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Session 1: Word List

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

upheaval

n. great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

synonym : disturbance, turmoil, convulsion

(1) **upheaval** of society, (2) the big **upheaval** of my life

The recent political **upheaval** has left the country in a state of chaos.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire
It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

screw

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

synonym: tighten, fix, secure

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

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

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

gobble

v. to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey

synonym: devour, gulp, swallow

(1) **gobble** down food, (2) **gobble** up the competition

I always **gobble** my breakfast quickly because I'm usually in a rush.

shift

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

synonym: transition, change, modification

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

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

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.

organization

n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

synonym: association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**

She is the president of a large international **organization**.

irrevocably

adv. in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered

synonym: decisively, permanently, definitely

(1) unconditionally and **irrevocably**, (2) change **irrevocably**

The evolution of civilization has **irrevocably** improved the quality of human life.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

cartoon

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

rely v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
synonym: depend, count, lean
(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

constant *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging
(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature
Constant dropping wears away the stone.

basis *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
synonym: foundation, base, ground
(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation
This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

earthquake *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
synonym: seismic activity, tremor, temblor
(1) an **earthquake** zone, (2) an **earthquake-proof**
The violent **earthquake** caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

magnitude *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
synonym: size, extent, level
(1) a star of the first **magnitude**, (2) the **magnitude** of the disaster
The **magnitude** of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

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

synonym : moderately, reasonably, pretty

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

He deals **fairly** with his employees.

epicenter

n. the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

synonym : ground zero, focus, center

(1) the **epicenter** of the sports world, (2) **epicenter** magnitude

The **epicenter** of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.

treble

n. the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold

synonym : soprano, triple, triad

(1) **treble** clef, (2) **treble** booster

The soprano singer hit a piercing **treble** note during the performance.

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym : immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym : assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

documentary

n. a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

synonym : film, broadcast, doco

(1) a **documentary** film, (2) **documentary** proof

He won an award for that short **documentary**.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

staggering

adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm

synonym: astounding, astonishing, stunning

(1) **staggering** number, (2) a **staggering** defeat

The amount of money required was **staggering**.

numb

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

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

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

My left arm became **numb**.

upload

v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

synonym : transfer, load up

(1) **upload** files, (2) **upload** documents to the portal

I need to **upload** these pictures to my computer to edit them.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

instantaneous

adj. occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

synonym : immediate, prompt, rapid

(1) **instantaneous** reaction, (2) **instantaneous** message

The new software provides **instantaneous** results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

synonym : cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

sandy

adj. covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown

synonym : arenaceous, sandlike

(1) miles of **sandy** beaches, (2) **sandy** hair

The rain rapidly soaked into the **sandy** soil.

superstorm

n. an extremely large and powerful storm, typically characterized by high winds, heavy rain or snow, or destructive storm surges

synonym : hurricane, cyclone, typhoon

(1) **superstorm** damage, (2) **superstorm** preparation

The coastal town's residents were urged to evacuate ahead of the **superstorm**.

smartphone

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

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym : affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

composite

adj. made up of different parts, elements, or substances;
(noun) something made from two or more different substances

synonym : compound, combined, mixed

(1) **composite** materials, (2) a **composite** of different photographs

The **composite** index tracks the performance of multiple stocks in the same sector.

merge

v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

synonym: combine, join, coalesce

(1) **merge** into a new party, (2) **merge** those systems into a new one

This consulting firm decided to **merge** the two companies into one.

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.

realistic

adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

synonym: practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

(1) a **realistic** goal, (2) a **realistic** goal

That story was so **realistic**, and it was scary.

grill

n. a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill

synonym: barbecue, broiler, griddle

(1) gas **grill**, (2) **grill** a steak

The restaurant is famous for its **grill**, where they serve the best steaks.

filter

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

synonym : strainer

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

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

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.

avenue

n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

synonym : artery, roadway, street

(1) an **avenue** of poplars, (2) an **avenue** to success

They explored every **avenue** they could think of.

downtown

adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

synonym : central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic

He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym : deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

debunk

v. to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless

synonym : expose, discredit, demystify

(1) **debunk** an urban legend, (2) **debunk** theory

The myth was **debunked** by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.

potentially

adv. in a possible state or condition; possibly

synonym : likely, possibly, probably

(1) **potentially** affected, (2) **potentially** lucrative

The organization assisted in the de-escalation of **potentially** violent situations.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym: barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

facto

adj. of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring

synonym: actual, real

(1) ex post **facto** approval, (2) a de **facto** government

The new software has become the de **facto** tool for professionals in the field.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

credible

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

synonym: reasonable, believable, plausible

(1) **credible** source, (2) a **credible** story

They didn't have any **credible** evidence of his innocence.

scratch

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

synonym: claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym: educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

resign

v. to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable

synonym: quit, relinquish, retire

(1) **resign** all hopes, (2) **resign** to fate

After a long battle with her health, the teacher had no choice but to **resign** from her position.

dot *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
synonym: drop, dab, fleck
(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method
The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

tweet *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)
(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**
We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

nod *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet
(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously
She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

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.

