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Session 1: Word List

grasp

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

synonym: grab, clasp, grip

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

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

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym: conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

scrape

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

synonym: scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground

He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

scoot

v. to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device

synonym: glide, slide, scurry

(1) **scoot** out of my room, (2) **scoot** over

I have to **scoot** over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.

gentle

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

synonym : mild, delicate, soft

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

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

motor

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

synonym : actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

drill

n. a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

synonym : exercise, routine, training

(1) the **drill** hit the well, (2) fire **drill**

Several military **drill** programs have become popular methods of exercise.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym : evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

enthusiast

n. a person having a strong liking for something

synonym : buff, aficionado, devotee

(1) classic car **enthusiasts**, (2) an **enthusiastic** response

The country's economic situation has improved markedly due to reform **enthusiasts**.

amateur

adj. engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional

synonym : novice, inexperienced, non-professional

(1) an **amateur** magician, (2) an **amateur** musician
The **amateur** photographer captured some stunning shots during the sunset.

organ

n. a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
synonym: function, structure

(1) **organ** bleeding, (2) damage to internal **organs**
These infections have the potential to impact practically every **organ** system.

ford

n. a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
synonym: crossing, traversing, passing

(1) **ford** a river, (2) across a **ford**
The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a **ford** downstream where the water was shallower.

fabulous

adj. extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
synonym: amazing, wonderful, astonishing

(1) a **fabulous** price, (2) a **fabulous** monster
Thank you for inviting such a **fabulous** party tonight.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

dale

n. a valley or a broad, low area between hills or mountains, often with a stream or river running through it
synonym: valley, glen, hollow

(1) **dale** landscape, (2) fertile **dale**
The grassy **dale** was filled with wildflowers and grazing sheep.

glide

v. to move smoothly and effortlessly

synonym: slide, skim, coast

(1) **glide** through the water, (2) **glide** down the mountain

The eagle gracefully **glided** on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.

swinging

adj. characterized by a lively, energetic, or rhythmic movement; enjoyable and exciting, often referring to music, social events, or a carefree lifestyle

synonym: lively, vibrant, tripping

(1) **swinging** pendulum, (2) **swinging** motion

The party had a **swinging** atmosphere with live music and dancing.

barely

adv. just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort

synonym: scarcely, hardly, only just

(1) **barely** noticeable, (2) **barely** finished

I **barely** made it to the meeting on time, rushing from another appointment across town.

controller

n. a person or device that manages or regulates the operation of a system, equipment, or machine; a high-level position within an organization responsible for overseeing management, operations, and reporting

synonym: regulator, manager, handler

(1) **controller** board, (2) financial **controller**

The gaming **controller** was the missing piece I needed to enjoy my video games fully.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

- arc** *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
synonym : turn, bow, angle
(1) the **arc** current, (2) an **arc** of a circumference
A ball flew in a big **arc**.
- fashion** *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
synonym : style, manner, fad
(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends
That style is no longer in **fashion**.
- remake** *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
synonym : revamp, redo, reproduce
(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song
The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.
- bra** *n.* a woman's undergarment designed to support the breasts
synonym : brassiere, undergarment, bustier
(1) push-up **bra**, (2) sports **bra**
She bought a new **bra** that was comfortable and supportive for all-day wear.
- stud** *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
synonym : beam, scantling, framing
(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

radiate

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

synonym: give off, scatter, beam

(1) **radiate** an aura, (2) **radiate** in all directions

Roads **radiate** from the famous building in the center of the city.

bass

n. the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

synonym: low-pitch, resonance

(1) **bass** guitar, (2) **bass** fisherman

The **bass** in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.

background

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

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

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

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

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

choir

n. a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

synonym: chorus, ensemble, club

(1) quintet **choir**, (2) **choir** performance

The gospel **choir** sang beautifully at the church service.

