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Session 1: Word List

primarily

adv. mainly

synonym : largely, mainly, mostly

(1) intended **primarily** for young people, (2) **primarily** affect adults

All peaceful cooperation is based **primarily** on mutual trust.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym : design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

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

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

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym: anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

economics

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

synonym: social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

striking

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

synonym: arresting, astonishing, exceptional

(1) **striking** innovation, (2) **striking** evidence

The two plays have many **striking** parallels.

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**.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace
On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

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

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

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym: boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

expanse

n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym: stretch, field, spread

(1) vast **expanse**, (2) large **expanses**

She looked over the immense **expanse** of the sea.

grasp

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

synonym: grab, clasp, grip

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

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

marble

n. a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

synonym: stone, rock, sphere

(1) **marble** statues, (2) artificial **marble**

The floor was made of white and black **marble** arranged in a checkerboard pattern.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym: also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

occasionally

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

synonym: periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change the routine

She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

cable

n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

synonym : wire, cord, rope

(1) **cable** television, (2) coaxial **cable**

This system uses submarine **cables** to exchange information between continents.

dusty

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

synonym : stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

clump

n. a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.

synonym : cluster, bunch, bundle

(1) **clump** of bacteria, (2) a **clump** of trees

I heard the **clump** of his boots in the hallway.

couch

n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

synonym : sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the weekends.

basement

n. a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

synonym : cellar, storage, vault

(1) four **basement** floor, (2) church **basement**

Underground rivers flow over a **basement** layer that is impervious to water.

jumble

v. to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things

synonym : mix, scramble, mess up

(1) **jumble** in some herbs and spices, (2) **jumble** together different colors

The children **jumbled** up the puzzle pieces and had to start over.

squirrel

n. a small to medium-sized rodent with a bushy tail, found in almost every part of the world

synonym: rodent, chipmunk, tree-dweller

(1) agile **squirrel**, (2) gray **squirrel**

The **squirrels** in the park were very friendly and came right up to us looking for food.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym: masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

synonym: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

transcendent

adj. going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime

synonym: beyond human experience, divine, spiritual

(1) **transcendent** wisdom, (2) **transcendent** joy

The **transcendent** beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.

protocol

n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

synonym: procedure, system, method

(1) draft a **protocol**, (2) **protocol** breach

The company has a strict **protocol** for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

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.

unequivocal

adj. admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

synonym: apparent, absolute, undeniable

(1) **unequivocal** evidence, (2) receive an **unequivocal** answer

It is **unequivocal** that human activities are the cause of global warming.

yank

v. to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement

synonym: draw, jerk, tug

(1) **yank** out a tooth, (2) **yank** at a rope

He tried to **yank** the memories from his brain.

represent

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

synonym: depict, express, describe

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

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

sitcom

n. a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format

synonym: comedy, TV show

(1) **sitcom** series, (2) popular **sitcom**

I love to watch **sitcoms** when I need a good laugh.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

reception

n. the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people

synonym: welcome, greeting, party

(1) a cold **reception**, (2) **reception** desk

The wedding **reception** was held in the grand ballroom of the hotel.

negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym: discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

colleague

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

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

presentation

n. the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise

synonym: exhibition, display, speech

(1) **presentation** skills, (2) **presentation** slides

She gave a fantastic **presentation** at the conference and received a standing ovation.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

amorphous

adj. without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless

synonym: formless, shapeless, structureless

(1) **amorphous** amoeba, (2) **amorphous** mass

The clouded jellyfish has an **amorphous** shape, making it difficult to identify.

blob

n. a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance

synonym: chunk, lump, hunk

(1) a big **blob** of yellow, (2) a **blob** of jelly

A **blob** of ink fell on the floor.

blink

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

synonym: twinkle, flash, flicker

(1) **blink** his eyes, (2) **blink** in astonishment

He **blinked** in the dazzling sunlight.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**
The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

rout

n. a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat

synonym: defeat, debacle, disaster

(1) **rout** march, (2) cricket team's **rout**

The football team suffered a humiliating **rout** in the championship game.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan
I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

fiber

n. thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

synonym: yarn, thread, wool

(1) carbon **fiber**, (2) synthetic **fiber**

We must consume dietary **fiber** to maintain good health.