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.

hint *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
synonym: clue, indication, suggestion
(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**

There was no **hint** of a problem.

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.

lively

adj. full of energy and activity; animated

synonym : animated, energetic, vivacious

(1) **lively** conversation, (2) a **lively** song

The party was **lively**, filled with laughter and music.

rhythmic

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

synonym : measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

deluge

n. a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something

synonym : flood, downpour, surge

(1) get caught in the **deluge**, (2) a **deluge** of fire

Recent developments in data analysis techniques have been instrumental in finding insights from the data **deluge**.

investigation

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

synonym : examination, analysis, inspection

(1) a preliminary **investigation**, (2) the scope of an **investigation**

We have never before conducted a legitimate **investigation**.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym: tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

scrape

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

synonym: scratch, graze, rub

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

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

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**.

windy

adj. characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance

synonym: airy, gusty, breezy

(1) **windy** hillside, (2) **windy** eloquence

The weather is too **windy** for us to go on a boat ride.

explosion

n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

synonym: burst, eruption, outbreak

(1) a lot of **explosions**, (2) site of the **explosion**

A broken gas pipe triggered the **explosion**.

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.

reaction

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

synonym: response, reply, answer

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

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

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym: actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

krill

n. a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals

synonym: shrimp, plankton, zooplankton

(1) eat **krill**, (2) Antarctic **krill**

The decline in **krill** populations in recent years has raised concerns about the health of marine ecosystems.

tungsten

n. a hard, dense metallic element with the symbol W (from its German name, Wolfram) and atomic number 74, which has high melting and boiling points, often used in electrical wiring, light bulb filaments, and other high-stress applications

synonym: W, Wolfram

(1) **tungsten** carbide, (2) **tungsten** filament

Tungsten electrodes are used in welding applications due to

their high melting point and conductivity

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.

thunderstorm

n. a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind

synonym : tempest, lightning storm, deluge

(1) severe **thunderstorms**, (2) **thunderstorm** advisory

The forecast called for a chance of **thunderstorms** in the afternoon.

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.

clue

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

synonym : hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

umbrella

n. a device consisting of a circular canopy of cloth on a central pole used as protection against rain or sometimes against the sun

synonym : parasol, canopy, sunshade

(1) **umbrella** coverage, (2) **umbrella** ban

She opened her **umbrella** to protect herself from the rain.

unusually

adv. in a way that is not typical or expected

synonym : exceptionally, remarkably, outstandingly

(1) **unusually** cheerful, (2) look **unusually** serious

The team's performance has been **unusually** poor this season.

background

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

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

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

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

trickery

n. the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation

synonym : deception, deceit, chicanery

(1) political **trickery**, (2) cunning **trickery**

He achieved the illusion through clever **trickery** that left the audience in awe.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym : pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

flippant

adj. not showing a serious or respectful attitude; frivolous, impertinent, or lacking proper respect or seriousness

synonym : frivolous, careless, disrespectful

(1) **flippant** joke, (2) **flippant** attitude

He made **flippant** remarks during the serious meeting, which angered his colleagues.

consequence

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

synonym : result, impact, outcome

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

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

repository

n. a place where things are stored in large quantities and can be found

synonym : storehouse, depot, warehouse

(1) wine **repository**, (2) **repository** of useful knowledge

The ocean is a rich **repository** of natural resources.

gruesome

adj. causing horror or disgust

synonym : appalling, horrific, terrible

(1) hear **gruesome** details, (2) **gruesome** accident

The **gruesome** crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.

bloody

adj. covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

synonym : gory, gruesome, savage

(1) **bloody** massacre, (2) **bloody** diarrhea

The crime scene was **bloody** and gruesome.

pickup

n. a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody

synonym : truck, cartridge

(1) **pickup** truck, (2) **pickup** and delivery service
I'll be waiting for you in front of the café at 6 PM, so be on time for our **pickup**.

allegation

n. an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law

synonym: claim, assertion, declaration

(1) baseless **allegations**, (2) **allegation** of corruption
The **allegation** of fraud against the politician damaged his reputation.

brotherhood

n. a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

synonym: fraternity, camaraderie, companionship

(1) spirit of **brotherhood**, (2) **brotherhood** among coworkers

The **brotherhood** between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.