hooked

adj. being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak

synonym : caught, captivated, addicted

(1) **hooked** hair, (2) **hooked** on drugs

My son was **hooked** on the Internet.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym : expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

degree

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

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

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

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

mainstream

n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

synonym : prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs

His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym : extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

subversive

adj. intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

synonym : incendiary, dissident, (noun) rebel

(1) **subversive** elements, (2) **subversive** literature

The artwork was criticized for its **subversive** theme that undermined religious beliefs.

fairly

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

synonym : moderately, reasonably, pretty

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

He deals **fairly** with his employees.

commonplace

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

synonym : ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

remark

n. a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

synonym : comment, observation, statement

(1) a flattering **remark**, (2) **remark** dripping with bitterness

His candid **remark** at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program
The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

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.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**
Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

fare

n. the price paid for travel on a particular mode of transportation, such as a train, bus, or plane; the cost of admission or entrance to an event or location

synonym: ticket, price, charge

(1) bus **fare**, (2) taxi **fare**

The **fare** for the train ride from New York to Boston was reasonable compared to the cost of flying.

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity
We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

reel *n.* a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound
synonym : spool, bobbin, winder
(1) cable **reel**, (2) a six- **reel** film
He put the fishing line on the **reel** and cast his line into the water.

industrial *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
synonym : manufacturing, mechanical
(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol
Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

precede *v.* to happen or go before something or someone in time or space
synonym : lead, forego, antecede
(1) men often **precede** women when walking, (2) **precede** any discussion
Agricultural development generally **precedes** economic growth.

psychopath *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
synonym : sociopath, antisocial, monster
(1) **psychopath** tendencies, (2) violent **psychopath**
The detective identified the **psychopath** who had been terrorizing the city for months.

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.

archer

n. a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

synonym: Bowman, marksman, shooter

(1) **archer's** bow, (2) skilled **archer**

The **archer's** aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

toy

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

synonym: plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box

He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

garage

n. a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

synonym: carport, shed, barn

(1) electrical **garage** door, (2) **garage** repair

He parked his car in the private **garage**.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

robotic

adj. of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

synonym : automated, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **robotic** arm, (2) **robotic** guide operation

The surgeon removed the tumor using **robotic** video assistance.

competition

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

synonym : contest, match, fight

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

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

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym : endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

passion

n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

synonym : fervor, zeal, ardor

(1) **passion** hobby, (2) **passion** drive

Her **passion** for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.

automobile

n. a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods

synonym : car, vehicle, motorcar

(1) driverless **automobile**, (2) **automobile** insurance

The **automobile** industry is a major contributor to air pollution

in cities.

hack

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

synonym : cut, chop, crack

(1) **hack** through the jungle, (2) **hack** into the program

This blog offers a variety of tips for **hacking** everyday life.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

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

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

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.

phenomenon

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

synonym : marvel, wonder, splendor

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

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

Essentially, a society is an organism.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true
This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

capability

n. the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function

synonym: ability, capacity, competence

(1) **capability** assessment, (2) technological **capability**

The company's pricing strategy limits its **capability** to compete with other businesses in the market.

hardware

n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

synonym: gear, apparatus, gadget

(1) the **hardware** department, (2) a vast inventory of **hardware**

The mouse and keyboard are essential **hardware** for operating a PC.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

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**.

ordinary

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

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue
The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

notify

v. to inform, alert, or give notice to someone about something, often formally or in writing

synonym : inform, apprise, alert

(1) **notify** through documents, (2) **notify** authorities
Please **notify** me if there are any changes to the schedule.

alert

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

synonym : warn, inform, (adjective) vigilant

(1) **alert** consumers to the dangers, (2) **alert** system
The company's cybersecurity team **alerted** the CEO to potential threats.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**
The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

- kit** *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
synonym : set, package, bundle
(1) survival **kit**, (2) a first-aid **kit**
I bought a new tool **kit** for my home repair projects.
- 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.
- upgrade** *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
synonym : improve, boost, enrich
(1) **upgrade** a product, (2) **upgrade** work performance
It's an excellent opportunity to **upgrade** our networking.
- bracket** *n.* projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ([]) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols
synonym : support, holder, frame
(1) **bracket** placement, (2) tax **bracket**
I need to hang these shelves with the help of some sturdy **brackets**.
- replace** *v.* to take the place of something
synonym : substitute, supersede, displace
(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone
Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.
- harvest** *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
synonym : crop, reaping, yield
(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**
During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

radar

n. a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen

synonym: sonar, radiolocation

(1) **radar** air traffic control, (2) **radar** scanning

Radar systems cannot spot the submarine.

detect

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

synonym: catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders

The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

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.

