbolically to represent victory, honor, or accomplishment |
| 10. a ra____m choice | <i>adj.</i> made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern |

ANSWERS: 1. evolution, 2. brand, 3. translate, 4. negative, 5. cognitive, 6. unexpected, 7. rectangle, 8. represent, 9. laurel, 10. random

11. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
12. a desirable ou____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
13. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
14. a truncated py____d *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
15. afraid to show em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
16. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
17. the biggest tree in ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
18. sw_____ng landscapes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
19. sa__r the taste *v.* to enjoy or appreciate something fully; to relish or delight in something delicious or enjoyable; to preserve or season with a savory flavor
20. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 11. survive, 12. outcome, 13. constantly, 14. pyramid, 15. emotion, 16. evolution, 17. existence, 18. sweeping, 19. savor, 20. recognize

21. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
22. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
23. ne_____us material *adj.* hazy, vague, or ill-defined; of or relating to or resembling a nebula (= an immense cloud of gas and dust in interstellar space)
24. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
25. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
26. co_____ed citizen *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
27. aff_____ve action *adj.* indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone
28. fire cr_____le *n.* a vessel made of ceramic, metal, or other materials used for melting or fusing substances at high temperatures; a difficult or trying experience that tests one's character or resilience
29. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
30. a very ta_____ed actor *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

ANSWERS: 21. cognitive, 22. frustrate, 23. nebulous, 24. strength, 25. reshape, 26. concerned, 27. affirmative, 28. crucible, 29. embark, 30. talented

31. avoid com_____cy *n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
32. aff_____ve decision *adj.* indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone
33. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
34. business ho_____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
35. ina_____te figures *adj.* not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard
36. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
37. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
38. national rec_____ion *n.* the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond
39. p_g in the ground *n.* a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object

ANSWERS: 31. complacency, 32. affirmative, 33. statistics, 34. horizon, 35. inaccurate, 36. despair, 37. folk, 38. reconciliation, 39. peg

40. middle-aged res_____nt *n.* a person who answers questions in a survey or research study, or someone who responds to a complaint or accusation
41. wi___w grain *v.* to separate or remove the undesirable or unnecessary parts of a group or collection; to narrow down or sift through something to find what is useful or valuable
42. mo_____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
43. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
44. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
45. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
46. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
47. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
48. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
49. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
50. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 40. respondent, 41. winnow, 42. monitor, 43. peak, 44. aspect, 45. blind, 46. suspect, 47. comfort, 48. participate, 49. constantly, 50. ancestor

51. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
52. marketing ex_____se *n.* specialized knowledge or skills in a particular field or subject; expert proficiency or knowledge
53. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
54. un_____ly different *adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
55. wi___w out the impractical idea *v.* to separate or remove the undesirable or unnecessary parts of a group or collection; to narrow down or sift through something to find what is useful or valuable
56. pa__r beep *n.* a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings
57. the do_____rn in auto sales *n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
58. ex_____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
59. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

ANSWERS: 51. brain, 52. expertise, 53. horizon, 54. uniquely, 55. winnow, 56. pager, 57. downturn, 58. explore, 59. advance

60. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
61. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
62. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
63. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
64. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
65. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
66. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
67. in st____e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
68. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
69. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
70. ac_____ng of diversity *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered

ANSWERS: 60. distribute, 61. survey, 62. reshape, 63. posit, 64. disease, 65. opportune, 66. spin, 67. stable, 68. invest, 69. emotional, 70. accepting

71. the gr__s amount *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
72. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
73. fairly ty____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
74. py____d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
75. co____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
76. de____e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
77. in____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
78. rem____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
79. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

ANSWERS: 71. gross, 72. folk, 73. typical, 74. pyramid, 75. combine, 76. debate, 77. intense, 78. remarkable, 79. peak

80. gen_____ly inherited traits *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
81. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
82. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
83. sl___t increase *adj.* very small in degree or amount
84. ta_____ed athlete *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
85. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
86. customer sat_____ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
87. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
88. ne___l networks in AI *adj.* of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain
89. ex_____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

ANSWERS: 80. genetically, 81. shift, 82. generation, 83. slight, 84. talented, 85. poll, 86. satisfaction, 87. improve, 88. neural, 89. explore

90. app_____ive nod *adj.* expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment
91. in_____ce system *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
92. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
93. u__o a belt *v.* to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific
94. app_____ive audience *adj.* expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment
95. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
96. a signal of di_____ss *n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
97. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
98. a do_____rd slope *adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
99. feel a slight ch__l *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