curse

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

synonym: condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

blasphemy

n. action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion

synonym: desecration, impiety, heresy

(1) commit **blasphemy**, (2) **blasphemy** against the law
It is **blasphemy** to say such a thing.

counter-claim

n. a legal or formal response made by a defendant in a lawsuit or legal dispute

synonym : counter-allegation, rebuttal, defense

(1) make a **counter-claim**, (2) respond to a **counter-claim**

The defendant filed a **counter-claim** against the plaintiff.

forth

adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

synonym : forward, onwards, ahead

(1) bring **forth** a beautiful vase, (2) call **forth** demand

I pushed **forth** with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

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.

upstream

adj. in the direction against a stream's current; (adverb) toward the source or beginning of a stream, river, or process

synonym : upriver, up-current

(1) swim **upstream**, (2) **upstream** direction

The company is investing heavily in **upstream** research and development.

distinctive

adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

synonym : characteristic, individual, unique

(1) **distinctive** ability, (2) design to be **distinctive**

His writing style was **distinctive**, with a clear and concise voice.

railing

n. a horizontal barrier or fence supported by posts or columns, often used for safety or decorative purposes, particularly on balconies, staircases, or along the edge

of a building or platform

synonym : banister, handrail, balustrade

(1) **railing** on the balcony, (2) wooden **railing**

The children held onto the **railing** tightly as they walked up the steep staircase.

curb

v. to restrain, limit, or control something; to reduce or put a stop to something undesirable; (noun) the raised edge or barrier along the edge of a street, road, or sidewalk

synonym : restrain, limit, control

(1) **curb** appetite, (2) **curb** anxiety

He tried to **curb** his anger during the argument with his friend.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym : shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym : actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

literally

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

synonym : actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**

He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

crossing

n. the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect

synonym : intersection, junction

(1) **crossing** bridge, (2) a **crossing-keeper**

The busy road was closed for a few hours for a railway **crossing**.

satellite

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

synonym : orbiter, asteroid, moon

(1) a GPS **satellite**, (2) a meteorological **satellite**

Launching an artificial **satellite** contributed to the technological development of our country.

zoom

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

synonym : move quickly, dive, buzz

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

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

median

n. the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size

synonym : middle, center

(1) **median** age at diagnosis, (2) a **median** strip

Median annual income fell last year in this country.

lane

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

synonym : roadway, street, artery

(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**

We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.

handy

adj. valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use

synonym : clever, accessible, available

(1) a **handy-sized** bag, (2) **handy** tool

They found a **handy** place to play catch.

truthful

adj. honest and telling the truth

synonym : honest, sincere, accurate

(1) **truthful** statement, (2) **truthful** person

She was **truthful** in her testimony, despite the pressure to lie.

cubicle

n. a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting

synonym : compartment, booth, workspace

(1) **cubicle** partition, (2) camping **cubicle**

I worked in an office **cubicle** surrounded by walls and fluorescent lights.

torrent

n. a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud

synonym : flood, deluge, downpour

(1) **torrent** of words, (2) stem a **torrent**

The rain fell in a **torrent**, flooding the streets in minutes.

sift

v. to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles

synonym : filter, go through, sieve

(1) **sift** the candidates, (2) **sift** sand

The search engine helps **sift** information.

intelligent

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

abundance

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

synonym: plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

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.

binary

n. a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1

synonym: twofold, double

(1) a **binary** number, (2) trading in **binary** options

A **binary** star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.

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.

fluid

n. a substance that can flow and is not solid

synonym: liquid, aqua, sap

(1) plenty of **fluids**, (2) **fluid** assets

She was diagnosed with a **fluid** buildup in her lungs.

uniquely

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

synonym: singularly, exclusively, distinctively

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

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

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ins_____ous reaction *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
2. up_____al of society *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
3. vo_____e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
4. dis_____ve ability *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
5. sup_____rm preparation *n.* an extremely large and powerful storm, typically characterized by high winds, heavy rain or snow, or destructive storm surges
6. all_____on of corruption *n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
7. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
8. trading in bi_____y options *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
9. the ep_____er of the sports world *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

ANSWERS: 1. instantaneous, 2. upheaval, 3. volume, 4. distinctive, 5. superstorm, 6. allegation, 7. compelling, 8. binary, 9. epicenter

