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Session 1: Word List

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

dashboard

n. a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical

information, typically one that provides a business overview

synonym : control panel

(1) auto **dashboard**, (2) business **dashboard**

He noticed that the oil warning light on the **dashboard** of his car had turned on.

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.

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.

showcase

n. a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it

synonym : exhibit, display, presentation

(1) museum **showcase**, (2) **showcase** of innovation

The museum's new exhibition is a **showcase** of contemporary art.

booth

n. a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services

synonym : kiosk, stand, cubicle

(1) **booth** cost, (2) phone **booth**

She set up a **booth** at the fair to sell her handmade jewelry.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land
The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

license

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

synonym: permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**
Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym: act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**
Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**
The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils
He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

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.

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.

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.

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.

friction

n. the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects

synonym : rub, scrape, resistance

(1) **friction** force, (2) surface **friction**

The **friction** between the two countries was causing tension.

tire

v. to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving

synonym : exhaust, weary, fatigue

(1) **tire** my patience, (2) **tire** pressure

I need to **tire** out my dog with a long walk so that he will sleep through the night.

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.

accident

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

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

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

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

icy

adj. covered with ice or frost; very cold; lacking warmth or friendliness

synonym : frosty, cold, glacial

(1) **icy** clouds, (2) cast **icy** eyes

The **icy** surface of the pond was not safe for skating.

patch

n. a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

synonym : mend, repair, fix

(1) **patch** of grass, (2) software **patch**

I need to sew a **patch** onto my jeans that ripped.

capable

adj. having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise

synonym : able, competent, proficient

(1) **capable** worker, (2) **capable** leader

She is highly **capable** of handling multiple tasks at once.

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

confess

v. to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

synonym: admit, acknowledge, own up

(1) **confess** sin, (2) **confess** truth

He **confessed** to his crime and turned himself into the police.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

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.

crew

n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

synonym: team, group, squad

(1) the film **crew**, (2) the **crew** of a fishing boat

The ship's **crew** worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym: essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

drift

v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

synonym: float, wander, freewheel

(1) **drift** down the stream, (2) **drift** away on a raft
I **drifted** around for years in Europe before going to university.

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.

rear

adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

synonym: back, end, behind

(1) the **rear** gate, (2) **rear** children

The player quickly went to the **rear** side of the defender.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

sideways

adv. towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

synonym: to the edge, obliquely, sidelong

(1) fall **sideways**, (2) a **sideways** market

She glanced **sideways** at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.

rally

v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

synonym: gathering, meetup, demonstration

(1) **rally** in front of the embassy, (2) the preliminary **rally**

There was a massive police presence at the anti-government **rally**.

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym: closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym: bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

slippery

adj. difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

synonym: smooth, glistening, furtive

(1) a **slippery** customer, (2) **slippery** ice

How extraordinarily **slippery** a liar the camera is.

spinning

n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

synonym: whirling, rotating, spinning wheel

(1) **spinning** machine, (2) **spinning** wheel

She took a **spinning** class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.

oracle

n. a person or agency regarded as a source of wisdom, knowledge, or prophecy; an utterance, often ambiguous or obscure, that is considered to have prophetic or wise

significance

synonym : prophet, seer, diviner

(1) **oracle** predictions, (2) ancient **oracle**

The company's CEO was considered the **oracle** of strategic decision-making, with a track record of successful business moves.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym : guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

pike

n. a long weapon with a pointed metal head on a wooden shaft, typically used by foot soldiers in the past; a fish with a long body, sharp teeth, and a flattened snout; a toll road

synonym : spear, lance, thruway

(1) war **pikes**, (2) **pike** fishing

The **pike-wielding** soldier stood at the castle gate, prepared to defend against the invading forces.

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.

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.

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.

appreciation

n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

synonym: recognition, admiration, esteem

(1) express my **appreciation**, (2) **appreciation** for diversity

The artist received a lot of **appreciation** for his latest work.

counterpart

n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

synonym: equivalent, analogue, match

(1) **counterpart** agreement, (2) negotiating **counterpart**

His **counterpart** in the other company is responsible for marketing.

