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Session 1: Word List

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**.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society
Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

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**.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

rocket

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

synonym : projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

shed

v. to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage

synonym : discard, drop, cast off

(1) **shed** an old skin, (2) a cow **shed**

He **shed** a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

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

It was his first **romantic** love.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

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

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

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym : versifier, rhymers, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

celestial

adj. relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens

synonym : heavenly, divine, ethereal

(1) **celestial** bliss, (2) **celestial** navigation

The **celestial** bodies in the night sky were beautiful to behold.

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**.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

puzzle

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

synonym : plight, maze, (verb) perplex

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

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

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.

horizontal

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

synonym : even, lying, parallel

(1) **horizontal** lines, (2) **horizontal** stripes

Airplanes need **horizontal** tails to improve stability.

axis

n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

synonym : central, core, pole

(1) vertical **axis**, (2) a coordinate **axis**

The earth's **axis** of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

synonym : perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym : attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

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

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

systematic

adj. done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:

synonym : periodic, frequent, organized

(1) a **systematic** reformation, (2) **systematic** botany
Science is based on the **systematic** classification of experience.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym : descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

puberty

n. the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction

synonym : adolescence, young adulthood

(1) at the height of **puberty** ., (2) the onset of **puberty**

In this culture, men are initiated when they reach **puberty**.

dispute

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

synonym : argument, disagreement, quarrel

(1) a legal **dispute** over the title, (2) **dispute** settlement

The **dispute** over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

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.

laboratory

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

synonym : lab, workshop, testing room

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

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

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**.

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.

childhood

n. the state or time of being a child

synonym : youth, infancy, adolescence

(1) since **childhood**, (2) **childhood** development

He had fond memories of his **childhood** spent playing in the park with his friends.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

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

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

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.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym : fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

adore

v. to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence

synonym : cherish, worship, idolize

(1) truly **adore** him, (2) **adore** the way she styles her hair

Children seem to **adore** chocolate ice cream no matter where they're from.

discriminate

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

synonym : show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things

You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

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.

bound

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

synonym : jump, bounce, leap

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

Canada **bounds** on the United States.

statistics

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

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

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

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym : equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

intent

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

synonym : purpose, aim, goal

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

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

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

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

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

distribute

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

synonym : broadcast, disperse, hand out

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

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

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym : exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

intermediate

adj. situated between two locations, things, states, etc.; around the middle of a scale of evaluation

synonym : middle, medium, central

(1) **intermediate** sanction, (2) **intermediate** level

Purple is **intermediate** between blue and red.

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym: consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym: control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise

The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

representation

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

synonym: delegacy, manifestation, expression

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

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

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

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**.

standpoint

n. a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter

synonym : viewpoint, perspective, opinion

(1) **standpoint** theory, (2) moral **standpoint**

From a marketing **standpoint**, this product may need to be more effective.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym : brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

bilingual

n. a person who speaks two languages fluently; (adjective) involving or relating to two languages or language groups

synonym : biliterate, bicultural

(1) **bilingual** community, (2) **bilingual** education

The company is looking for a **bilingual** customer service representative.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym : throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

brand

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

burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

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

exposition

n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

synonym: explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**
The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

mandarin

n. an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China

synonym: Chinese, Beijing dialect

(1) ancient **mandarin** house, (2) **Mandarin** Chinese
Mandarin dialects typically have relatively few vowels.

monolingual

adj. being able to speak or use only one language

synonym: unilingual

(1) **monolingual** policies, (2) **monolingual** country
The lack of exposure to foreign languages made her a **monolingual** speaker.

expose

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

synonym: disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks
That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

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**.

session

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

synonym: conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym: chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

exposure

n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

synonym: vulnerability, disclosure, uncovering

(1) a southern **exposure**, (2) the **exposure** of a fraud

The long **exposure** to the air tarnished the antique tableware.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym: endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

dose

n. a quantity or amount of medicine or a drug that is taken or administered at one time, typically measured out in specific units; a similar measure of exposure to a harmful substance or radiation

synonym : portion, amount, measure

(1) **dose** adjustment, (2) daily **dose**

She took the recommended **dose** of medication to treat her headache.

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.

opposed

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

synonym : anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

electroencephalography.