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| 10. h__t of trouble | <i>n.</i> an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something |
| 11. a preliminary inv_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth |
| 12. a de___e of fire | <i>n.</i> a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something |
| 13. inv_____te a data leak | <i>v.</i> to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth |
| 14. site of the ex_____on | <i>n.</i> a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction |
| 15. commit bl_____my | <i>n.</i> action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion |
| 16. bl___y massacre | <i>adj.</i> covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality |
| 17. a sta_____ng defeat | <i>adj.</i> so shocking as to stun or overwhelm |
| 18. a cr_____ng-keeper | <i>n.</i> the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect |
| 19. em_____al health | <i>adj.</i> relating to people's feelings |
| 20. in a rh_____ic pace | <i>adj.</i> having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm |
| 21. bl___y diarrhea | <i>adj.</i> covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality |

ANSWERS: 10. hint, 11. investigation, 12. deluge, 13. investigate, 14. explosion, 15. blasphemy, 16. bloody, 17. staggering, 18. crossing, 19. emotional, 20. rhythmic, 21. bloody

22. a co____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
23. ha__y tool *adj.* valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use
24. tr____ul statement *adj.* honest and telling the truth
25. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
26. inc____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
27. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
28. in____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
29. unconditionally and irr____ly *adv.* in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered
30. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
31. a ge____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
32. a female sc__w *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
33. c__b anxiety *v.* to restrain, limit, or control something; to reduce or put a stop to something undesirable; (noun) the raised edge or barrier along the edge of a street, road, or sidewalk

ANSWERS: 22. constant, 23. handy, 24. truthful, 25. refer, 26. incredible, 27. obvious, 28. instantly, 29. irrevocably, 30. fin, 31. genuine, 32. screw, 33. curb

34. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
35. Ar___c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
36. an ear_____ke-proof *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
37. me__e into a new party *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
38. respond to a cou_____aim *n.* a legal or formal response made by a defendant in a lawsuit or legal dispute
39. go___e down food *v.* to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey
40. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
41. a c__e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
42. tr_____ul person *adj.* honest and telling the truth
43. a rh_____ic stroking *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
44. a lot of ex_____ons *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

ANSWERS: 34. fantastic, 35. Arabic, 36. earthquake, 37. merge, 38. counter-claim, 39. gobble, 40. universe, 41. clue, 42. truthful, 43. rhythmic, 44. explosion

45. tr___e clef *n.* the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold
46. s__t sand *v.* to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles
47. an av___e to success *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
48. high vo___e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
49. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
50. camping cu____e *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
51. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
52. tr___e booster *n.* the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold
53. ra____g on the balcony *n.* a horizontal barrier or fence supported by posts or columns, often used for safety or decorative purposes, particularly on balconies, staircases, or along the edge of a building or platform

ANSWERS: 45. treble, 46. sift, 47. avenue, 48. volume, 49. rely, 50. cubicle, 51. fake, 52. treble, 53. railing

54. an age of ab_____ce *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
55. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
56. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
57. fa____y accurate *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
58. a doc_____ry film *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
59. re____n all hopes *v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
60. the big up_____al of my life *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
61. do_____wn traffic *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
62. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
63. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
64. a de fa__o government *adj.* of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring

ANSWERS: 54. abundance, 55. journalist, 56. nowhere, 57. fairly, 58. documentary, 59. resign, 60. upheaval, 61. downtown, 62. organization, 63. react, 64. facto

65. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
66. gross pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
67. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
68. make a cou_____aim *n.* a legal or formal response made by a defendant in a lawsuit or legal dispute
69. cunning tr_____ry *n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation
70. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
71. pi___p truck *n.* a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody
72. 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
73. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 65. dam, 66. profit, 67. forth, 68. counter-claim, 69. trickery, 70. industrious, 71. pickup, 72. discovery, 73. obvious

74. gr__l a steak *n.* a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill
75. wi__y eloquence *adj.* characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance
76. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
77. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
78. get caught in the de___e *n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
79. pot_____ly affected *adv.* in a possible state or condition; possibly
80. um_____la ban *n.* a device consisting of a circular canopy of cloth on a central pole used as protection against rain or sometimes against the sun
81. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
82. un_____ly cheerful *adv.* in a way that is not typical or expected
83. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

ANSWERS: 74. grill, 75. windy, 76. strike, 77. shift, 78. deluge, 79. potentially, 80. umbrella, 81. rely, 82. unusually, 83. stream

84. 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
85. an av___e of poplars *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
86. gas gr__l *n.* a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill
87. bite his tongue li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
88. doc_____ry proof *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
89. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
90. vi_____ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
91. clogged fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

ANSWERS: 84. alpha, 85. avenue, 86. grill, 87. literally, 88. documentary, 89. background, 90. visualize, 91. filter