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**.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

iterate

v. to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea

synonym: repeat, reiterate, echo

(1) **iterate** results, (2) **iterate** an experiment

We need to **iterate** on this design to improve its functionality.

professional

adj. having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

synonym: skilled, competent, accomplished

(1) **professional** athlete, (2) certified **professional** secretary

He has a **professional** demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

resemblance

n. similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details

synonym: closeness, likeness, similarity

(1) striking **resemblance**, (2) faint **resemblance**

The **resemblance** between Anna and her mother was astonishing.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

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.

subtle

adj. not readily apparent or visible

synonym: slight, nuanced, exquisite

(1) **subtle** changes, (2) a **subtle** poison

A famous artist painted the room in a **subtle** pink hue.

differ

v. to be not like someone or something in some way

synonym: vary, diverge, disagree

(1) **differ** from the majority, (2) **differ** according to species

The two products **differed** in their quality and price.

algorithm

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

synonym: logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing

We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

comp

v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment

synonym: waive, cover, provide

(1) **comp** their meal, (2) **comp** the employees with a bonus

The casino **comped** her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.

trade-off

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

synonym: compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

shave

v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

synonym: trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

straight

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

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

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**.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta

for dinner.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym: apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

glimpse

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

synonym: glance, peek, sighting

(1) a momentary **glimpse**, (2) passing **glimpse**

Our team caught a **glimpse** of the world-class technique in this game.

electrode

n. either of two points or ends of a conductor at which electricity enters or leaves an object, substance, or region

(1) platinum **electrodes**, (2) **electrode** corrosion

It is important to place the **electrodes** in the correct position for accurate electro-cardiogram recording.

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

synonym: victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**

The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

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

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

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

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.

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.

electrical

adj. relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering

Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

identify

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

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

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

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

tease

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

synonym : bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

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.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

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

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

generate

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

synonym : create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month

The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

alpha

n. the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy

synonym : first, beginning, leader

(1) **alpha** particle, (2) **alpha** radiation

The company's new CEO was known for his **alpha** personality.

contrast

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

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things
It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

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.

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.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym: optical, graphical, visible

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

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

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**.

workload

n. the amount of work that a person is expected to do in a specified time

synonym : duty, assignment

(1) the **workload** of the liver, (2) increase in **workload**

Our salary will rise proportionately to our **workload**.

legendary

adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

synonym : mythical, fabled, storied

(1) **legendary** actor, (2) achieve a **legendary** status

The **legendary** stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

halfway

adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

synonym : middle, median, center

(1) **halfway** through my journey, (2) **halfway** decent job

The famous restaurant stands **halfway** up the hill.

corkscrew

n. a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle

synonym : spiral, bottle opener, wine opener

(1) **corkscrew** bottle opener, (2) **corkscrew** staircase

The gymnast executed a breathtaking **corkscrew** flip, landing perfectly on the mat.

chicanery

n. the use of deceitful or dishonest methods to deceive or trick others; the practice of using clever, manipulative, or deceptive tactics, especially for personal gain

synonym : deception, trickery, fraud

(1) marketing **chicanery**, (2) financial **chicanery**

The politician's **chicanery** and deceit were exposed during the investigation.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym : aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

bush

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

synonym : copse, scrub, brushwood

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

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

distance

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

synonym : space, gap, span

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

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

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym : dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

downshift

v. to switch from a financially rewarding but stressful career or lifestyle to a less stressful, lower-paying, but more fulfilling one; to change to a lower gear in a vehicle

(1) economic **downshift**, (2) make a little **downshift** in your work

As credit becomes scarce and education and healthcare costs rise, millions of middle-class Americans have to

downshift.

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym : exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

challenging

adj. difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle

synonym : difficult, demanding, arduous

(1) **challenging** task, (2) mentally **challenging**

The advanced math problem was **challenging**, but the student was determined to solve it.

spike

n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

synonym : end, spindle, point

(1) to **spike**, (2) to prevent blood sugar **spikes**

The recent **spike** in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

complexity

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

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

dramatic

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

synonym : striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea

The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

maneuver

n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

synonym : gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**

In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

whatsoever

adv. not at all; no matter what

synonym : in any way, at all, in any respect

(1) **whatsoever** it be, (2) without impact **whatsoever**

He refused to do anything **whatsoever** to help her.

reflex

n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

synonym : reaction, response, instinct

(1) **reflex** test, (2) knee **reflex**

My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the **reflex** hammer.