(also "EEG") a diagnostic medical procedure that involves the use of electrodes placed on the scalp to measure and record the electrical activity of the brain often used to assess and diagnose various neurological conditions

synonym : brain wave test, EEG, neural scan

(1) **electroencephalography** test, (2) abnormal **electroencephalography**

She is an **electroencephalography** technician skilled in performing EEG tests on patients.

mar

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

synonym : damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation

The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect

appearance.

invasive

adj. spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop

synonym : aggressive, rampant, spreading

(1) **invasive** breast cancer, (2) **invasive** species

The **invasive** disease can spread quickly and potentially cause a global pandemic.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

accuracy

n. the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

synonym : precision, exactness, truthfulness

(1) degree of **accuracy**, (2) the **accuracy** of his compass

To assure **accuracy**, I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym : consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

spatial

adj. of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things

synonym : dimensional, geographical

(1) **spatial** ability, (2) **spatial** distribution

He carefully determined the **spatial** relations of every piece of the stage set.

semiconductor

n. a material or substance that can conduct electricity under certain conditions but not others, often used in electronic devices

synonym : chip, wafer

(1) **semiconductor** industry, (2) **semiconductor** device

The company develops and sells **semiconductor** memory for use in computers and servers.

quantum

n. the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy

(1) probabilistic **quantum** theory, (2) laws of **quantum** mechanics

Big techs are now eager to develop **quantum** computers.

interference

n. the act or process of getting involved in and trying to influence a specific situation; the state of being affected and influenced with

synonym : obstruction, hindrance, impedance

(1) officious **interference**, (2) **interference** wave

Unfortunately, the radio **interference** made it difficult to hear the broadcast.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym : gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

magnetic

adj. having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel

synonym : attractive, drawing, hypnotic

(1) **magnetic** field, (2) a **magnetic** tape

The **magnetic** force of the earth keeps our planet spinning.

pellet

n. a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic

synonym : bead, ball, bullet

(1) the form of a small **pellet**, (2) **pellet** stove

The **pellet** gun was used to shoot small metal balls.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

auditory

adj. of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear

synonym : hearing, audible, aural

(1) a good **auditory** memory, (2) **auditory** system

The **auditory** nerve carries sound signals from the ear to the brain.

subsequent

adj. happening or occurring later or after something else

synonym : later, following, ensuing

(1) over **subsequent** months, (2) reduce **subsequent** mortality

In the **subsequent** meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym : circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

relate

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

synonym : connect, link, associate

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

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

coherence

n. the quality of being logical and consistent

synonym: consistency, harmony, unity

(1) **coherence** in a speech, (2) lack **coherence**

The story's **coherence** could have been better when the author included too many unrelated details.

coordinated

adj. effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together

synonym: collective, unified, cooperative

(1) in a **coordinated** manner, (2) **coordinated** robot system

For greater efficiency, our efforts must be better **coordinated**.

causal

adj. relating to or indicating a cause or the relationship between causes and effects; resulting from a cause

synonym: causative, contributory, connected

(1) **causal** chain, (2) **causal** effect

The study aimed to establish a **causal** relationship between smoking and lung cancer.

activate

v. make something start working, more active or dynamic

synonym: mobilize, stimulate, initiate

(1) **activate** a receptor, (2) **activate** a motor

You must **activate** the software with a 16-digit key before you can use it.

embark

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

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

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

We **embarked** on a new project.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym : impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

emotion

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

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

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

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

invention

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

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

intervention

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

synonym : interference, intercession, treatment

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

intervention

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

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym : hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

wondrous

adj. inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive

synonym : amazing, fantastic, miraculous

(1) **wondrous** sight, (2) **wondrous** adventure

The **wondrous** beauty of the sunset left us all in awe.

utter

adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

synonym : absolute, complete, total

(1) **utter** nonsense, (2) **utter** a big sigh

The **utter** chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym : examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym : disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. ex___e a person to risks | v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence |
| 2. a sys_____ic reformation | <i>adj.</i> done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans: |
| 3. official sta_____cs | <i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data |
| 4. ca___l effect | <i>adj.</i> relating to or indicating a cause or the relationship between causes and effects; resulting from a cause |
| 5. a coordinate a__s | <i>n.</i> a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance |
| 6. ad__e the way she styles her hair | v. to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence |
| 7. int_____ion by foreign powers | <i>n.</i> the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so |
| 8. coo_____ed robot system | <i>adj.</i> effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together |
| 9. f__p over the pork chop | v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion |

ANSWERS: 1. expose, 2. systematic, 3. statistics, 4. causal, 5. axis, 6. adore, 7. intervention, 8. coordinated, 9. flip

10. 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
11. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
12. degree of ac____cy *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
13. ro___t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
14. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
15. the form of a small pe___t *n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
16. mon_____al country *adj.* being able to speak or use only one language
17. a cow s__d *v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
18. ca___l chain *adj.* relating to or indicating a cause or the relationship between causes and effects; resulting from a cause

ANSWERS: 10. curve, 11. argue, 12. accuracy, 13. rocket, 14. genius, 15. pellet, 16. monolingual, 17. shed, 18. causal

19. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
20. rational exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
21. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
22. sales rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
23. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
24. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
25. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
26. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
27. lack co_____ce *n.* the quality of being logical and consistent

ANSWERS: 19. brand, 20. exposition, 21. brain, 22. representation, 23. critic, 24. graph, 25. bound, 26. emotion, 27. coherence

28. ab___b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
29. d__e adjustment *n.* a quantity or amount of medicine or a drug that is taken or administered at one time, typically measured out in specific units; a similar measure of exposure to a harmful substance or radiation
30. in____ve breast cancer *adj.* spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop
31. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
32. probabilistic qu____m theory *n.* the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy
33. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
34. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
35. s__d an old skin *v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
36. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
37. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

ANSWERS: 28. absorb, 29. dose, 30. invasive, 31. pound, 32. quantum, 33. incredible, 34. neuroscience, 35. shed, 36. difficulty, 37. investigate

38. Ma_____in Chinese *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
39. sta_____nt theory *n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
40. di_____e settlement *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
41. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
42. wha_____er it be *adv.* not at all; no matter what
43. ac_____te a motor *v.* make something start working, more active or dynamic
44. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
45. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
46. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
47. baby with se_____ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

ANSWERS: 38. mandarin, 39. standpoint, 40. dispute, 41. critic, 42. whatsoever, 43. activate, 44. emotional, 45. quest, 46. investigate, 47. sensitive

48. dis_____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
49. 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
50. wo_____us adventure *adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive
51. st_____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
52. ve_____al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
53. in_____ve species *adj.* spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop
54. ce_____al bliss *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
55. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
56. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

ANSWERS: 48. discriminate, 49. develop, 50. wondrous, 51. stabilize, 52. vertical, 53. invasive, 54. celestial, 55. brand, 56. neuroscience

57. without impact wha_____er *adv.* not at all; no matter what
58. surgical int_____ion *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
59. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
60. ro_____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
61. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
62. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
63. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
64. a fence sur_____ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
65. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
66. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
67. laws of qu_____m mechanics *n.* the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy

ANSWERS: 57. whatsoever, 58. intervention, 59. slide, 60. romantic, 61. statistics, 62. writ, 63. puzzle, 64. surrounding, 65. lab, 66. intent, 67. quantum

68. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
69. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
70. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
71. ce_____al navigation *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
72. sp_____l ability *adj.* of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things
73. 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
74. ro___t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
75. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
76. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
77. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

ANSWERS: 68. pound, 69. distribute, 70. graph, 71. celestial, 72. spatial, 73. discovery, 74. rocket, 75. constrain, 76. equivalent, 77. bound

78. ac____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
79. go____n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
80. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
81. dis_____ate against women employees *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
82. hor_____al stripes *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
83. re____e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
84. int_____ate level *adj.* situated between two locations, things, states, etc.; around the middle of a scale of evaluation
85. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
86. un____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

ANSWERS: 78. acquire, 79. govern, 80. appropriate, 81. discriminate, 82. horizontal, 83. relate, 84. intermediate, 85. incredible, 86. uncover

87. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
88. abnormal
ele_____phy *n.* (also "EEG") a diagnostic medical procedure that involves the use of electrodes placed on the scalp to measure and record the electrical activity of the brain often used to assess and diagnose various neurological conditions
89. truly ad__e him *v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence
90. anthropology lab_____ry *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
91. bi_____al education *n.* a person who speaks two languages fluently; (adjective) involving or relating to two languages or language groups
92. ab___b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
93. 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
94. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
95. sys_____ic botany *adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:

ANSWERS: 87. improve, 88. electroencephalography, 89. adore, 90. laboratory, 91. bilingual, 92. absorb, 93. curve, 94. relate, 95. systematic

96. ar__e a case v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
97. a ma_____ic tape *adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel
98. at the height of pu_____y. *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
99. a legal di_____e over the title *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
100. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
101. int_____nce wave *n.* the act or process of getting involved in and trying to influence a specific situation; the state of being affected and influenced with
102. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
103. m_r the reputation *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
104. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

ANSWERS: 96. argue, 97. magnetic, 98. puberty, 99. dispute, 100. universal, 101. interference, 102. distribute, 103. mar, 104. representation

105. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
106. a person of ge___s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
107. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
108. m_r a proper relationship *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
109. since ch_____od *n.* the state or time of being a child
110. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
111. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
112. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
113. the ex_____re of a fraud *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
114. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 105. silent, 106. genius, 107. uncover, 108. mar, 109. childhood, 110. writ, 111. moth, 112. device, 113. exposure, 114. puzzle

115. 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
116. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
117. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
118. co_____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
119. the in___t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
120. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
121. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
122. ex___e a crime *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
123. st_____ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
124. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

ANSWERS: 115. discovery, 116. invention, 117. mathematics, 118. constrain, 119. intent, 120. emotion, 121. relative, 122. expose, 123. stabilize, 124. decline

125. ro____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
126. ve____al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
127. in a coo____ed manner *adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together
128. over sub____nt months *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
129. se____ve documents *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
130. a good au____ry memory *adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
131. dem____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
132. lab____ry accident *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
133. improve co____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
134. officious int____nce *n.* the act or process of getting involved in and trying to influence a specific situation; the state of being affected and influenced with
135. ac____te a receptor *v.* make something start working, more active or dynamic
136. the te____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

ANSWERS: 125. romantic, 126. vertical, 127. coordinated, 128. subsequent, 129. sensitive, 130. auditory, 131. demonstrate, 132. laboratory, 133. cognitive, 134. interference, 135. activate, 136. technique

137. a southern ex_____re *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
138. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
139. pe____t stove *n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
140. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
141. moral sta_____nt *n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
142. sem_____tor industry *n.* a material or substance that can conduct electricity under certain conditions but not others, often used in electronic devices
143. ele_____phy test *n.* (also "EEG") a diagnostic medical procedure that involves the use of electrodes placed on the scalp to measure and record the electrical activity of the brain often used to assess and diagnose various neurological conditions
144. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry

ANSWERS: 137. exposure, 138. acquire, 139. pellet, 140. preserve, 141. standpoint, 142. semiconductor, 143. electroencephalography, 144. poet

145. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
146. vertical a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
147. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
148. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
149. 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
150. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
151. ut__r nonsense *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
152. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
153. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
154. au_____ry system *adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear

ANSWERS: 145. invention, 146. axis, 147. appropriate, 148. silent, 149. develop, 150. remarkable, 151. utter, 152. regard, 153. modern, 154. auditory

155. the court se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
156. bi_____al community *n.* a person who speaks two languages fluently; (adjective) involving or relating to two languages or language groups
157. 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
158. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
159. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
160. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
161. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
162. ancient ma_____in house *n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
163. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 155. session, 156. bilingual, 157. process, 158. technique, 159. aft, 160. embark, 161. emotional, 162. mandarin, 163. aft

164. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
165. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
166. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
167. an international exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
168. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
169. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
170. mon_____al policies *adj.* being able to speak or use only one language
171. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
172. wo_____us sight *adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive
173. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
174. daily d__e *n.* a quantity or amount of medicine or a drug that is taken or administered at one time, typically measured out in specific units; a similar measure of exposure to a harmful substance or radiation

ANSWERS: 164. moth, 165. equivalent, 166. exposed, 167. exposition, 168. embark, 169. preserve, 170. monolingual, 171. flip, 172. wondrous, 173. improve, 174. dose