ANSWERS: 90. appreciative, 91. injustice, 92. fundamental, 93. undo, 94. appreciative, 95. strength, 96. distress, 97. well-being, 98. downward, 99. chill

100. the ch__l of autumn	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
101. de____s their spirits	<i>v.</i>	to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
102. the co____ct between good and evil	<i>n.</i>	a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
103. de____s crop prices	<i>v.</i>	to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
104. create a br__d logo	<i>n.</i>	a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
105. a worried fr__n	<i>v.</i>	to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
106. a remote re____ve	<i>adj.</i>	considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
107. a tr____l man	<i>adj.</i>	of little value or importance
108. re____nt by a diagram	<i>v.</i>	to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
109. su____e a plane crash	<i>v.</i>	to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
110. well-st____d decision	<i>adj.</i>	deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned

ANSWERS: 100. chill, 101. depress, 102. conflict, 103. depress, 104. brand, 105. frown, 106. relative, 107. trivial, 108. represent, 109. survive, 110. studied

111. sim_____ic approach *adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
112. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
113. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
114. electric cr_____le furnace *n.* a vessel made of ceramic, metal, or other materials used for melting or fusing substances at high temperatures; a difficult or trying experience that tests one's character or resilience
115. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
116. sa__r the moment *v.* to enjoy or appreciate something fully; to relish or delight in something delicious or enjoyable; to preserve or season with a savory flavor
117. pr_____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
118. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
119. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
120. life exp_____cy *n.* the anticipation, belief, or likelihood of something happening or occurring in the future; the state of expecting or looking forward to something

ANSWERS: 111. simplistic, 112. combine, 113. conclude, 114. crucible, 115. determinant, 116. savor, 117. priority, 118. largely, 119. population, 120. expectancy

121. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
122. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
123. the pa____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
124. emotional di____ss *n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
125. co____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
126. a per____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
127. p_g an exchange rate *n.* a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object
128. di____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 121. quest, 122. develop, 123. paradox, 124. distress, 125. comfort, 126. perspective, 127. peg, 128. disease

129. sw_____ng changes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
130. bl__k his eyes *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
131. rec_____ion of financial accounts *n.* the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond
132. mystical sig_____nce *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
133. sig_____nce level *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
134. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
135. the cabin pressure fell dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
136. nontechnical as____ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
137. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
138. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
139. s__n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

ANSWERS: 129. sweeping, 130. blink, 131. reconciliation, 132. significance, 133. significance, 134. individual, 135. dramatically, 136. aspect, 137. negative, 138. lifetime, 139. spin

140. im___r insulin sensitivity *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
141. cap_____ze the 1st letter of a word *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
142. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
143. gr__s injustice *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
144. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
145. to_____ce for risk *n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
146. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
147. ne___l stem cells *adj.* of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain
148. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
149. re___l his name *v.* to remember something
150. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language

ANSWERS: 140. impair, 141. capitalize, 142. practical, 143. gross, 144. alternative, 145. tolerance, 146. invest, 147. neural, 148. lifetime, 149. recall, 150. translate

151. cap_____ze on an interest *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
152. persons co_____ed *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
153. u__o changes *v.* to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific
154. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
155. customer exp_____cy *n.* the anticipation, belief, or likelihood of something happening or occurring in the future; the state of expecting or looking forward to something
156. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
157. do_____rn in health *n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
158. gross in_____ce *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
159. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
160. 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: 151. capitalize, 152. concerned, 153. undo, 154. fundamental, 155. expectancy, 156. engage, 157. downturn, 158. injustice, 159. intense, 160. soak

161. noble la___l *n.* an evergreen shrub or tree with dark green leaves that is often used symbolically to represent victory, honor, or accomplishment
162. ne____us concept *adj.* hazy, vague, or ill-defined; of or relating to or resembling a nebula (= an immense cloud of gas and dust in interstellar space)
163. for tr____l reasons *adj.* of little value or importance
164. feel com_____on for the poor *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
165. im___r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
166. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
167. re___l the incident *v.* to remember something
168. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
169. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
170. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
171. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
172. people with fr__n faces *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

ANSWERS: 161. laurel, 162. nebulous, 163. trivial, 164. compassion, 165. impair, 166. participate, 167. recall, 168. brain, 169. advance, 170. engage, 171. monitor, 172. frown

173. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
174. co_____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
175. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
176. interview res_____nt *n.* a person who answers questions in a survey or research study, or someone who responds to a complaint or accusation
177. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
178. ele_____cs store *n.* the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems
179. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
180. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
181. have a st___e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
182. 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: 173. embark, 174. conduct, 175. recognize, 176. respondent, 177. opportune, 178. electronics, 179. remarkable, 180. individual, 181. stable, 182. soak

183. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
184. soil fe_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants
185. wireless pa__r service *n.* a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings
186. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
187. anthropology lab_____ry *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
188. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
189. pr_____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
190. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
191. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
192. de_____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
193. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 183. millennium, 184. fertility, 185. pager, 186. numb, 187. laboratory, 188. eliminate, 189. priority, 190. psychology, 191. blind, 192. degrade, 193. conflict

194. ina_____te measurement	<i>adj.</i> not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard
195. co_____t a background check	<i>v.</i> to organize and carry out a particular activity
196. orthogonal re_____le	<i>n.</i> a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
197. have com_____on toward the accident	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
198. labor pop_____on	<i>n.</i> the total number of people in a country, region, or location
199. demonstrate ex_____se	<i>n.</i> specialized knowledge or skills in a particular field or subject; expert proficiency or knowledge
200. la_____y accepted	<i>adv.</i> virtually entirely; to a large degree
201. he confessed dra_____lly	<i>adv.</i> in a very impressive manner
202. as_____te alcohol with gambling	<i>v.</i> to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
203. fr_____te the advancement	<i>v.</i> to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
204. el_____te sexual barriers	<i>v.</i> to remove or get rid of someone or something
205. play a un_____ly important role	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others

ANSWERS: 194. inaccurate, 195. conduct, 196. rectangle, 197. compassion, 198. population, 199. expertise, 200. largely, 201. dramatically, 202. associate, 203. frustrate, 204. eliminate, 205. uniquely

206. po__t the existence of life after death
v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
207. su_____t a plot
v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
208. de___e topic
n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
209. a n__b mind
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
210. control my em_____n
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
211. as_____te with people widely
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
212. a sense of sat_____ion
n. a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
213. sim_____ic design
adj. oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
214. mil_____um bottle of wine
n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

ANSWERS: 206. posit, 207. suspect, 208. debate, 209. numb, 210. emotion, 211. associate, 212. satisfaction, 213. simplistic, 214. millennium

215. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
216. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
217. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
218. gen_____ly manipulated plant *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
219. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
220. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
221. fe_____ty above replacement *n.* the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants
222. st_____d analysis *adj.* deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned

ANSWERS: 215. well-being, 216. colleague, 217. develop, 218. genetically, 219. generation, 220. process, 221. fertility, 222. studied

223. ha__y breed	<i>adj.</i> able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient
224. bl__k in astonishment	<i>v.</i> to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
225. ele_____cs industry	<i>n.</i> the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems
226. recent su___y	<i>n.</i> an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
227. lab_____ry accident	<i>n.</i> a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
228. some une_____ed events	<i>adj.</i> not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
229. improved student ou_____es	<i>n.</i> the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
230. co_____de a meeting	<i>v.</i> to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
231. di_____w responsibility	<i>v.</i> to deny any responsibility, connection, or knowledge of something; to reject or repudiate something as being false, untrue, or unauthorized
232. ed_____ed adult	<i>adj.</i> having received a high standard of education
233. sta_____cs for cancer	<i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 223. hardy, 224. blink, 225. electronics, 226. survey, 227. laboratory, 228. unexpected, 229. outcome, 230. conclude, 231. disavow, 232. educated, 233. statistics

234. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
235. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
236. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
237. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
238. feel a sl____t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount
239. z__m lens *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
240. bombs fell at ra____m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
241. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
242. z__m in on a photo *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
243. ac_____ng attitude *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
244. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
245. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 234. psychology, 235. distribute, 236. perspective, 237. improve, 238. slight, 239. zoom, 240. random, 241. paradox, 242. zoom, 243. accepting, 244. shift, 245. process

246. environmental det_____nt	<i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
247. the qu__t for truth	<i>n.</i> a long or challenging search for something
248. the struggle for ex_____ce	<i>n.</i> the state or fact of someone or something existing
249. di_____w any knowledge	<i>v.</i> to deny any responsibility, connection, or knowledge of something; to reject or repudiate something as being false, untrue, or unauthorized
250. maintain do_____rd compatibility	<i>adj.</i> moving towards a lower position or a lower level
251. de_____e environmental quality	<i>v.</i> to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
252. dangerous com_____cy	<i>n.</i> a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
253. re_____ve factors	<i>adj.</i> considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
254. em_____al distress	<i>adj.</i> relating to people's feelings
255. an alt_____ve plan	<i>n.</i> one of two or more available possibilities or choice
256. ha__y plants	<i>adj.</i> able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient

ANSWERS: 246. determinant, 247. quest, 248. existence, 249. disavow, 250. downward, 251. degrade, 252. complacency, 253. relative, 254. emotional, 255. alternative, 256. hardy

257. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
258. ed_____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
259. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
260. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
261. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
262. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
263. de_____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
264. religious to_____ce *n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
265. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
266. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
267. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
268. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

ANSWERS: 257. ancestor, 258. educated, 259. poverty, 260. colleague, 261. poll, 262. poverty, 263. despair, 264. tolerance, 265. motto, 266. motto, 267. typical, 268. practical

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
2. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
3. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.
adj. having received a high standard of education
4. The tornado is _____ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.
v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
5. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
6. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.
v. to remove or get rid of someone or something
7. The company's success can be attributed to the _____ of its employees.
n. specialized knowledge or skills in a particular field or subject; expert proficiency or knowledge
8. The company specializes in manufacturing and selling cutting-edge _____.
n. the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems

ANSWERS: 1. aspects, 2. opportune, 3. educated, 4. spinning, 5. associate, 6. eliminate, 7. expertise, 8. electronics

9. She vividly _____ getting laid off several years ago.

v. to remember something

10. You must _____ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

11. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

n. the condition of being extremely poor

12. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

13. We _____ a cease-fire.

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

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

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

15. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

16. The global economy experienced a sharp _____ in the wake of the pandemic.

n. a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment

ANSWERS: 9. recalls, 10. capitalize, 11. poverty, 12. advance, 13. concluded, 14. brain, 15. typical, 16. downturn

17. His swear words cast a _____ on the party.

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

18. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

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

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

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

20. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

21. The teacher gave an _____ nod to let the student know they had answered the question correctly.

adj. indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone

22. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.

v. to change the form or structure of something

23. She has been in great _____ since she was heartbroken.

n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort

24. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

25. There was a disturbance of _____ function.

adj. of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain

ANSWERS: 17. chill, 18. colleague, 19. psychology, 20. compassion, 21. affirmative, 22. reshaped, 23. distress, 24. represent, 25. neural

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

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

27. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

28. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

29. Life expectancy has grown _____ this century.

adv. in a very impressive manner

30. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

31. We made _____ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

adj. very small in degree or amount

32. There are many theories to explain this _____.

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

33. The economic recession _____ the housing market.

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

ANSWERS: 26. horizon, 27. constantly, 28. polls, 29. dramatically, 30. random, 31. slight, 32. paradox, 33. depressed

34. The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's _____ profits.

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

35. The problem seemed _____ initially, but it became a significant issue.

adj. of little value or importance

36. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

37. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

38. Our world is in the third _____.

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

39. Her _____ is to be a mother.

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

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

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

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

adj. relating to people's feelings

ANSWERS: 34. gross, 35. trivial, 36. motto, 37. frustrate, 38. millennium, 39. priority, 40. relatives, 41. emotional

42. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.
v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
43. The _____ views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.
adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
44. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
45. There is a high _____ for the new product to exceed sales targets.
n. the anticipation, belief, or likelihood of something happening or occurring in the future; the state of expecting or looking forward to something
46. The sheep were tagged with numbered plastic _____ in their ears.
n. a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object
47. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
48. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
49. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 42. degrade, 43. sweeping, 44. ancestor, 45. expectancy, 46. pegs, 47. lifetime, 48. strength, 49. engaged

50. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

51. The teacher was _____ of the student's dedication and hard work.

adj. expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment

52. The cops _____ him of being the killer.

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

53. 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

54. Thinking always made him _____.

v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

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

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

56. The living room had a _____ coffee table in the center of it.

n. a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

57. He was an _____ person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.

adj. willing to receive or to take something offered

ANSWERS: 50. negative, 51. appreciative, 52. suspected, 53. soaked, 54. frown, 55. comfort, 56. rectangle-shaped, 57. accepting

58. The plan was _____ and needed more specific details.

adj. hazy, vague, or ill-defined; of or relating to or resembling a nebula (= an immense cloud of gas and dust in interstellar space)

59. She is a _____ musician, able to play several instruments.

adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

60. The _____ modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

61. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

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

62. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

63. He _____ in the dazzling sunlight.

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

64. The athlete wore a _____ wreath to symbolize victory in the competition.

n. an evergreen shrub or tree with dark green leaves that is often used symbolically to represent victory, honor, or accomplishment