preliminary

adj. serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision

synonym : initial, preparatory, introductory

(1) **preliminary** investigation, (2) **preliminary** agreement

Before starting the project, we need to go through some **preliminary** research and planning.

phenomenal

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

synonym : extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

feat

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

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

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

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

instinctive

adj. relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency

synonym: spontaneous, intuitive, natural

(1) **instinctive** reaction, (2) **instinctive** behavior

It was **instinctive** for the mother to protect her child from harm.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym: motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

intuitive

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

synonym: involuntary, instinctive, innate

(1) **intuitive** eating, (2) **intuitive** judgment

I had an **intuitive** feeling that I might be pregnant.

introduction

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

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

chauffeur

n. a professional driver of a private or executive car

synonym: driver, private driver

(1) a **chauffeur-driven** limousine, (2) a **chauffeur's** licence

The private **chauffeur** drove the CEO to the airport in a luxurious limousine.

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.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy
Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

pause

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

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

balance

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

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. do on a con_____nt basis | <i>adj.</i> always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc. |
| 2. faint res_____ce | <i>n.</i> similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details |
| 3. sh__e cheese | <i>v.</i> to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something |
| 4. cause an ac_____nt | <i>n.</i> an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury |
| 5. tre_____us popularity | <i>adj.</i> very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good |
| 6. p__e fishing | <i>n.</i> a long weapon with a pointed metal head on a wooden shaft, typically used by foot soldiers in the past; a fish with a long body, sharp teeth, and a flattened snout; a toll road |
| 7. in_____on research | <i>n.</i> the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why |
| 8. the r__r gate | <i>adj.</i> at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult |
| 9. a ch_____ur-driven limousine | <i>n.</i> a professional driver of a private or executive car |

ANSWERS: 1. consistent, 2. resemblance, 3. shave, 4. accident, 5. tremendous, 6. pike, 7. intuition, 8. rear, 9. chauffeur

10. or___e predictions *n.* a person or agency regarded as a source of wisdom, knowledge, or prophecy; an utterance, often ambiguous or obscure, that is considered to have prophetic or wise significance
11. al_____hm for image processing *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
12. te__e the children *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
13. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
14. negotiating cou_____rt *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
15. co_____ew staircase *n.* a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle
16. ca_____e leader *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
17. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
18. 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

ANSWERS: 10. oracle, 11. algorithm, 12. tease, 13. humming, 14. counterpart, 15.

corkscrew, 16. capable, 17. extraordinary, 18. stud

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| 19. a ti__t game | <i>adj.</i> fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely |
| 20. ge_____te \$100 a month | <i>v.</i> to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction |
| 21. sh_____se of innovation | <i>n.</i> a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it |
| 22. the wo_____ad of the liver | <i>n.</i> the amount of work that a person is expected to do in a specified time |
| 23. a sl_____ry customer | <i>adj.</i> difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted |
| 24. gr__t a new license | <i>v.</i> to agree to give or allow somebody |
| 25. passing gl_____e | <i>n.</i> a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly |
| 26. surgical ins_____nts | <i>n.</i> an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work |
| 27. pa__e for a reaction | <i>v.</i> to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing |
| 28. economic do_____ft | <i>v.</i> to switch from a financially rewarding but stressful career or lifestyle to a less stressful, lower-paying, but more fulfilling one; to change to a lower gear in a vehicle |
| 29. dr__t away on a raft | <i>v.</i> to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction |

ANSWERS: 19. tight, 20. generate, 21. showcase, 22. workload, 23. slippery, 24. grant, 25. glimpse, 26. instrument, 27. pause, 28. downshift, 29. drift

30. the film c__w *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
31. mo_____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
32. made a great ma_____er *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
33. app_____ion for diversity *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
34. c__p their meal *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
35. wha_____er it be *adv.* not at all; no matter what
36. an aut_____us judiciary *adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs
37. striking res_____ce *n.* similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details
38. sl_____ry ice *adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted
39. introduce leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
40. co_____s sin *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

ANSWERS: 30. crew, 31. monitor, 32. maneuver, 33. appreciation, 34. comp, 35. whatsoever, 36. autonomous, 37. resemblance, 38. slippery, 39. legislation, 40. confess