175. ex____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
176. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
177. sp____l distribution *adj.* of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things
178. un____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
179. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
180. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
181. the onset of pu____y *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
182. ma____ic field *adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel
183. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
184. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
185. absolutely op____d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
186. tracking de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 175. exposed, 176. grand, 177. spatial, 178. universal, 179. quest, 180. poet, 181. puberty, 182. magnetic, 183. brain, 184. slide, 185. opposed, 186. device

187. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
188. re___d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
189. dif_____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
190. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
191. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
192. reduce sub_____nt mortality *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
193. the morning se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
194. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
195. co_____ce in a speech *n.* the quality of being logical and consistent
196. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
197. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 187. surrounding, 188. regard, 189. difficulty, 190. decline, 191. demonstrate, 192. subsequent, 193. session, 194. grand, 195. coherence, 196. modern, 197. process

198. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
199. ch_____od development *n.* the state or time of being a child
200. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
201. the ac_____cy of his compass *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
202. int_____ate sanction *adj.* situated between two locations, things, states, etc.; around the middle of a scale of evaluation
203. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
204. two op_____d characters *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
205. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
206. hor_____al lines *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
207. sem_____tor device *n.* a material or substance that can conduct electricity under certain conditions but not others, often used in electronic devices
208. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding

ANSWERS: 198. lab, 199. childhood, 200. relative, 201. accuracy, 202. intermediate, 203. remarkable, 204. opposed, 205. mathematics, 206. horizontal, 207. semiconductor, 208. cognitive

209. a nation's right to go___n

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

210. ut__r a big sigh

adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

ANSWERS: 209. govern, 210. utter

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The earth's _____ of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.
 - n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

2. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.
 - v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

3. He has a flair for _____.
 - n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

4. Mozart was a musical _____.
 - n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

5. The _____ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.
 - n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

6. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.
 - adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

7. The scratches on the car _____ its otherwise perfect appearance.
 - v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

ANSWERS: 1. axis, 2. acquire, 3. mathematics, 4. genius, 5. exposition, 6. sensitive, 7. marred

8. 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
9. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
- n.* a long or challenging search for something
10. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.
- adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
11. The company develops and sells _____ memory for use in computers and servers.
- n.* a material or substance that can conduct electricity under certain conditions but not others, often used in electronic devices
12. He carefully determined the _____ relations of every piece of the stage set.
- adj.* of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things
13. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
- v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
14. He refused to do anything _____ to help her.
- adv.* not at all; no matter what
15. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
- adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
16. In this culture, men are initiated when they reach _____.
- n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction

ANSWERS: 8. discovery, 9. quest, 10. appropriate, 11. semiconductor, 12. spatial, 13. flipped, 14. whatsoever, 15. universal, 16. puberty

17. Children seem to _____ chocolate ice cream no matter where they're from.
v. to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence
18. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
19. The _____ chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.
adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
20. That newspaper _____ a political scandal in a big way.
v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
21. From a marketing _____ this product may need to be more effective.
n. a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
22. The _____ beauty of the sunset left us all in awe.
adj. inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive
23. Unfortunately, the radio _____ made it difficult to hear the broadcast.
n. the act or process of getting involved in and trying to influence a specific situation; the state of being affected and influenced with
24. The _____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 17. adore, 18. silent, 19. utter, 20. exposed, 21. standpoint, 22. wondrous, 23. interference, 24. aft

25. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
26. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.
- v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
27. We _____ on a new project.
- v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
28. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?
- v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
29. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.
- v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
30. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
- adj. relating to people's feelings
31. 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
32. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
- n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 25. argue, 26. governing, 27. embarked, 28. demonstrate, 29. preserve, 30. emotional, 31. neuroscience, 32. emotions

33. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
- n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
34. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
- n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
35. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.
- adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
36. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.
- n.* a person who writes poetry
37. Big techs are now eager to develop _____ computers.
- n.* the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy
38. _____ dialects typically have relatively few vowels.
- n.* an influential and high-ranking official, notably in the civil service; the branch of Chinese, which is the official language of China
39. 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
40. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.
- n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

ANSWERS: 33. intent, 34. puzzle, 35. cognitive, 36. poet, 37. quantum, 38. Mandarin, 39. curve, 40. representation

41. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

42. She is an _____ technician skilled in performing EEG tests on patients.

n. (also "EEG") a diagnostic medical procedure that involves the use of electrodes placed on the scalp to measure and record the electrical activity of the brain often used to assess and diagnose various neurological conditions

43. The long _____ to the air tarnished the antique tableware.

n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

44. It was his first _____ love.

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

45. He had fond memories of his _____ spent playing in the park with his friends.

n. the state or time of being a child

46. The study aimed to establish a _____ relationship between smoking and lung cancer.

adj. relating to or indicating a cause or the relationship between causes and effects; resulting from a cause

47. His estate was _____ to his sons.

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

48. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.

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

ANSWERS: 41. grand, 42. electroencephalography, 43. exposure, 44. romantic, 45. childhood, 46. causal, 47. distributed, 48. slide

49. 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
50. Science is based on the _____ classification of experience.
- adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:
51. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
- v.* to make or become better
52. Airplanes need _____ tails to improve stability.
- adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
53. The _____ disease can spread quickly and potentially cause a global pandemic.
- adj.* spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop
54. The _____ nerve carries sound signals from the ear to the brain.
- adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
55. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
56. You must _____ the software with a 16-digit key before you can use it.
- v.* make something start working, more active or dynamic

ANSWERS: 49. process, 50. systematic, 51. improve, 52. horizontal, 53. invasive, 54. auditory, 55. technique, 56. activate

57. You should not _____ against minorities.

- v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

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

- adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

59. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.

- n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

60. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.

- n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

61. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.

- n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

62. The _____ bodies in the night sky were beautiful to behold.

- adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens

63. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

- adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something

64. The _____ gun was used to shoot small metal balls.

- n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic

65. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.

- n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 57. discriminate, 58. remarkable, 59. moth, 60. equivalent, 61. rocket, 62. celestial, 63. surrounding, 64. pellet, 65. brand

66. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.
v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
67. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
68. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.
adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
69. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
70. Parliament is now in _____.
n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
71. 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
72. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
73. The company is looking for a _____ customer service representative.
n. a person who speaks two languages fluently; (adjective) involving or relating to two languages or language groups

ANSWERS: 66. regarded, 67. relatives, 68. exposed, 69. investigated, 70. session, 71. develop, 72. pounds, 73. bilingual

74. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
75. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
76. The lack of exposure to foreign languages made her a _____ speaker.
adj. being able to speak or use only one language
77. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
78. The story's _____ could have been better when the author included too many unrelated details.
n. the quality of being logical and consistent
79. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
80. In the _____ meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.
adj. happening or occurring later or after something else
81. He _____ a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.
v. to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage

ANSWERS: 74. device, 75. relate, 76. monolingual, 77. statistics, 78. coherence, 79. constrained, 80. subsequent, 81. shed

82. The sponge _____ water well.

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

83. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

84. The _____ force of the earth keeps our planet spinning.

adj. having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel

85. For greater efficiency, our efforts must be better _____.

adj. effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together

86. 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

87. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.

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

88. The raising of interest rates _____ the inflation rate.

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

89. Purple is _____ between blue and red.

adj. situated between two locations, things, states, etc.; around the middle of a scale of evaluation

90. Canada _____ on the United States.

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

ANSWERS: 82. absorbs, 83. modern, 84. magnetic, 85. coordinated, 86. brain, 87. lab, 88. stabilizes, 89. intermediate, 90. bounds

91. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
92. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.
adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
93. She took the recommended _____ of medication to treat her headache.
n. a quantity or amount of medicine or a drug that is taken or administered at one time, typically measured out in specific units; a similar measure of exposure to a harmful substance or radiation
94. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.
n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
95. The _____ over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.
n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
96. To assure _____ I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.
n. the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
97. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
98. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 91. uncovered, 92. opposed, 93. dose, 94. graph, 95. dispute, 96. accuracy, 97. writ, 98. critics

99. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

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

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

101. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

n. a condition or state that causes problems

102. Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a _____.

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

103. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

104. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

105. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

ANSWERS: 99. incredible, 100. intervention, 101. difficulty, 102. laboratory, 103. vertical, 104. invention, 105. declines