optic

adj. relating to vision or the eyes; relating to or involving light or optics

synonym: visual, ocular, visualized

(1) **optic** fiber, (2) **optic** illusion

The campaign ad was designed with bright colors and bold fonts for maximum **optic** impact.

ceiling

n. a room's top interior surface

synonym: canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym: exceptionally, notably, unusually

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

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

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym: close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

tier

n. one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance

synonym: level, layer, class

(1) a two- **tier** system, (2) **tier** one company

The company operates on a three- **tier** pricing structure.

undersea

adj. located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea

synonym: underwater, subaquatic, marine

(1) **undersea** earthquake, (2) **undersea** habitat

The **undersea** environment is very different from the surface, with unique flora and fauna.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym: below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

phenomenon

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

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

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

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym: extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

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.

hose

n. a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner

synonym: tube, pipe, conduit

(1) garden **hose**, (2) **hose** bumper

The firefighter grabbed the **hose** and aimed it at the burning building to extinguish the fire.

expansive

adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

synonym: large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views

The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

computation

n. the act or process of calculating something, especially an answer or amount, by using a machine or calculator
synonym: calculation, estimation, arithmetic

(1) parallel **computation**, (2) theory of **computation**

The researcher demonstrated the superiority of quantum **computation** in several mathematical tasks.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym: startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

landing

n. the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest

synonym: touchdown, arrival, descent

(1) **landing** gear, (2) emergency **landing**

The plane made a rough **landing**, and everyone clapped once we came to a stop.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym: insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

inconspicuous

adj. not noticeable or prominent; not attracting attention or standing out; subtle or hidden in appearance or behavior

synonym: unobtrusive, unnoticeable, subtle

(1) **inconspicuous** location, (2) **inconspicuous** behavior

The **inconspicuous** spy blended in perfectly with the crowd.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

tuna

n. a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals

(1) **tuna** steak, (2) canned **tuna**

I made a **tuna** sandwich for lunch today.

transmission

n. the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

synonym: transportation, communication, broadcast

(1) **transmission** speed, (2) the **transmission** gears of a car

Education is the **transmission** of civilization.

wavelength

n. the distance between two points in the same phase in consecutive cycles of a wave

(1) **wavelength** of light, (2) long- **wavelength** laser

White color is made up of many different **wavelengths** of light.

capable

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

synonym: able, competent, proficient

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

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

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.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym: landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion
Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

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.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting
Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

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.

tenuous

adj. very weak or slight that it hardly exists

synonym: slight, fragile, slender

(1) **tenuous** relationship, (2) **tenuous** link
Evidence submitted by attorneys is **tenuous** due to a lack of objectivity.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym: lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

synonym: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

hook

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

synonym: buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

fuse

n. a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

synonym: (verb) melt, (verb) blend

(1) **fuse** blows, (2) **fuse** with one another

He has a short **fuse**.

dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym: throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

intense

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

synonym: extreme, fierce, harsh

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

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

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym : manufacturing, mechanical

(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol

Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

conglomerate

n. a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole

synonym : aggregate, mixture, combination

(1) multinational **conglomerate**, (2) media **conglomerate**

The **conglomerate** of companies managed to dominate the market.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym : existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak
The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

Atlantic

adj. relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

(1) **Atlantic** breeze, (2) **Atlantic** salmon

The **Atlantic** hurricane season runs from June to November each year.

pacific

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

synonym: calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **pacific-natured** disposition, (2) the **Pacific** Ocean

They adopted a **pacific** approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

proceed

v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

synonym: advance, progress, move ahead

(1) **proceed** with caution, (2) **proceed** to the next step

We can now **proceed** with the next item on our agenda.

belt

v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the

body

synonym: sing, hit hard, (noun) strap

(1) **belt** him in the face, (2) leather **belt**

The band was **belting** out old songs in response to audience requests.