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.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym : hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

autonomous

adj. capable of governing or controlling its affairs

synonym : independent, self-governing, self-reliant

(1) development of **autonomous** vehicles, (2) an **autonomous** judiciary

Five of the six provinces will become **autonomous** regions under the new federal system of government.

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

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

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

exploration

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

synonym : inquiry, quest, investigation

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

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

humankind

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

synonym : humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**
On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

satellite

n. an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.

synonym : orbiter, asteroid, moon

(1) a GPS **satellite**, (2) a meteorological **satellite**
Launching an artificial **satellite** contributed to the technological development of our country.

pioneer

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

synonym : frontiersperson, innovator, trailblazer

(1) act as a **pioneer**, (2) early **pioneers**
John Whitney was a computer animation **pioneer**.

off-the-shelf

adj. of or relating to a product or solution that is readily available and does not require customization or special ordering; typically used in contrast to products that are tailor-made or bespoke

synonym : ready-made, pre-made, pre-fabricated

(1) **off-the-shelf** software, (2) **off-the-shelf** solution
The event planners bought **off-the-shelf** decorations to save time and money.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym : element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars
The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

specialized

adj. possessing or relating to specific knowledge or skills that are unique to a particular field or task; designed or

intended for a particular purpose or function

synonym: technical, expert, skilled

(1) **specialized** knowledge, (2) **specialized** equipment

The hospital has many **specialized** departments, including cardiology and oncology.

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.

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

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

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

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent

I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

synonym: fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

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.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. demonstrate ex_____se | <i>n.</i> specialized knowledge or skills in a particular field or subject; expert proficiency or knowledge |
| 2. ge___e downward slope | <i>adj.</i> having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild |
| 3. psy_____th tendencies | <i>n.</i> a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies |
| 4. go to the workplace by cy___e | <i>n.</i> an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle |
| 5. the a_c current | <i>n.</i> the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line |
| 6. first-person na_____or | <i>n.</i> a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film |
| 7. a first-aid k_t | <i>n.</i> a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose |
| 8. ess_____ly correct | <i>adv.</i> relating to the essential features or concepts of anything |
| 9. an ent_____stic response | <i>n.</i> a person having a strong liking for something |
| 10. the ha_____re department | <i>n.</i> durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems |

ANSWERS: 1. expertise, 2. gentle, 3. psychopath, 4. cycle, 5. arc, 6. narrator, 7. kit, 8. essentially, 9. enthusiast, 10. hardware

11. 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
12. theoretical ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
13. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
14. financial con_____er *n.* a person or device that manages or regulates the operation of a system, equipment, or machine; a high-level position within an organization responsible for overseeing management, operations, and reporting
15. spe_____ed knowledge *adj.* possessing or relating to specific knowledge or skills that are unique to a particular field or task; designed or intended for a particular purpose or function
16. pr_____e any discussion *v.* to happen or go before something or someone in time or space
17. ro_____c arm *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
18. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 11. develop, 12. physicist, 13. brain, 14. controller, 15. specialized, 16. precede, 17. robotic, 18. brain

19. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
20. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
21. development of aut_____us vehicles *adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs
22. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
23. b__s fisherman *n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
24. a meteorological sa_____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
25. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
26. 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
27. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
28. a six-r__l film *n.* a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound
29. sw_____ng motion *adj.* characterized by a lively, energetic, or rhythmic movement; enjoyable and exciting, often referring to music, social events, or a carefree lifestyle

ANSWERS: 19. fascinating, 20. strength, 21. autonomous, 22. essentially, 23. bass, 24. satellite, 25. component, 26. generation, 27. industrial, 28. reel, 29. swinging