41. su___e changes *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
42. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
43. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
44. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
45. make a little do_____ft in your work *v.* to switch from a financially rewarding but stressful career or lifestyle to a less stressful, lower-paying, but more fulfilling one; to change to a lower gear in a vehicle
46. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
47. make dr_____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
48. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
49. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
50. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
51. mentally cha_____ng *adj.* difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle
52. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

ANSWERS: 41. subtle, 42. remarkable, 43. doe, 44. replace, 45. downshift, 46. amazing, 47. dramatic, 48. pause, 49. situ, 50. grant, 51. challenging, 52. steer

53. software li____e *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
54. an ele_____al storm *adj.* relating to electricity
55. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
56. sur_____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
57. achieve a le_____ry status *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
58. environmental tr_____ff *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
59. r__r children *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
60. war p__es *n.* a long weapon with a pointed metal head on a wooden shaft, typically used by foot soldiers in the past; a fish with a long body, sharp teeth, and a flattened snout; a toll road
61. in_____ve judgment *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
62. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location

ANSWERS: 53. license, 54. electrical, 55. neuroscience, 56. surprisingly, 57. legendary, 58. trade-off, 59. rear, 60. pike, 61. intuitive, 62. population

63. a momentary gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
64. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
65. le_____ry actor *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
66. co_____s truth *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
67. di____r according to species *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
68. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
69. degree in ele_____al engineering *adj.* relating to electricity
70. dr__t down the stream *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
71. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
72. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

ANSWERS: 63. glimpse, 64. humming, 65. legendary, 66. confess, 67. differ, 68. brain, 69. electrical, 70. drift, 71. insight, 72. intuition

73. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
74. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
75. 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
76. 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
77. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
78. the RSA al_____hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
79. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
80. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

ANSWERS: 73. instrument, 74. associate, 75. peak, 76. process, 77. steer, 78. algorithm, 79. motivation, 80. straight

81. re___x test *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
82. development of aut_____us vehicles *adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs
83. t__e my patience *v.* to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving
84. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
85. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
86. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
87. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
88. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
89. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
90. the c__w of a fishing boat *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
91. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 81. reflex, 82. autonomous, 83. tire, 84. aim, 85. slightly, 86. physically, 87. absolutely, 88. remarkable, 89. tight, 90. crew, 91. mathematics

92. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
93. he was en____ly to blame *adv.* completely
94. sp____ng wheel *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
95. a profound in____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
96. bo___g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
97. yield cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
98. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
99. express my app_____ion *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
100. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 92. motor, 93. entirely, 94. spinning, 95. insight, 96. boring, 97. curve, 98. introduction, 99. appreciation, 100. doe

101. a dr____ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
102. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
103. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
104. knee re____x *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
105. certified pro_____nal secretary *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
106. ge_____te more electricity *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
107. s__n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
108. ins_____ve reaction *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
109. a su___e poison *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
110. have sur_____gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
111. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
112. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
113. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding

ANSWERS: 101. dramatic, 102. motivation, 103. aim, 104. reflex, 105. professional, 106. generate, 107. spin, 108. instinctive, 109. subtle, 110. surprisingly, 111. relative, 112. monitor, 113. cognitive

114. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
115. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
116. it_____e an experiment *v.* to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea
117. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
118. business da_____rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
119. al__a particle *n.* the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy
120. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
121. pre_____ry investigation *adj.* serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision
122. 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

ANSWERS: 114. contrast, 115. slightly, 116. iterate, 117. complexity, 118. dashboard, 119. alpha, 120. instance, 121. preliminary, 122. discovery

123. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
124. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
125. cap____ty assessment *n.* the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function
126. ha____y decent job *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
127. 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
128. asset on the company's ba____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
129. a ch____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
130. technological cap____ty *n.* the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function
131. improve co____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
132. id____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
133. tec____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
134. it____e results *v.* to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea

ANSWERS: 123. strategy, 124. amazing, 125. capability, 126. halfway, 127. discovery, 128. balance, 129. champion, 130. capability, 131. cognitive, 132. identify, 133. technological, 134. iterate

135. t__e pressure
- v. to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued;
(noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving
136. notable in____ce
- n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
137. political ma____ers
- n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
138. sl__e a card across the table
- v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
139. to sp__e
- n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
140. id____fy handwriting
- v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
141. field of vi___l arts
- adj. relating to seeing or sight
142. ch__f accountant
- adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
143. re____ve factors
- adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
144. pa____n hobby
- n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
145. pre____ry agreement
- adj. serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision

ANSWERS: 135. tire, 136. instance, 137. maneuver, 138. slide, 139. spike, 140. identify, 141. visual, 142. chief, 143. relative, 144. passion, 145. preliminary

146. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
147. marketing ch_____ry *n.* the use of deceitful or dishonest methods to deceive or trick others; the practice of using clever, manipulative, or deceptive tactics, especially for personal gain
148. the grand ch_____on *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
149. pa_____n drive *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
150. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
151. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
152. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
153. al__a radiation *n.* the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy
154. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
155. cha_____ng task *adj.* difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle

ANSWERS: 146. fantastic, 147. chicanery, 148. champion, 149. passion, 150. inspiration, 151. aspect, 152. situ, 153. alpha, 154. inspiration, 155. challenging

156. platinum el_____des *n.* either of two points or ends of a conductor at which electricity enters or leaves an object, substance, or region
157. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
158. ra__y in front of the embassy *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
159. phe_____al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
160. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
161. bo___g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
162. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
163. 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
164. di___r from the majority *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
165. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

ANSWERS: 156. electrode, 157. associate, 158. rally, 159. phenomenal, 160. graduate, 161. boring, 162. replace, 163. process, 164. differ, 165. spin

166. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
167. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
168. a si_____ys market *adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
169. co_____ew bottle opener *n.* a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle
170. na_____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
171. ha_____y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
172. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
173. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
174. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
175. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
176. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 166. visual, 167. contrast, 168. sideways, 169. corkscrew, 170. navigate, 171. halfway, 172. technological, 173. feat, 174. brain, 175. extraordinary, 176. decide

177. cast i_y eyes *adj.* covered with ice or frost; very cold; lacking warmth or friendliness
178. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
179. surface fr_____on *n.* the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
180. 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
181. ins_____ve behavior *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
182. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
183. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
184. 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
185. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 177. icy, 178. tremendous, 179. friction, 180. peak, 181. instinctive, 182. slide, 183. accident, 184. stud, 185. competition

186. sp_____ng machine *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
187. a ch_____ur's licence *n.* a professional driver of a private or executive car
188. software pa__h *n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
189. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
190. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
191. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
192. auto da_____rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
193. nontechnical as____ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
194. pro_____nal athlete *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
195. anti-terrorist leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

ANSWERS: 186. spinning, 187. chauffeur, 188. patch, 189. entirely, 190. straight, 191. competition, 192. dashboard, 193. aspect, 194. professional, 195. legislation

196. 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
197. in_____ve eating
adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
198. get con_____nt results
adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
199. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce
n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
200. ch__f events of the year
adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
201. ancient or____e
n. a person or agency regarded as a source of wisdom, knowledge, or prophecy; an utterance, often ambiguous or obscure, that is considered to have prophetic or wise significance
202. museum sh_____se
n. a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it
203. l_b instrument
n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
204. driving di_____ce
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 196. develop, 197. intuitive, 198. consistent, 199. neuroscience, 200. chief, 201. oracle, 202. showcase, 203. lab, 204. distance

205. c__p the employees with a bonus *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
206. sh__e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
207. social di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
208. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
209. to prevent blood sugar sp__es *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
210. li____e renewal *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
211. te__e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
212. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 205. comp, 206. shave, 207. distance, 208. motor, 209. spike, 210. license, 211. tease, 212. feat

213. 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
214. fr____on force *n.* the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
215. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
216. el_____de corrosion *n.* either of two points or ends of a conductor at which electricity enters or leaves an object, substance, or region
217. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
218. without impact wha_____er *adv.* not at all; no matter what
219. ca_____e worker *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
220. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
221. 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
222. honor gr____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

ANSWERS: 213. robotic, 214. friction, 215. physically, 216. electrode, 217. bush, 218. whatsoever, 219. capable, 220. navigate, 221. robotic, 222. graduate

223. tr_____ff problem *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
224. phe_____al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
225. financial ch_____ry *n.* the use of deceitful or dishonest methods to deceive or trick others; the practice of using clever, manipulative, or deceptive tactics, especially for personal gain
226. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
227. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
228. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
229. cou_____rt agreement *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
230. bo__h cost *n.* a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services
231. 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

ANSWERS: 223. trade-off, 224. phenomenal, 225. chicanery, 226. balance, 227. strategy, 228. bush, 229. counterpart, 230. booth, 231. develop