92. a ha__y-sized bag *adj.* valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use
93. helpful h__ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
94. a li___y song *adj.* full of energy and activity; animated
95. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
96. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
97. first l__e *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
98. up___d documents to the portal *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
99. the RSA al_____hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
100. thu_____orm advisory *n.* a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind
101. sc_____h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
102. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 92. handy, 93. hint, 94. lively, 95. interact, 96. instinct, 97. lane, 98. upload, 99. algorithm, 100. thunderstorm, 101. scratch, 102. eventually

103. sta_____ng number *adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
104. eat kr__l *n.* a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals
105. gas fi____r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
106. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
107. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
108. Antarctic kr__l *n.* a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals
109. cu_____e partition *n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting
110. um_____la coverage *n.* a device consisting of a circular canopy of cloth on a central pole used as protection against rain or sometimes against the sun
111. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
112. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
113. 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

ANSWERS: 103. staggering, 104. krill, 105. filter, 106. probable, 107. universe, 108. krill, 109. cubicle, 110. umbrella, 111. trait, 112. interact, 113. balance

114. fl__d assets *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
115. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
116. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
117. tu_____en carbide *n.* a hard, dense metallic element with the symbol W (from its German name, Wolfram) and atomic number 74, which has high melting and boiling points, often used in electrical wiring, light bulb filaments, and other high-stress applications
118. look un_____ly serious *adv.* in a way that is not typical or expected
119. l__e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
120. sc_____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
121. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
122. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
123. spirit of bro_____od *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

ANSWERS: 114. fluid, 115. intelligent, 116. industrious, 117. tungsten, 118. unusually, 119. lane, 120. scratch, 121. identify, 122. background, 123. brotherhood

124. pi___p and delivery service *n.* a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody
125. de___k theory *v.* to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
126. change irr_____ly *adv.* in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered
127. a cr_____le story *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
128. on an equal ba___s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
129. pot_____ly lucrative *adv.* in a possible state or condition; possibly
130. co_____te materials *adj.* made up of different parts, elements, or substances; (noun) something made from two or more different substances
131. 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
132. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
133. under a cu___e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

ANSWERS: 124. pickup, 125. debunk, 126. irrevocably, 127. credible, 128. basis, 129. potentially, 130. composite, 131. investigate, 132. reaction, 133. curse

134. in____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
135. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
136. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
137. with de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
138. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
139. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
140. 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
141. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
142. sc__w the cap *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
143. up___d files *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

ANSWERS: 134. instinct, 135. basis, 136. incredible, 137. delight, 138. quest, 139. concrete, 140. balance, 141. trait, 142. screw, 143. upload

144. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
145. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
146. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
147. political tr_____ry *n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation
148. sa__y hair *adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
149. bro_____od among coworkers *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
150. swim up_____am *adj.* in the direction against a stream's current; (adverb) toward the source or beginning of a stream, river, or process
151. to_____t of words *n.* a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud
152. few cu__e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
153. plenty of fl__ds *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid

ANSWERS: 144. revolution, 145. refer, 146. compelling, 147. trickery, 148. sandy, 149. brotherhood, 150. upstream, 151. torrent, 152. curse, 153. fluid

154. major paradigm sh__t	<i>n.</i> a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
155. rem_____le achievement	<i>adj.</i> worthy of attention because unusual or special
156. the ma_____de of the disaster	<i>n.</i> the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
157. de___k an urban legend	<i>v.</i> to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
158. beginning of the industrial rev_____on	<i>n.</i> a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
159. miles of sa__y beaches	<i>adj.</i> covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
160. the great di_____ry of the century	<i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
161. unintended con_____ces	<i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
162. am_____g advances	<i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
163. the most am_____g feeling	<i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
164. up_____am direction	<i>adj.</i> in the direction against a stream's current; (adverb) toward the source or beginning of a stream, river, or process
165. absolutely fa_____ic event	<i>adj.</i> extremely good; excellent

ANSWERS: 154. shift, 155. remarkable, 156. magnitude, 157. debunk, 158. revolution, 159. sandy, 160. discovery, 161. consequence, 162. amazing, 163. amazing, 164. upstream, 165. fantastic

166. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
167. a meteorological sa_____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
168. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
169. 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
170. ep_____er magnitude *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
171. sc___e a hole in the ground *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
172. a hu_____ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
173. be killed in_____ly *adv.* immediately
174. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 166. nod, 167. satellite, 168. nod, 169. alpha, 170. epicenter, 171. scrape, 172. hurricane, 173. instantly, 174. numb

175. ac____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
176. ca____n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
177. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
178. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
179. play a un____ly important role *adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
180. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
181. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
182. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
183. un____ly different *adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
184. an ear_____ke zone *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
185. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

ANSWERS: 175. academic, 176. cartoon, 177. strike, 178. profit, 179. uniquely, 180. smartphone, 181. emotional, 182. tweet, 183. uniquely, 184. earthquake, 185. shadow

186. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
187. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
188. li___y conversation *adj.* full of energy and activity; animated
189. wine rep_____ry *n.* a place where things are stored in large quantities and can be found
190. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
191. an ab_____ce of examples *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
192. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
193. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
194. design to be dis_____ve *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
195. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
196. hear gr_____me details *adj.* causing horror or disgust
197. wooden ra_____g *n.* a horizontal barrier or fence supported by posts or columns, often used for safety or decorative purposes, particularly on balconies, staircases, or along the edge of a building or platform

ANSWERS: 186. visual, 187. tweet, 188. lively, 189. repository, 190. academic, 191. abundance, 192. eventually, 193. identify, 194. distinctive, 195. dot, 196. gruesome, 197. railing

198. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
199. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
200. cr_____ng bridge *n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
201. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
202. ex post fa__o approval *adj.* of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
203. the scope of an inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
204. a me___n strip *n.* the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size
205. tu_____en filament *n.* a hard, dense metallic element with the symbol W (from its German name, Wolfram) and atomic number 74, which has high melting and boiling points, often used in electrical wiring, light bulb filaments, and other high-stress applications
206. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
207. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

ANSWERS: 198. concrete, 199. smartphone, 200. crossing, 201. organization, 202. facto, 203. investigation, 204. median, 205. tungsten, 206. react, 207. hypothesis

208. a c__e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
209. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
210. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
211. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
212. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
213. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
214. do_____wn building *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
215. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
216. a bold hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

ANSWERS: 208. clue, 209. numb, 210. shadow, 211. conversation, 212. flood, 213. remarkable, 214. downtown, 215. incredibly, 216. hypothesis

217. bl_____my against the law *n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
218. rep_____ry of useful knowledge *n.* a place where things are stored in large quantities and can be found
219. fl_____nt attitude *adj.* not showing a serious or respectful attitude; frivolous, impertinent, or lacking proper respect or seriousness
220. sc___e meat off a bone *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
221. a bi___y number *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
222. cr_____le source *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
223. re___n to fate *v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
224. have a fa___y clear view *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
225. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
226. gr_____me accident *adj.* causing horror or disgust
227. go___e up the competition *v.* to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey
228. z__m in on a photo *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

ANSWERS: 217. blasphemy, 218. repository, 219. flippant, 220. scrape, 221. binary, 222. credible, 223. resign, 224. fairly, 225. literally, 226. gruesome, 227. gobble, 228. zoom

229. 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
230. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
231. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
232. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
233. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
234. baseless all_____ons *n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
235. severe thu_____orms *n.* a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind
236. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
237. a co_____te of different photographs *adj.* made up of different parts, elements, or substances; (noun) something made from two or more different substances
238. a re_____ic goal *adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
239. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 229. algorithm, 230. fin, 231. dam, 232. stream, 233. fake, 234. allegation, 235. thunderstorm, 236. incredibly, 237. composite, 238. realistic, 239. visual

240. wi__y hillside *adj.* characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance
241. sup_____rm damage *n.* an extremely large and powerful storm, typically characterized by high winds, heavy rain or snow, or destructive storm surges
242. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
243. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
244. show ge_____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
245. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
246. the ravages of a hu_____ne *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
247. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
248. a star of the first ma_____de *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
249. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

ANSWERS: 240. windy, 241. superstorm, 242. aft, 243. flood, 244. genuine, 245. constant, 246. hurricane, 247. probable, 248. magnitude, 249. forth

250. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
251. c__b appetite *v.* to restrain, limit, or control something; to reduce or put a stop to something undesirable; (noun) the raised edge or barrier along the edge of a street, road, or sidewalk
252. a tremor of de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
253. vi_____ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
254. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
255. fl_____nt joke *adj.* not showing a serious or respectful attitude; frivolous, impertinent, or lacking proper respect or seriousness
256. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
257. ins_____ous message *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
258. me___n age at diagnosis *n.* the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size
259. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
260. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 250. consequence, 251. curb, 252. delight, 253. visualize, 254. conversation, 255. flippant, 256. quest, 257. instantaneous, 258. median, 259. dot, 260. aft

261. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
262. ca_____n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
263. me__e those systems into a new one *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
264. a GPS sa_____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
265. z__m lens *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
266. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
267. Ar___c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
268. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
269. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
270. s__t the candidates *v.* to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles

ANSWERS: 261. intelligent, 262. cartoon, 263. merge, 264. satellite, 265. zoom, 266. nowhere, 267. Arabic, 268. reaction, 269. journalist, 270. sift

271. stem a to____t

n. a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud

ANSWERS: 271. torrent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. How did he _____ to your idea?
 - v. to take action in response to something