beam

n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

synonym: ray, ray of light, shaft of light

(1) **beam** of light, (2) a structural **beam** of a building

The sun's **beam** shone through the window and illuminated the room.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym: landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

fleeting

adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

synonym: temporary, brief, transitory

(1) for a **fleeting** moment, (2) **fleeting** opportunity

She savored the **fleeting** happiness she felt during the vacation.

adjacency

n. the condition of being adjacent or close to something

synonym: proximity, nearness, closeness

(1) **adjacency** matrix, (2) **adjacency** relation

The **adjacency** of the two buildings allowed for easy communication between their residents.

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.

corollary

n. (in mathematics) a theorem of less importance which can be readily deduced from the proof of another notable proposition; a practical consequence that follows naturally

synonym: conclusion, deduction, analogy

(1) a **corollary** from the first theory, (2) **corollary** relief

Newton derived the momentum conservation law as a **corollary** of his second and third laws.

nylon

n. a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.

(1) **nylon** cloth, (2) **nylon** thread

We supply the military with durable vests made of **nylon**.

lightweight

adj. composed of thinner and lighter material than average; not severe or impressive

(1) **lightweight** aircraft, (2) **lightweight** structure

Powder coating protects the **lightweight** aluminum alloy

components.

messenger

n. someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document

synonym: courier, transmitter, envoy

(1) **messenger** app, (2) a secret **messenger**

An mRNA vaccine is a type of vaccine that uses a copy of a molecule called **messenger** RNA.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

bulldoze

v. to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

synonym: level, clear, demolish

(1) **bulldoze** a mound, (2) **bulldoze** a person into buying

They **bulldozed** the old building to make way for a new one.

specialized

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

synonym: technical, expert, skilled

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

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

buoy

n. a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement

synonym: float, marker, beacon

(1) navigation **buoy**, (2) a mooring **buoy**

A red and white striped **buoy** marked the edge of the shipping lane.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

shore

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

synonym: coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

cigarette

n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

synonym: smoke, cigar, tobacco

(1) a mild **cigarette**, (2) a **cigarette** case

He lit a **cigarette** and leaned against the wall.

shave

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

synonym: trim, cut down, prune

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

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

interior

n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

synonym: inner, inside, internal

(1) **interior** decoration, (2) plenty of **interior** space

The painter focused on the moody **interiors** of abandoned buildings in his work.

chef

n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
synonym: cook, culinary artist, gastronomer

(1) **chef** knife, (2) master **chef**

The **chef** at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

jeweler

n. a person who designs, makes, sells, or repairs jewelry, usually working with precious metals, gemstones, and other valuable materials, and is skilled in the art of crafting and setting these materials

synonym: gemologist, lapidary

(1) skilled **jeweler**, (2) **jeweler's** hammer

A very talented **jeweler** designed my friend's engagement ring.

punch

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

synonym: hit, strike, slap

(1) **punch** out numbers, (2) **punch** a ticket

He **punched** the wall in anger.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym: refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

laborer

n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

synonym: worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

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**.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym : definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

synonym : grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

physically

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

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. church ba_____nt
n. a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
2. pr_____ol breach
n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
3. leather co__h
n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
4. inc_____le amount
adj. unbelievable; enormous
5. ne_____te a settlement
v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
6. su_____nd a town
v. to be all around something or somebody
7. synthetic fi__r
n. thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
8. le__r for reform
n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
9. a cl__p of trees
n. a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.
10. sh_____ng response
adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

ANSWERS: 1. basement, 2. protocol, 3. couch, 4. incredible, 5. negotiate, 6. surround, 7. fiber, 8. lever, 9. clump, 10. shocking

11. pre_____ion slides *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
12. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
13. sh__e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
14. f__e blows *n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat
15. fl_____ng opportunity *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
16. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
17. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
18. plenty of in_____or space *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
19. have sur_____gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
20. gray sq_____el *n.* a small to medium-sized rodent with a bushy tail, found in almost every part of the world