30. a fa____us price *adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
31. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
32. or__n bleeding *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
33. h__k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
34. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
35. re___k dripping with bitterness *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
36. 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
37. fertile d__e *n.* a valley or a broad, low area between hills or mountains, often with a stream or river running through it
38. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 30. fabulous, 31. industrial, 32. organ, 33. hack, 34. ordinary, 35. remark, 36. explore, 37. dale, 38. competition

39. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
40. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
41. a vast inventory of ha_____re *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
42. sw_____ng pendulum *adj.* characterized by a lively, energetic, or rhythmic movement; enjoyable and exciting, often referring to music, social events, or a carefree lifestyle
43. future of space exp_____on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
44. taxi f__e *n.* the price paid for travel on a particular mode of transportation, such as a train, bus, or plane; the cost of admission or entrance to an event or location
45. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
46. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
47. ar___r's bow *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
48. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 39. folk, 40. radical, 41. hardware, 42. swinging, 43. exploration, 44. fare, 45. industrious, 46. fascinating, 47. archer, 48. platform

49. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
50. gl__e down the mountain *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
51. an am____r musician *adj.* engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional
52. driverless aut_____le *n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
53. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
54. 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
55. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
56. ra__r scanning *n.* a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen

ANSWERS: 49. spirit, 50. glide, 51. amateur, 52. automobile, 53. relate, 54. explore, 55. platform, 56. radar

57. hu_____nd as a species *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
58. an aut_____us judiciary *adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs
59. mai_____am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
60. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
61. br_____t placement *n.* projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ([]) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols
62. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
63. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
64. the cy___e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
65. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
66. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 57. humankind, 58. autonomous, 59. mainstream, 60. involve, 61. bracket, 62. relate, 63. convinced, 64. cycle, 65. component, 66. opportune

67. ba___y noticeable *adv.* just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort
68. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
69. horse s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
70. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
71. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
72. com_____ce event *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
73. con_____er board *n.* a person or device that manages or regulates the operation of a system, equipment, or machine; a high-level position within an organization responsible for overseeing management, operations, and reporting
74. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
75. sub_____ve elements *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

ANSWERS: 67. barely, 68. industrious, 69. stud, 70. probable, 71. communal, 72. commonplace, 73. controller, 74. involve, 75. subversive

76. spe_____ed equipment *adj.* possessing or relating to specific knowledge or skills that are unique to a particular field or task; designed or intended for a particular purpose or function
77. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
78. sub_____ve literature *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
79. marketing ex_____se *n.* specialized knowledge or skills in a particular field or subject; expert proficiency or knowledge
80. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
81. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
82. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
83. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

ANSWERS: 76. specialized, 77. probable, 78. subversive, 79. expertise, 80. conversation, 81. innovation, 82. background, 83. generation

84. across a f__d *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
85. the na____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
86. men often pr____e women when walking *v.* to happen or go before something or someone in time or space
87. ra____e an aura *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
88. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
89. f__d a river *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
90. ho____d on drugs *adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak
91. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
92. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
93. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
94. bachelor's de____e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

ANSWERS: 84. ford, 85. narrator, 86. precede, 87. radiate, 88. phenomenon, 89. ford, 90. hooked, 91. discovery, 92. communal, 93. fascinate, 94. degree

95. a ra____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
96. ra____e in all directions *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
97. co____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
98. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
99. fire dr__l *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
100. raw ta____t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
101. sc__t over *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
102. inn____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
103. sma____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
104. wall s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 95. radical, 96. radiate, 97. convince, 98. folk, 99. drill, 100. talent, 101. scoot, 102. innovation, 103. smartphone, 104. stud

105. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
106. ba___y finished *adv.* just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort
107. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
108. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
109. cable r__l *n.* a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound
110. d__e landscape *n.* a valley or a broad, low area between hills or mountains, often with a stream or river running through it
111. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
112. electrical ga___e door *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
113. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
114. have a fa___y clear view *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
115. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 105. pride, 106. barely, 107. smartphone, 108. tremendous, 109. reel, 110. dale, 111. stick, 112. garage, 113. phrase, 114. fairly, 115. conversation