2. _____ annual income fell last year in this country.
 - n. the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size

3. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
 - n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

4. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
 - v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

5. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
 - v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

6. We have never before conducted a legitimate _____.
 - n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

7. The forecast called for a chance of _____ in the afternoon.
 - n. a storm with lightning and thunder, typically with heavy rain and strong gusts of wind

ANSWERS: 1. react, 2. Median, 3. universe, 4. refer, 5. nodded, 6. investigation, 7. thunderstorms

8. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.
adv. immediately
9. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
10. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.
n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
11. 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
12. He made _____ remarks during the serious meeting, which angered his colleagues.
adj. not showing a serious or respectful attitude; frivolous, impertinent, or lacking proper respect or seriousness
13. 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
14. The coastal town's residents were urged to evacuate ahead of the _____.
n. an extremely large and powerful storm, typically characterized by high winds, heavy rain or snow, or destructive storm surges
15. After a long battle with her health, the teacher had no choice but to _____ from her position.
v. to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable

ANSWERS: 8. instantly, 9. industrious, 10. hurricane, 11. balance, 12. flippant, 13. aft, 14. superstorm, 15. resign

16. The _____ index tracks the performance of multiple stocks in the same sector.
adj. made up of different parts, elements, or substances; (noun) something made from two or more different substances
17. He won an award for that short _____.
n. a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
18. The _____ of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.
n. the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
19. The president asked for a more _____ plan.
adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
20. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.
adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
21. The party was _____ filled with laughter and music.
adj. full of energy and activity; animated
22. The soprano singer hit a piercing _____ note during the performance.
n. the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold
23. The violent _____ caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.
n. a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

ANSWERS: 16. composite, 17. documentary, 18. epicenter, 19. concrete, 20. compelling, 21. lively, 22. treble, 23. earthquake

24. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

25. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

26. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

27. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

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

28. She was diagnosed with a _____ buildup in her lungs.

n. a substance that can flow and is not solid

29. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

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

30. The painting is _____ painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.

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

31. He deals _____ with his employees.

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

ANSWERS: 24. tweet, 25. dam, 26. abundance, 27. filter, 28. fluid, 29. consequences, 30. uniquely, 31. fairly

32. The _____ of fraud against the politician damaged his reputation.
n. an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
33. _____ electrodes are used in welding applications due to their high melting point and conductivity
n. a hard, dense metallic element with the symbol W (from its German name, Wolfram) and atomic number 74, which has high melting and boiling points, often used in electrical wiring, light bulb filaments, and other high-stress applications
34. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it
adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
35. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
n. a particular feature of your nature
36. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
37. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
v. to communicate or react with somebody
38. It is _____ to say such a thing.
n. action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
39. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.
n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

ANSWERS: 32. allegation, 33. Tungsten, 34. faked, 35. traits, 36. eventually, 37. interact, 38. blasphemy, 39. cartoon

40. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
41. That story was so _____ and it was scary.
adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
42. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
43. I'll be waiting for you in front of the café at 6 PM, so be on time for our _____.
n. a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody
44. The recent political _____ has left the country in a state of chaos.
n. great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
45. The amount of money required was _____.
adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
46. He _____ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.
adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
47. She opened her _____ to protect herself from the rain.
n. a device consisting of a circular canopy of cloth on a central pole used as protection against rain or sometimes against the sun

ANSWERS: 40. floods, 41. realistic, 42. revolution, 43. pickup, 44. upheaval, 45. staggering, 46. literally, 47. umbrella

48. 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

49. My left arm became _____.

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

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

adj. extremely good; excellent

51. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

52. This business yields little _____.

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

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

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

54. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

55. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 48. discovery, 49. numb, 50. fantastic, 51. conversation, 52. profit, 53. smartphones, 54. quest, 55. visual

56. I need to _____ these pictures to my computer to edit them.

- v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

57. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.

- n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

58. His writing style was _____ with a clear and concise voice.

- adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

59. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.

- v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

60. The _____ of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

- n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

61. I worked in an office _____ surrounded by walls and fluorescent lights.

- n.* a small, partitioned area or booth intended for working or studying, often in an office or educational setting

62. She is the president of a large international _____.

- n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

63. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.

