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Session 1: Word List

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

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

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

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym: beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling

My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar

objects.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

sensible

adj. having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something

synonym: reasonable, practical, pragmatic

(1) **sensible** decision, (2) **sensible** approach

It's **sensible** to wear a helmet when riding a bike.

rail

n. a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

synonym: bar, beam, (verb) criticize

(1) **rail** system, (2) **rail** against his enemies

The children leaned over the bridge **rail** to watch the fish swimming below.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

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.

sheer

adj. complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent

synonym: absolute, pure, utter

(1) **sheer** cliff, (2) **sheer** fabric

The **sheer** beauty of the sunset left us in awe.

wizard

n. a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field

synonym: sorcerer, magician, alchemist

(1) a **wizard** at chess, (2) financial **wizard**

He was a **wizard** at solving complex mathematical equations.

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.

stunning

adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

synonym: beautiful, breathtaking, magnificent

(1) **stunning** beauty, (2) **stunning** disclosure

The **stunning** sunset took everyone's breath away.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

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.

regard

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

synonym: consider, see, reckon

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

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

postmodern

adj. relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation

synonym: contemporary, poststructural, relativistic

(1) **postmodern** art, (2) **postmodern** anthropology

The **postmodern** architecture of the building was a contrast to the traditional designs in the neighborhood.

theorist

n. a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation

synonym: philosopher, academic, scholar

(1) scientific **theorist**, (2) conspiracy **theorist**

The feminist **theorist** criticized traditional models of gender roles and argued for greater equality between the sexes.

bigwig

n. a powerful or influential person, especially in a particular sphere or organization; an important figure or high-ranking individual

synonym: executive, kingpin, mogul

(1) business **bigwig**, (2) political **bigwig**

The **bigwig** from the company's headquarters visited our office to discuss the new project.

critic

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

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

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

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their

critics.

barnacle

n. a type of crustacean that attaches itself to hard surfaces underwater, such as rocks, ships, or docks; a metaphorical term used to describe a person or object that is difficult to remove or separate from another person or object

synonym : cirripede, shellfish, crustacean

(1) **barnacle** growth, (2) **barnacle** removal

The bottom of the boat was covered in **barnacles**, slowing its speed in the water.

worm

n. a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes

(1) wiggly **worms**, (2) can of **worms**

Worms help dispose of the food waste produced by humans.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym : raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

behold

v. to look at and observe with attention

synonym : see, observe, watch

(1) **behold** the sunrise, (2) a joy to **behold**

His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to **behold**.

academic

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

synonym: educational, scholarly, theoretical

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

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

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym: sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

uniformity

n. the state or quality of being the same or consistent in form, character, or action; the absence of variation or diversity

synonym: uniformness, consistency, sameness

(1) lack of **uniformity**, (2) strive for **uniformity**

The **uniformity** of the products in this brand results from strict quality control measures.

adore

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

synonym: cherish, worship, idolize

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

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

sculpture

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

synonym: statuary, carving, modeling

(1) create **sculpture**, (2) abstract **sculpture**

The ancient Greek **sculptures** are known for their realism and attention to detail.

treasure

n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

synonym: hoard, fortune, gem

(1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island

The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

jazz

n. a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

synonym: swing, blues, bebop

(1) **jazz** club, (2) a school **jazz** band

He listened to **jazz** music to relax after a long day at work.

differ

v. to be not like someone or something in some way
synonym: vary, diverge, disagree

(1) **differ** from the majority, (2) **differ** according to species
The two products **differed** in their quality and price.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
synonym: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design
The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
synonym: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text
They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

evolutionary

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
synonym: developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process
Evolutionary algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
synonym: beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity
Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
synonym: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

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.

preference

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

synonym: taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

engrave

v. to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner

synonym: carve, inscribe, etch

(1) **engrave** initials, (2) **engrave** metal

He wanted to **engrave** his wedding ring with their initials as a lasting symbol of their love.

prehistoric

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

synonym: ancient, primitive, archaic

(1) **prehistoric** settlements, (2) **prehistoric** times

Scientists often fail to date archeological or **prehistorical** findings.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