116. racial or ___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
117. ra__r air traffic control *n.* a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen
118. a GPS sa_____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
119. ti___r with the bill *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
120. de___t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
121. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
122. de___t smuggling across borders *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
123. bus f__e *n.* the price paid for travel on a particular mode of transportation, such as a train, bus, or plane; the cost of admission or entrance to an event or location
124. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
125. aut_____le insurance *n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods

ANSWERS: 116. origin, 117. radar, 118. satellite, 119. tinker, 120. detect, 121. replace, 122. detect, 123. fare, 124. discovery, 125. automobile

126. sports b_a *n.* a woman's undergarment designed to support the breasts
127. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
128. the dr__l hit the well *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
129. sc___e a hole in the ground *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
130. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
131. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
132. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
133. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
134. video game re___e *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

ANSWERS: 126. bra, 127. grasp, 128. drill, 129. scrape, 130. toy, 131. fashion, 132. ordinary, 133. military, 134. remake

135. technological cap_____ty *n.* the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function
136. up_____e a product *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
137. fa___y accurate *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
138. an a_c of a circumference *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
139. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
140. visual me_____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
141. b__s guitar *n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
142. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
143. a scanty ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

ANSWERS: 135. capability, 136. upgrade, 137. fairly, 138. arc, 139. doll, 140. metaphor, 141. bass, 142. competition, 143. harvest

144. push-up b_a *n.* a woman's undergarment designed to support the breasts
145. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
146. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
147. an Arctic exp_____on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
148. anti-air raid sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
149. damage to internal or__ns *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
150. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
151. become a com_____ce sight *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
152. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
153. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
154. an am_____r magician *adj.* engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional

ANSWERS: 144. bra, 145. convinced, 146. motor, 147. exploration, 148. shelter, 149. organ, 150. pride, 151. commonplace, 152. reshape, 153. combine, 154. amateur

155. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
156. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
157. 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
158. a person of diverse ta___ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
159. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
160. co_____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
161. al__t system *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
162. h__k into the program *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
163. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 155. drone, 156. stick, 157. develop, 158. talent, 159. tremendous, 160. convince, 161. alert, 162. hack, 163. opportune

164. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
165. join the mai_____am *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
166. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
167. off_____elf solution *adj.* of or relating to a product or solution that is readily available and does not require customization or special ordering; typically used in contrast to products that are tailor-made or bespoke
168. classic car ent_____sts *n.* a person having a strong liking for something
169. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
170. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
171. me_____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
172. off_____elf software *adj.* of or relating to a product or solution that is readily available and does not require customization or special ordering; typically used in contrast to products that are tailor-made or bespoke
173. ch__r performance *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

ANSWERS: 164. apparently, 165. mainstream, 166. apparently, 167. off-the-shelf, 168. enthusiast, 169. fascinate, 170. strength, 171. metaphor, 172. off-the-shelf, 173. choir

174. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
175. gl__e through the water *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
176. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
177. ti___r with the settings *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
178. reap a ha____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
179. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
180. ga___e repair *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
181. al__t consumers to the dangers *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
182. early pi____rs *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
183. quintet ch__r *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
184. no___y authorities *v.* to inform, alert, or give notice to someone about something, often formally or in writing

ANSWERS: 174. doll, 175. glide, 176. military, 177. tinker, 178. harvest, 179. degree, 180. garage, 181. alert, 182. pioneer, 183. choir, 184. notify

185. ho___d hair *adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak
186. go out of fa____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
187. talented ph____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
188. pa____n hobby *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
189. ro____c guide operation *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
190. skilled ar___r *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
191. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
192. re____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
193. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
194. sc__t out of my room *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
195. up____e work performance *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

ANSWERS: 185. hooked, 186. fashion, 187. physicist, 188. passion, 189. robotic, 190. archer, 191. necessarily, 192. reshape, 193. origin, 194. scoot, 195. upgrade

206. t_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
207. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
208. history of hu_____nd *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
209. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
210. a flattering re___k *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
211. re___e song *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
212. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