232. increase in wo_____ad *n.* the amount of work that a person is expected to do in a specified time
233. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
234. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
235. fall si_____ys *adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
236. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
237. phone bo__h *n.* a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services
238. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
239. i_y clouds *adj.* covered with ice or frost; very cold; lacking warmth or friendliness
240. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
241. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
242. de__e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 232. workload, 233. fantastic, 234. introduction, 235. sideways, 236. complexity, 237. booth, 238. population, 239. icy, 240. absolutely, 241. curve, 242. decide

243. pa__h of grass *n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
244. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
245. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
246. the preliminary ra__y *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 243. patch, 244. mathematics, 245. lab, 246. rally

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She set up a _____ at the fair to sell her handmade jewelry.
n. a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services

2. 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

3. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.
v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

4. Before starting the project, we need to go through some _____ research and planning.
adj. serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision

5. A famous artist painted the room in a _____ pink hue.
adj. not readily apparent or visible

6. 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

7. The _____ between Anna and her mother was astonishing.
n. similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details

ANSWERS: 1. booth, 2. motors, 3. contrast, 4. preliminary, 5. subtle, 6. process, 7. resemblance

8. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
9. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.
- n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
10. The artist received a lot of _____ for his latest work.
- n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
11. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
- v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
12. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
13. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
14. It was _____ for the mother to protect her child from harm.
- adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
15. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.
- adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder

ANSWERS: 8. strategy, 9. neuroscience, 10. appreciation, 11. granted, 12. instances, 13. inspiration, 14. instinctive, 15. surprisingly

16. The museum's new exhibition is a _____ of contemporary art.
n. a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it
17. 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
18. The _____ stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.
adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
19. I had an _____ feeling that I might be pregnant.
adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
20. Her _____ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.
n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
21. That supermarket tried to _____ certain costs by saving electricity.
v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
22. He has a _____ demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.
adj. having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
23. She glanced _____ at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.
adv. towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

ANSWERS: 16. showcase, 17. capability, 18. legendary, 19. intuitive, 20. passion, 21. shave, 22. professional, 23. sideways

24. The private _____ drove the CEO to the airport in a luxurious limousine.
n. a professional driver of a private or executive car
25. The company's CEO was considered the _____ of strategic decision-making, with a track record of successful business moves.
n. a person or agency regarded as a source of wisdom, knowledge, or prophecy; an utterance, often ambiguous or obscure, that is considered to have prophetic or wise significance
26. He has a flair for _____.
n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
27. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
28. His _____ in the other company is responsible for marketing.
n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
29. The ___ surface of the pond was not safe for skating.
adj. covered with ice or frost; very cold; lacking warmth or friendliness
30. It is important to place the _____ in the correct position for accurate electro-cardiogram recording.
n. either of two points or ends of a conductor at which electricity enters or leaves an object, substance, or region
31. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.
n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

ANSWERS: 24. chauffeur, 25. oracle, 26. mathematics, 27. replace, 28. counterpart, 29. icy, 30. electrodes, 31. champion

32. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.
n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
33. 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
34. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
35. He moved his body _____ to the left.
adv. in a small degree or extent; a little
36. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
37. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location
38. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
39. Our team caught a _____ of the world-class technique in this game.
n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

ANSWERS: 32. curve, 33. monitor, 34. slide, 35. slightly, 36. feat, 37. population, 38. remarkable, 39. glimpse

40. 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
41. This ad is intended to _____ a competing product.
v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
42. 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
43. He refused to do anything _____ to help her.
adv. not at all; no matter what
44. The ship's _____ worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.
n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
45. Actuators convert _____ pulses into motion.
adj. relating to electricity
46. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
47. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

ANSWERS: 40. peak, 41. tease, 42. spinning, 43. whatsoever, 44. crew, 45. electrical, 46. absolutely, 47. aspects

48. There was a massive police presence at the anti-government _____.
- v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
49. The _____ between the two countries was causing tension.
- n. the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
50. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.
- adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding
51. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
- v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
52. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
- n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
53. 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
54. I _____ around for years in Europe before going to university.
- v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

ANSWERS: 48. rally, 49. friction, 50. cognitive, 51. associate, 52. intuitions, 53. stud, 54. drifted