ANSWERS: 11. presentation, 12. surround, 13. shave, 14. fuse, 15. fleeting, 16. sand, 17. divide, 18. interior, 19. surprisingly, 20. squirrel

21. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
22. d__p hazardous waste *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
23. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
24. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
25. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
26. te_____s relationship *adj.* very weak or slight that it hardly exists
27. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
28. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
29. 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
30. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 21. geography, 22. dump, 23. communicate, 24. responsible, 25. stream, 26. tenuous, 27. architect, 28. landscape, 29. background, 30. embarrass

31. a two-t__r system *n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
32. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
33. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
34. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
35. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
36. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
37. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
38. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
39. with an ex_____ve spirit *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
40. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

ANSWERS: 31. tier, 32. writ, 33. sand, 34. phenomenon, 35. architect, 36. architecture, 37. classic, 38. smartphone, 39. expansive, 40. geography

41. ex_____ve ocean views *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
42. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
43. an endless st____m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
44. a mild ci_____te *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
45. inc_____ous behavior *adj.* not noticeable or prominent; not attracting attention or standing out; subtle or hidden in appearance or behavior
46. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
47. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
48. in_____te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
49. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
50. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
51. la_____g gear *n.* the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest

ANSWERS: 41. expansive, 42. engineer, 43. stream, 44. cigarette, 45. inconspicuous, 46. writ, 47. landscape, 48. infinite, 49. colleague, 50. weigh, 51. landing

52. the Pa____c Ocean *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
53. la____r job *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
54. navigation b__y *n.* a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement
55. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
56. c__f knife *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
57. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
58. un_____ea habitat *adj.* located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea
59. inc_____ous location *adj.* not noticeable or prominent; not attracting attention or standing out; subtle or hidden in appearance or behavior
60. skilled je____r *n.* a person who designs, makes, sells, or repairs jewelry, usually working with precious metals, gemstones, and other valuable materials, and is skilled in the art of crafting and setting these materials

ANSWERS: 52. pacific, 53. laborer, 54. buoy, 55. permanent, 56. chef, 57. negotiate, 58. undersea, 59. inconspicuous, 60. jeweler

61. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
62. canned t__a *n.* a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals
63. lig_____ht aircraft *adj.* composed of thinner and lighter material than average; not severe or impressive
64. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
65. a co__h potato *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
66. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
67. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
68. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
69. multinational con_____ate *n.* a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole

ANSWERS: 61. process, 62. tuna, 63. lightweight, 64. engineer, 65. couch, 66. sophisticated, 67. permanent, 68. incredible, 69. conglomerate

70. do____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
71. occ_____lly change the routine *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
72. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
73. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
74. pr_____ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
75. ma___e statues *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
76. pu__h a ticket *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
77. ju___e in some herbs and spices *v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things
78. 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

ANSWERS: 70. dominate, 71. occasionally, 72. literally, 73. phenomenon, 74. primarily, 75. marble, 76. punch, 77. jumble, 78. background

79. carbon fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
80. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
81. ce____g light *n.* a room's top interior surface
82. a structural b__m of a building *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
83. am____us amoeba *adj.* without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless
84. re____on desk *n.* the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people
85. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
86. stay phy____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
87. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
88. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 79. fiber, 80. chew, 81. ceiling, 82. beam, 83. amorphous, 84. reception, 85. lever, 86. physically, 87. industrious, 88. process

89. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
90. te_____s link *adj.* very weak or slight that it hardly exists
91. pr_____d to the next step *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
92. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
93. une_____al evidence *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
94. vast ex_____e *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
95. intended pr_____ly for young people *adv.* mainly
96. a sandy sh___e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
97. ad_____cy matrix *n.* the condition of being adjacent or close to something
98. op__c fiber *adj.* relating to vision or the eyes; relating to or involving light or optics
99. his majestic pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
100. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time

ANSWERS: 89. revolution, 90. tenuous, 91. proceed, 92. physically, 93. unequivocal, 94. expanse, 95. primarily, 96. shore, 97. adjacency, 98. optic, 99. presence, 100. constantly

101. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
102. y__k at a rope *v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
103. h__e bumper *n.* a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner
104. sh__e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
105. my in_____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
106. a b__b of jelly *n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
107. parallel com_____on *n.* the act or process of calculating something, especially an answer or amount, by using a machine or calculator
108. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
109. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
110. b__t him in the face *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
111. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way

ANSWERS: 101. assume, 102. yank, 103. hose, 104. shave, 105. intimate, 106. blob, 107. computation, 108. divide, 109. tweet, 110. belt, 111. similarly

112. st____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
113. artificial ma____e *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
114. master c__f *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
115. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
116. tra_____ion speed *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
117. me_____er app *n.* someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document
118. gr____e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
119. st____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
120. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 112. stretch, 113. marble, 114. chef, 115. underneath, 116. transmission, 117. messenger, 118. grapple, 119. striking, 120. warn

121. pre_____ion skills *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
122. cricket team's r__t *n.* a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat
123. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
124. sur_____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
125. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
126. du__y road *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
127. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
128. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
129. a cold re_____on *n.* the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people
130. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

ANSWERS: 121. presentation, 122. rout, 123. weigh, 124. surprisingly, 125. tuck, 126. dusty, 127. industrial, 128. industrial, 129. reception, 130. dimension

131. receive an une_____al answer *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
132. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
133. At_____ic salmon *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
134. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
135. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
136. gr_____e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
137. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
138. popular si_____m *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
139. as_____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
140. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

ANSWERS: 131. unequivocal, 132. grasp, 133. Atlantic, 134. normally, 135. colleague, 136. grapple, 137. classic, 138. sitcom, 139. astound, 140. boom

141. bu____ze a person into buying *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
142. du__y bookshelf *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
143. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
144. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
145. in____or decoration *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
146. tra_____ent wisdom *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
147. t__a steak *n.* a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals
148. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

ANSWERS: 141. bulldoze, 142. dusty, 143. architecture, 144. responsible, 145. interior, 146. transcendent, 147. tuna, 148. tuck

149. si_____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
150. ny__n thread *n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.
151. gr__p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
152. co_____ry relief *n.* (in mathematics) a theorem of less importance which can be readily deduced from the proof of another notable proposition; a practical consequence that follows naturally
153. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
154. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
155. bl__k his eyes *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
156. occ_____lly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
157. At_____ic breeze *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
158. f__e with one another *n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

ANSWERS: 149. similarly, 150. nylon, 151. grasp, 152. corollary, 153. imaginary, 154. complicated, 155. blink, 156. occasionally, 157. Atlantic, 158. fuse

159. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
160. agile sq_____el *n.* a small to medium-sized rodent with a bushy tail, found in almost every part of the world
161. spe_____ed knowledge *adj.* possessing or relating to specific knowledge or skills that are unique to a particular field or task; designed or intended for a particular purpose or function
162. a secret me_____er *n.* someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document
163. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
164. pu__h out numbers *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
165. spe_____ed equipment *adj.* possessing or relating to specific knowledge or skills that are unique to a particular field or task; designed or intended for a particular purpose or function
166. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
167. ad_____cy relation *n.* the condition of being adjacent or close to something
168. ca__e television *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

ANSWERS: 159. dominate, 160. squirrel, 161. specialized, 162. messenger, 163. regardless, 164. punch, 165. specialized, 166. amaze, 167. adjacency, 168. cable

169. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
170. bl__k in astonishment *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
171. theory of com_____on *n.* the act or process of calculating something, especially an answer or amount, by using a machine or calculator
172. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
173. pa_____c-natured disposition *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
174. sh_____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
175. long-wav_____th laser *n.* the distance between two points in the same phase in consecutive cycles of a wave
176. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
177. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
178. bu_____ze a mound *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

ANSWERS: 169. amaze, 170. blink, 171. computation, 172. represent, 173. pacific, 174. shocking, 175. wavelength, 176. chew, 177. dimension, 178. bulldoze

179. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
180. t__r one company *n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
181. sh__e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
182. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
183. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
184. ca_____e leader *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
185. cl__p of bacteria *n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.
186. a co_____ry from the first theory *n.* (in mathematics) a theorem of less importance which can be readily deduced from the proof of another notable proposition; a practical consequence that follows naturally
187. a mooring b__y *n.* a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement

ANSWERS: 179. assume, 180. tier, 181. shore, 182. intense, 183. relation, 184. capable, 185. clump, 186. corollary, 187. buoy

188. y__k out a tooth *v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
189. wav_____th of light *n.* the distance between two points in the same phase in consecutive cycles of a wave
190. the tra_____ion gears of a car *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
191. lig_____ht structure *adj.* composed of thinner and lighter material than average; not severe or impressive
192. a hat h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
193. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
194. tra_____ent joy *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
195. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
196. in_____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
197. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
198. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else

ANSWERS: 188. yank, 189. wavelength, 190. transmission, 191. lightweight, 192. hook, 193. incredibly, 194. transcendent, 195. intense, 196. infinite, 197. embarrass, 198. underneath

199. pr____d with caution *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
200. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
201. the curved shape of a h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
202. welfare ec_____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
203. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
204. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
205. ny__n cloth *n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.
206. ju___e together different colors *v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things
207. ce_____g board *n.* a room's top interior surface
208. am_____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

ANSWERS: 199. proceed, 200. warn, 201. hook, 202. economics, 203. economics, 204. smartphone, 205. nylon, 206. jumble, 207. ceiling, 208. amplify

209. op__c illusion *adj.* relating to vision or the eyes; relating to or involving light or optics
210. je____r's hammer *n.* a person who designs, makes, sells, or repairs jewelry, usually working with precious metals, gemstones, and other valuable materials, and is skilled in the art of crafting and setting these materials
211. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
212. a political rev____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
213. four ba____nt floor *n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
214. 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
215. re____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
216. coaxial ca__e *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
217. complete no____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
218. sop____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

ANSWERS: 209. optic, 210. jeweler, 211. tweet, 212. revolution, 213. basement, 214. literally, 215. represent, 216. cable, 217. normally, 218. sophisticated

219. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
220. media con_____ate *n.* a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole
221. the evidence of the pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
222. garden h__e *n.* a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner
223. ca_____e worker *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
224. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
225. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
226. skilled la_____r *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
227. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
228. un_____ea earthquake *adj.* located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea

ANSWERS: 219. constantly, 220. conglomerate, 221. presence, 222. hose, 223. capable, 224. boom, 225. imaginary, 226. laborer, 227. complicated, 228. undersea

229. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
230. leather b__t *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
231. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
232. am_____us mass *adj.* without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless
233. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
234. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
235. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
236. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
237. b__m of light *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
238. as_____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

ANSWERS: 229. regardless, 230. belt, 231. continent, 232. amorphous, 233. communicate, 234. amplify, 235. incredibly, 236. industrious, 237. beam, 238. astound

239. si___m series *n.* a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format
240. d__p the gravel on the road *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
241. r__t march *n.* a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat
242. a ci_____te case *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
243. a big b__b of yellow *n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
244. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
245. large ex_____es *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
246. st_____ng innovation *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
247. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
248. for a fl_____ng moment *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
249. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 239. sitcom, 240. dump, 241. rout, 242. cigarette, 243. blob, 244. continent, 245. expanse, 246. striking, 247. relation, 248. fleeting, 249. stretch

250. draft a pr____ol

n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

251. in____te relationship

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

252. emergency la____g

n. the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest

ANSWERS: 250. protocol, 251. intimate, 252. landing

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. 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

3. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

4. The two plays have many _____ parallels.
adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

5. I love to relax on the _____ and watch movies on the weekends.
n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

6. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.
n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

7. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 1. tweet, 2. background, 3. intense, 4. striking, 5. couch, 6. sand, 7. landscape

8. We must consume dietary _____ to maintain good health.
n. thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
9. The band was _____ out old songs in response to audience requests.
v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
10. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
11. Education is the _____ of civilization.
n. the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
12. It is _____ that human activities are the cause of global warming.
adj. admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
13. We are always happy to _____ a discount.
v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
14. The clouded jellyfish has an _____ shape, making it difficult to identify.
adj. without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless
15. There was a crack in the _____ that I found.
n. a room's top interior surface