ANSWERS: 206. toy, 207. spirit, 208. humankind, 209. drone, 210. remark, 211. remake, 212. necessarily

213. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
214. tax br_____t *n.* projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ([]) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols
215. noun ph____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
216. a fa_____us monster *adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
217. cap_____ty assessment *n.* the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function
218. in a ge____e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
219. survival k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
220. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 213. background, 214. bracket, 215. phrase, 216. fabulous, 217. capability, 218. gentle, 219. kit, 220. combine

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The country's economic situation has improved markedly due to reform _____.
n. a person having a strong liking for something
2. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.
n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
3. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
4. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
5. 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
6. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.
n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
7. He gave his daughter a new _____ for her birthday.
n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
8. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 1. enthusiasts, 2. harvest, 3. folk, 4. probable, 5. expertise, 6. metaphors, 7. toy, 8. stick

9. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

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

10. The hospital has many _____ departments, including cardiology and oncology.

adj. possessing or relating to specific knowledge or skills that are unique to a particular field or task; designed or intended for a particular purpose or function

11. A ball flew in a big _____.

n. the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line

12. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

13. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

14. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

15. The _____ for the train ride from New York to Boston was reasonable compared to the cost of flying.

n. the price paid for travel on a particular mode of transportation, such as a train, bus, or plane; the cost of admission or entrance to an event or location

16. The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a _____ downstream where the water was shallower.

n. a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

ANSWERS: 9. ordinary, 10. specialized, 11. arc, 12. doll, 13. industrious, 14. convinced, 15. fare, 16. ford

17. He _____ the mud off his boots before entering the house.

- v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

18. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

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

- n.* the first existence or beginning of something

20. Roads _____ from the famous building in the center of the city.

- v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

21. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

- adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

22. I have to _____ over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.

- v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device

23. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.

- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

24. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.

- n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

ANSWERS: 17. scraped, 18. Communal, 19. origin, 20. radiate, 21. military, 22. scoot, 23. smartphones, 24. talents

25. Thank you for inviting such a _____ party tonight.

adj. extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories

26. Five of the six provinces will become _____ regions under the new federal system of government.

adj. capable of governing or controlling its affairs

27. He spent the afternoon _____ with his car engine.

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

28. Her _____ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.

n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

29. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

30. This blog offers a variety of tips for _____ everyday life.

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

31. 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

32. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

ANSWERS: 25. fabulous, 26. autonomous, 27. tinkering, 28. passion, 29. motors, 30. hacking, 31. develop, 32. component

33. The _____ in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.
n. the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
34. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
35. On the geological time scale, _____ has existed for a brief moment.
n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
36. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.
v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
37. The detective identified the _____ who had been terrorizing the city for months.
n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
38. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
39. Forgetting someone's name is a _____ occurrence.
adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
40. This accident was something that happened _____.
adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

ANSWERS: 33. bass, 34. involves, 35. humankind, 36. grasp, 37. psychopath, 38. radical, 39. commonplace, 40. necessarily

41. The eagle gracefully _____ on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.
v. to move smoothly and effortlessly
42. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
43. 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
44. Please _____ me if there are any changes to the schedule.
v. to inform, alert, or give notice to someone about something, often formally or in writing
45. We had a _____ time yesterday.
adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
46. 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
47. My son was _____ on the Internet.
adj. being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak
48. Einstein was an outstanding and famous _____ of the 20th century.
n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
49. He bought a new _____ to attach the strap to his watch.
n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 41. glided, 42. discovery, 43. brain, 44. notify, 45. tremendous, 46. explore, 47. hooked, 48. physicist, 49. stud

50. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

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

51. He put the fishing line on the _____ and cast his line into the water.

n. a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound

52. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

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

53. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

54. I _____ made it to the meeting on time, rushing from another appointment across town.

adv. just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort

55. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

56. 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

57. The _____ aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.

n. a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

58. _____ systems cannot spot the submarine.

n. a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen

ANSWERS: 50. strength, 51. reel, 52. competition, 53. narrator, 54. barely, 55. Essentially, 56. generation, 57. archer's, 58. Radar

59. It's an excellent opportunity to _____ our networking.

- v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

60. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

- adj.* extremely interesting

61. Several military _____ programs have become popular methods of exercise.

- n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

62. His candid _____ at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.

- n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

63. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.