55. The advanced math problem was _____ but the student was determined to solve it.

adj. difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle

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

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

57. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

58. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

59. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

60. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

61. I need to _____ out my dog with a long walk so that he will sleep through the night.

v. to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving

ANSWERS: 55. challenging, 56. introduction, 57. instrument, 58. entirely, 59. motivation, 60. algorithm, 61. tire

62. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
63. She took a _____ class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.
n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
64. The famous restaurant stands _____ up the hill.
adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
65. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
66. The national election was held amid _____ security.
adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
67. The player quickly went to the _____ side of the defender.
adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
68. The man _____ before opening the door.
v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
69. Five of the six provinces will become _____ regions under the new federal system of government.
adj. capable of governing or controlling its affairs
70. 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

ANSWERS: 62. Technological, 63. spinning, 64. halfway, 65. competition, 66. tight, 67. rear, 68. paused, 69. autonomous, 70. robotic

71. He was sick for five _____ days.

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

72. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

73. We need to _____ on this design to improve its functionality.

v. to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea

74. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.

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

75. Our salary will rise proportionately to our _____.

n. the amount of work that a person is expected to do in a specified time

76. I am going to trim this _____ off.

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

77. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

78. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

ANSWERS: 71. straight, 72. humming, 73. iterate, 74. distance, 75. workload, 76. bush, 77. dramatic, 78. situ

79. The athlete's _____ performance broke all previous records.
adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding
80. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.
v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
81. The casino _____ her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.
v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
82. She is highly _____ of handling multiple tasks at once.
adj. having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
83. I need to sew a _____ onto my jeans that ripped.
n. a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
84. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
85. The recent _____ in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.
n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
86. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

ANSWERS: 79. phenomenal, 80. generate, 81. comped, 82. capable, 83. patch, 84. balance, 85. spike, 86. relatives

87. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.
n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
88. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
adj. relating to seeing or sight
89. He noticed that the oil warning light on the _____ of his car had turned on.
n. a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
90. The gymnast executed a breathtaking _____ flip, landing perfectly on the mat.
n. a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle
91. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.
v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
92. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's _____.
n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
93. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
94. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

ANSWERS: 87. legislation, 88. visual, 89. dashboard, 90. corkscrew, 91. navigate, 92. license, 93. extraordinary, 94. lab

95. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.

- v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

96. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

- n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

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

- adj.* extremely good; excellent

98. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

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

99. He _____ to his crime and turned himself into the police.

- v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

100. My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the _____ hammer.

- n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

101. 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: 95. steer, 96. graduate, 97. fantastic, 98. accident, 99. confessed, 100. reflex, 101. develop

102. The company's new CEO was known for his _____ personality.
- n.* the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy
103. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
104. There was a _____ between speed and accuracy in the task.
- n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
105. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.
- adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
106. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
- adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
107. The two products _____ in their quality and price.
- v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
108. 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
109. In this class, we learn the basic _____ of the plane.
- n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

ANSWERS: 102. alpha, 103. insights, 104. trade-off, 105. boring, 106. physically, 107. differed, 108. brain, 109. maneuver

110. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

111. 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

112. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

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

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

114. We had a _____ time yesterday.

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

115. How extraordinarily _____ a liar the camera is.

adj. difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

116. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

117. The _____ soldier stood at the castle gate, prepared to defend against the invading forces.

n. a long weapon with a pointed metal head on a wooden shaft, typically used by foot soldiers in the past; a fish with a long body, sharp teeth, and a flattened snout; a toll road

ANSWERS: 110. amazing, 111. discovery, 112. decide, 113. identify, 114. tremendous, 115. slippery, 116. chief, 117. pike-wielding

118. As credit becomes scarce and education and healthcare costs rise, millions of middle-class Americans have to _____.
- v.* to switch from a financially rewarding but stressful career or lifestyle to a less stressful, lower-paying, but more fulfilling one; to change to a lower gear in a vehicle
119. We ___ for an overseas expansion.
- v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
120. The politician's _____ and deceit were exposed during the investigation.
- n.* the use of deceitful or dishonest methods to deceive or trick others; the practice of using clever, manipulative, or deceptive tactics, especially for personal gain
121. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ___ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
122. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
123. You are not _____ in your behavior.
- adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

ANSWERS: 118. downshift, 119. aim, 120. chicanery, 121. doe, 122. complexity, 123. consistent