ANSWERS: 8. fiber, 9. belting, 10. warn, 11. transmission, 12. unequivocal, 13. negotiate, 14. amorphous, 15. ceiling

16. Newton derived the momentum conservation law as a _____ of his second and third laws.

n. (in mathematics) a theorem of less importance which can be readily deduced from the proof of another notable proposition; a practical consequence that follows naturally

17. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

adv. usually; under normal conditions

18. He _____ the wall in anger.

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

19. A red and white striped _____ marked the edge of the shipping lane.

n. a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement

20. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

21. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

22. The _____ at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel

23. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

ANSWERS: 16. corollary, 17. normally, 18. punched, 19. buoy, 20. assumes, 21. complicated, 22. chef, 23. dimensions

24. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

25. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.

adv. in almost the same way

26. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

27. She still _____ writes a short romance novel.

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

28. She did well on her _____ exam.

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

29. The firefighter grabbed the _____ and aimed it at the burning building to extinguish the fire.

n. a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner

30. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

31. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

ANSWERS: 24. constantly, 25. similarly, 26. process, 27. occasionally, 28. geography, 29. hose, 30. architecture, 31. classic

32. Evidence submitted by attorneys is _____ due to a lack of objectivity.
adj. very weak or slight that it hardly exists
33. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.
v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
34. She looked over the immense _____ of the sea.
n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
35. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
36. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.
adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
37. The company has an _____ network of offices and locations around the world.
adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
38. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
39. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 32. tenuous, 33. grasp, 34. expanse, 35. smartphones, 36. sophisticated, 37. expansive, 38. engineer, 39. represent

40. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.
- n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
41. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
- v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
42. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
- n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
43. The _____ environment is very different from the surface, with unique flora and fauna.
- adj.* located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea
44. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
45. She is searching for a _____ residence.
- adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
46. He needed to _____ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.
- v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
47. White color is made up of many different _____ of light.
- n.* the distance between two points in the same phase in consecutive cycles of a wave

ANSWERS: 40. economics, 41. dominates, 42. colleague, 43. undersea, 44. relations, 45. permanent, 46. grapple, 47. wavelengths

48. The football team suffered a humiliating _____ in the championship game.
n. a disorderly retreat or defeat of an army or group; a decisive defeat
49. The waves are beating against the _____.
n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water;
(verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
50. My dog loves to _____ on bones.
v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
51. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.
adj. having a very close friendship, personal
52. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.
adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder
53. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.
n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
54. She gave a fantastic _____ at the conference and received a standing ovation.
n. the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
55. The wedding _____ was held in the grand ballroom of the hotel.
n. the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people

ANSWERS: 48. rout, 49. shore, 50. chew, 51. intimate, 52. surprisingly, 53. lever, 54. presentation, 55. reception

56. I heard the _____ of his boots in the hallway.

n. a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.

57. The _____ spy blended in perfectly with the crowd.

adj. not noticeable or prominent; not attracting attention or standing out; subtle or hidden in appearance or behavior

58. The _____ of companies managed to dominate the market.

n. a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole

59. A _____ of ink fell on the floor.

n. a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance

60. The researcher demonstrated the superiority of quantum _____ in several mathematical tasks.

n. the act or process of calculating something, especially an answer or amount, by using a machine or calculator

61. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

62. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

63. Please hang your towel on a _____.

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

ANSWERS: 56. clump, 57. inconspicuous, 58. conglomerate, 59. blob, 60. computation, 61. tuck, 62. imaginary, 63. hook

64. The company _____ him after several years of service.

- v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

65. 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

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

- n.* a written legal order or command

67. Underground rivers flow over a _____ layer that is impervious to water.

- n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

68. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

- v.* to be all around something or somebody

69. The floor was made of white and black _____ arranged in a checkerboard pattern.

- n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

70. They _____ the old building to make way for a new one.

- v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

71. We supply the military with durable vests made of _____.

- n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.