- n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

64. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.

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

65. The company's pricing strategy limits its _____ to compete with other businesses in the market.

- n.* the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function

66. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.

- n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

ANSWERS: 59. upgrade, 60. fascinating, 61. drill, 62. remark, 63. pride, 64. gentle, 65. capability, 66. mainstream

67. The _____ photographer captured some stunning shots during the sunset.
adj. engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional
68. Launching an artificial _____ contributed to the technological development of our country.
n. an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
69. The party had a _____ atmosphere with live music and dancing.
adj. characterized by a lively, energetic, or rhythmic movement; enjoyable and exciting, often referring to music, social events, or a carefree lifestyle
70. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
71. The event planners bought _____ decorations to save time and money.
adj. of or relating to a product or solution that is readily available and does not require customization or special ordering; typically used in contrast to products that are tailor-made or bespoke
72. The director plans to _____ the classic movie with a modern twist.
v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

ANSWERS: 67. amateur, 68. satellite, 69. swinging, 70. platform, 71. off-the-shelf, 72. remake

73. They need food and _____.

- n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

74. The grassy _____ was filled with wildflowers and grazing sheep.

- n.* a valley or a broad, low area between hills or mountains, often with a stream or river running through it

75. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

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

76. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

- n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

77. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.

- v.* to take the place of something

78. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.

- v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

79. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

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

80. The artwork was criticized for its _____ theme that undermined religious beliefs.

- adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

ANSWERS: 73. shelter, 74. dale, 75. combine, 76. drone, 77. replace, 78. convince,

79. background, 80. subversive

81. The surgeon removed the tumor using _____ video assistance.

adj. of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

82. The food chain causes a material _____.

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

83. He deals _____ with his employees.

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

84. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

85. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

86. He called for a careful _____ of the consequences.

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

87. The gospel _____ sang beautifully at the church service.

n. a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

88. The company's cybersecurity team _____ the CEO to potential threats.

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

ANSWERS: 81. robotic, 82. cycle, 83. fairly, 84. spirit, 85. relate, 86. exploration, 87. choir, 88. alerted

89. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
90. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.
v. to change the form or structure of something
91. I need to hang these shelves with the help of some sturdy _____.
n. projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ([]) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols
92. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
93. Agricultural development generally _____ economic growth.
v. to happen or go before something or someone in time or space
94. We bought a Spanish _____ book.
n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together
95. These infections have the potential to impact practically every _____ system.
n. a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
96. The _____ industry is a major contributor to air pollution in cities.
n. a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods

ANSWERS: 89. Industrial, 90. reshaped, 91. brackets, 92. degree, 93. precedes, 94. phrase, 95. organ, 96. automobile

97. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

adv. based on what you have heard or read

98. The gaming _____ was the missing piece I needed to enjoy my video games fully.

n. a person or device that manages or regulates the operation of a system, equipment, or machine; a high-level position within an organization responsible for overseeing management, operations, and reporting

99. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

100. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

101. I bought a new tool ____ for my home repair projects.

n. a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose

102. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

103. She bought a new ____ that was comfortable and supportive for all-day wear.

n. a woman's undergarment designed to support the breasts

104. That style is no longer in _____.

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

ANSWERS: 97. apparently, 98. controller, 99. opportune, 100. conversation, 101. kit, 102. innovation, 103. bra, 104. fashion

105. The magic tricks _____ the children.

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

106. He parked his car in the private _____.

n. a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

107. The security camera has _____ four intruders.

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

108. The mouse and keyboard are essential _____ for operating a PC.

n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

109. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

110. A rainbow is a natural _____.

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

ANSWERS: 105. fascinated, 106. garage, 107. detected, 108. hardware, 109. pioneer, 110. phenomenon