- n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

64. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 56. upload, 57. dots, 58. distinctive, 59. scratch, 60. magnitude, 61. cubicle, 62. organization, 63. hypothesis, 64. probable

65. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

66. A broken gas pipe triggered the _____.

n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

67. The _____ sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

68. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

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

69. The decline in _____ populations in recent years has raised concerns about the health of marine ecosystems.

n. a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals

70. She tried to _____ the layout of the new house in her mind.

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

71. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

72. He decided to take a walk _____ area to explore the city.

adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

73. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 65. amazing, 66. explosion, 67. rhythmic, 68. screw, 69. krill, 70. visualize, 71. academic, 72. downtown, 73. incredibly

74. He _____ the mud off his boots before entering the house.
- v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
75. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
76. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
- n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
77. She was _____ in her testimony, despite the pressure to lie.
- adj. honest and telling the truth
78. The crime scene was _____ and gruesome.
- adj. covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
79. 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
80. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
- adj. relating to people's feelings
81. 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

ANSWERS: 74. scraped, 75. fins, 76. shadow, 77. truthful, 78. bloody, 79. alpha, 80. emotional, 81. identify

82. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

83. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

84. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

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

85. The children held onto the _____ tightly as they walked up the steep staircase.

n. a horizontal barrier or fence supported by posts or columns, often used for safety or decorative purposes, particularly on balconies, staircases, or along the edge of a building or platform

86. He _____ back in time to the soccer game.

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

87. The new software has become the de _____ tool for professionals in the field.

adj. of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring

88. The evolution of civilization has _____ improved the quality of human life.

adv. in a way that is impossible to be changed, reversed, or recovered

89. Launching an artificial _____ contributed to the technological development of our country.

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

ANSWERS: 82. nowhere, 83. volume, 84. shift, 85. railing, 86. zoomed, 87. facto, 88. irrevocably, 89. satellite

90. The _____ between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.
- n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
91. The _____ crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.
- adj.* causing horror or disgust
92. 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
93. Recent developments in data analysis techniques have been instrumental in finding insights from the data _____.
- n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
94. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.
- n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
95. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
- adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
96. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
- v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
97. The defendant filed a _____ against the plaintiff.
- n.* a legal or formal response made by a defendant in a lawsuit or legal dispute

ANSWERS: 90. brotherhood, 91. gruesome, 92. investigated, 93. deluge, 94. Arabic, 95. Constant, 96. rely, 97. counter-claim

98. The busy road was closed for a few hours for a railway _____.
- n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
99. The myth was _____ by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.
- v.* to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
100. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.
- n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
101. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
- n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
102. This consulting firm decided to _____ the two companies into one.
- v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
103. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
- adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
104. They didn't have any _____ evidence of his innocence.
- adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
105. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
- n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
106. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.
- adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

ANSWERS: 98. crossing, 99. debunked, 100. clue, 101. reaction, 102. merge, 103. remarkable, 104. credible, 105. delight, 106. Intelligent

107. The rain fell in a _____ flooding the streets in minutes.

n. a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud

108. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

109. The rain rapidly soaked into the _____ soil.

adj. covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown

110. The restaurant is famous for its _____ where they serve the best steaks.

n. a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill

111. 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

112. The ocean is a rich _____ of natural resources.

n. a place where things are stored in large quantities and can be found

113. There was no _____ of a problem.

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

114. They found a _____ place to play catch.

adj. valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use

ANSWERS: 107. torrent, 108. obvious, 109. sandy, 110. grill, 111. algorithm, 112. repository, 113. hint, 114. handy

115. The new software provides _____ results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

adj. occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

116. We walked along a muddy _____ to reach the farm.

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

117. A _____ star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.

n. a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1

118. Is this painting _____ or forged?

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

119. I always _____ my breakfast quickly because I'm usually in a rush.

v. to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey

120. The team's performance has been _____ poor this season.

adv. in a way that is not typical or expected

121. The search engine helps _____ information.

v. to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles

122. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 115. instantaneous, 116. lane, 117. binary, 118. genuine, 119. gobble, 120. unusually, 121. sift, 122. instinct

123. I pushed _____ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.
adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
124. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
125. They explored every _____ they could think of.
n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
126. He achieved the illusion through clever _____ that left the audience in awe.
n. the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation
127. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
128. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
129. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

ANSWERS: 123. forth, 124. background, 125. avenue, 126. trickery, 127. journalists, 128. strike, 129. streams

130. Many autocratic policies became a _____ for that country's economy.

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

131. He tried to _____ his anger during the argument with his friend.

v. to restrain, limit, or control something; to reduce or put a stop to something undesirable; (noun) the raised edge or barrier along the edge of a street, road, or sidewalk

132. The company is investing heavily in _____ research and development.

adj. in the direction against a stream's current; (adverb) toward the source or beginning of a stream, river, or process

133. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

134. The organization assisted in the de-escalation of _____ violent situations.

adv. in a possible state or condition; possibly

135. The weather is too _____ for us to go on a boat ride.

adj. characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance

136. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 130. curse, 131. curb, 132. upstream, 133. basis, 134. potentially, 135. windy, 136. incredible