65. I always like to _____ a good cup of coffee in the morning.

v. to enjoy or appreciate something fully; to relish or delight in something delicious or enjoyable; to preserve or season with a savory flavor

ANSWERS: 58. nebulous, 59. talented, 60. genetically, 61. blind, 62. remarkable, 63. blinked, 64. laurel, 65. savor

66. The mediated settlement brought _____ to both sides.
- n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
67. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
68. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.
- v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
69. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
70. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
- n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
71. The sperm count is used as an indicator of male _____.
- n.* the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants
72. The politician was quick to _____ any association with the controversial organization.
- v.* to deny any responsibility, connection, or knowledge of something; to reject or repudiate something as being false, untrue, or unauthorized
73. I need to _____ through these job applications to find the most qualified candidates.
- v.* to separate or remove the undesirable or unnecessary parts of a group or collection; to narrow down or sift through something to find what is useful or valuable

ANSWERS: 66. satisfaction, 67. recognize, 68. explore, 69. participated, 70. well-being, 71. fertility, 72. disavow, 73. winnow

74. My left arm became _____.

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

75. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

76. The information in the report was found to be _____ so it had to be corrected before it was published.

adj. not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard

77. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

78. They had a complete _____ a few days after their argument.

n. the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond

79. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

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

v. to make or become better

81. The _____ construction workers worked tirelessly in the scorching heat to complete the project.

adj. able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient

ANSWERS: 74. numb, 75. posit, 76. inaccurate, 77. shift, 78. reconciliation, 79. practical, 80. improve, 81. hardy

82. The _____ of his discovery cannot be overstated.
n. the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
83. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
84. The accident made his vision _____.
v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse
85. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
86. The politician's solution to the problem was too _____ to solve the underlying issue.
adj. oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
87. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location
88. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
89. The painting is _____ painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.
adv. in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others

ANSWERS: 82. significance, 83. process, 84. impaired, 85. outcome, 86. simplistic, 87. population, 88. generation, 89. uniquely

90. Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a _____.
- n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
91. His speech was carefully crafted and delivered with _____ confidence.
- adj.* deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned
92. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
- n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
93. We _____ on a new project.
- v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
94. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
95. He _____ back in time to the soccer game.
- v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
96. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
97. The stock market has been in a _____ trend for the past month.
- adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
98. His estate was _____ to his sons.
- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 90. laboratory, 91. studied, 92. brand, 93. embarked, 94. combine, 95. zoomed, 96. fundamental, 97. downward, 98. distributed

99. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
100. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
101. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
102. The scientific experiment required the use of a high-temperature _____.
- n.* a vessel made of ceramic, metal, or other materials used for melting or fusing substances at high temperatures; a difficult or trying experience that tests one's character or resilience
103. They study the _____ of the universe.
- n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
104. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
- adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
105. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 99. determinant, 100. invest, 101. alternative, 102. crucible, 103. evolution, 104. largely, 105. develop

106. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
107. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.
n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
108. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.
v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
109. The company provides all employees with a digital _____ for emergency purposes.
n. a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings
110. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
111. He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the _____ of heaven or hell.
n. the state or fact of someone or something existing
112. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
113. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.
n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

ANSWERS: 106. disease, 107. injustice, 108. monitor, 109. pager, 110. folk, 111. existence, 112. perspective, 113. peak

114. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
115. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
116. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
v. to organize and carry out a particular activity
117. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
118. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language
119. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
120. I accidentally deleted the file, so can you _____ that action?
v. to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific
121. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
n. a long or challenging search for something
122. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 114. survey, 115. emotions, 116. conduct, 117. intense, 118. Translate, 119. individual, 120. undo, 121. quest, 122. survive

123. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
124. The _____ provided detailed feedback on the survey they completed.
n. a person who answers questions in a survey or research study, or someone who responds to a complaint or accusation
125. I am _____ about the safety of the children playing in the park.
adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
126. The team's _____ led to their defeat, as they didn't put in the effort needed to win the game.
n. a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
127. His friend's death drove him to _____.
n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
128. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
129. The Egyptian _____ consist of a vast number of blocks.
n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 123. conflicts, 124. respondent, 125. concerned, 126. complacency, 127. despair, 128. statistics, 129. pyramids

130. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

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

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

132. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

133. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

134. The school's diversity program aimed to promote _____ and understanding among the students.

n. the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 130. stable, 131. cognitive, 132. debate, 133. unexpected, 134. tolerance