ANSWERS: 64. dumped, 65. literally, 66. writ, 67. basement, 68. surround, 69. marble, 70. bulldozed, 71. nylon

72. The _____ beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.
adj. going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
73. He tried to _____ the memories from his brain.
v. to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
74. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
75. A very talented _____ designed my friend's engagement ring.
n. a person who designs, makes, sells, or repairs jewelry, usually working with precious metals, gemstones, and other valuable materials, and is skilled in the art of crafting and setting these materials
76. She is highly _____ of handling multiple tasks at once.
adj. having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
77. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
78. The construction site hired many _____ to help with the heavy lifting.
n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
79. They adopted a _____ approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.
adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

ANSWERS: 72. transcendent, 73. yank, 74. embarrass, 75. jeweler, 76. capable, 77. boom, 78. laborers, 79. pacific

80. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

81. Powder coating protects the _____ aluminum alloy components.

adj. composed of thinner and lighter material than average; not severe or impressive

82. The sun's _____ shone through the window and illuminated the room.

n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

83. The _____ hurricane season runs from June to November each year.

adj. relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

84. 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;

85. This system uses submarine _____ to exchange information between continents.

n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

86. The company has a strict _____ for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

ANSWERS: 80. incredible, 81. lightweight, 82. beam, 83. Atlantic, 84. revolution, 85. cables, 86. protocol

87. He lit a _____ and leaned against the wall.
n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
88. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.
n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
89. I made a _____ sandwich for lunch today.
n. a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals
90. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
91. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.
n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
92. He _____ in the dazzling sunlight.
v. to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
93. That supermarket tried to _____ certain costs by saving electricity.
v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
94. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 87. cigarette, 88. presence, 89. tuna, 90. architect, 91. continent, 92. blinked, 93. shave, 94. industrious

95. All peaceful cooperation is based _____ on mutual trust.

adv. mainly

96. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

97. The painter focused on the moody _____ of abandoned buildings in his work.

n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

98. An mRNA vaccine is a type of vaccine that uses a copy of a molecule called _____ RNA.

n. someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document

99. A rainbow is a natural _____.

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

100. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

101. The _____ in the park were very friendly and came right up to us looking for food.

n. a small to medium-sized rodent with a bushy tail, found in almost every part of the world

102. We can now _____ with the next item on our agenda.

v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

ANSWERS: 95. primarily, 96. weighs, 97. interiors, 98. messenger, 99. phenomenon, 100. amazed, 101. squirrels, 102. proceed

103. She savored the _____ happiness she felt during the vacation.
adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
104. The _____ of the two buildings allowed for easy communication between their residents.
n. the condition of being adjacent or close to something
105. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
106. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
107. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
108. The final result was nothing short of _____.
v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
109. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
110. The campaign ad was designed with bright colors and bold fonts for maximum _____ impact.
adj. relating to vision or the eyes; relating to or involving light or optics
111. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.
adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

ANSWERS: 103. fleeting, 104. adjacency, 105. divide, 106. physically, 107. communicate, 108. astounding, 109. incredibly, 110. optic, 111. infinite

112. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

113. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

114. The company operates on a three-_____ pricing structure.

n. one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance

115. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

116. The plane made a rough _____ and everyone clapped once we came to a stop.

n. the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest

117. He has a short _____.

n. a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

118. I love to watch _____ when I need a good laugh.

n. a television or radio program that features a continuing cast of characters in humorous or dramatic situations, typically presented in a half-hour format

ANSWERS: 112. underneath, 113. stretch, 114. tier, 115. Industrial, 116. landing, 117. fuse, 118. sitcoms

119. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

120. You might need to _____ this point.

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

121. The children _____ up the puzzle pieces and had to start over.

v. to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things

122. The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of _____ debris.

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

123. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

124. 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.

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

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

ANSWERS: 119. regardless, 120. amplify, 121. jumbled, 122. dusty, 123. shocking, 124. streams, 125. specialized

126. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 126. responsible