Pleistocene

adj. relating to the geological epoch between the Pliocene and Holocene, characterized by extensive glaciations and the presence of early human ancestors

synonym : glacial, ice age, epoch

(1) marine **Pleistocene** deposits, (2) **Pleistocene** climate fluctuations

Mammoths, saber-toothed cats, and giant ground sloths are examples of **Pleistocene** megafauna.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

situ

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

synonym : situational, contextual, circumstantial

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

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

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym : develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

enlist

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

synonym : join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

preserve

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

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage
They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

fossil

n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

synonym : relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf
It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

cave

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

synonym : cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**
Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

forth

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

synonym : forward, onwards, ahead

(1) bring **forth** a beautiful vase, (2) call **forth** demand
I pushed **forth** with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym : separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient
You should not **isolate** them from the community.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym : distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

whatsoever

adv. not at all; no matter what

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

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

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

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

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

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

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.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym :

fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group
All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

component

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

synonym: element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

adaptation

n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

synonym: adaption, adjustment, transformation

(1) **adaptation** ability, (2) language **adaptation**

The company's **adaptation** approach has been highly effective.

adaptive

adj. capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions

synonym: flexible, adjustable, pliant

(1) the **adaptive** coloring, (2) **adaptive** technology

The **adaptive** learning system adjusts the difficulty level of the lessons based on the student's performance.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym: amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

synonym: work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

primary

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

synonym: chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym: means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

mutation

n. the way in which genes of a person, plant, animal, or other organism change and produce permanent differences

synonym: metamorphosis, transformation, alteration

(1) **mutation** of DNA, (2) hereditary **mutation**

Radiation often promotes genetic **mutations** in plants and animals.

selective

adj. relating to or involving only a small number of a larger group of people or things

synonym: choosy, demanding, finicky

(1) the process of **selective** breeding, (2) **selective** readers

This medication is **selective** in its effects.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym: possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

anatomy

n. the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants

(1) animal **anatomy**, (2) **anatomy** of a country's collapse

The professor explained the **anatomy** of the nervous system.

physiology

n. the branch of the biological sciences dealing with the functioning of organisms

(1) human **physiology**, (2) **physiology** research

Physiology is the science of how living things work.

pancreas

n. a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine

synonym : gland, organ, islet

(1) **pancreas** inflammation, (2) **pancreas** function

The endocrine function of the **pancreas** involves the secretion of hormones such as insulin.

fingernail

n. the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger

synonym : claw, paw

(1) **fingernail** biting, (2) fake **fingernail**

The car body scraped off with a **fingernail**.

revulsion

n. a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive

synonym : disgust, repugnance, aversion

(1) sense of **revulsion**, (2) physical **revulsion**

His **revulsion** towards the cruel treatment of animals led him to become a vegan.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

standing

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position;
(noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

synonym : upright, vertical, (noun) position

(1) **standing** water, (2) his social **standing**

The **standing** concert was packed with fans.

cliff

n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

synonym : crag, escarpment, precipice

(1) a bold **cliff**, (2) **cliff** diving

He stood at the edge of the **cliff** and looked out to sea.

liking

n. a positive feeling, preference, or inclination towards someone or something; a fondness or enjoyment of something; approval or satisfaction with someone or something

synonym : fondness, preference, affection

(1) shallow **liking**, (2) personal **liking**

We have a shared **liking** for indie rock music.

protein

n. a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues

(1) stress **protein**, (2) **protein** synthesis

The body needs a certain amount of **protein** to build and repair tissues.

ripe

adj. (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested

synonym : mature, ready, developed

(1) a **ripe** old age, (2) **ripe** tomato

The fruit was **ripe** and ready to eat.

malt

n. grains, typically barley that has been soaked, germinated, and dried in a specific process, used as a key ingredient in the production of beer, whisky, and

malt vinegar, and used as a sweet or flavored ingredient in foods

synonym : grain, cereal, barley

(1) **malt** whiskey, (2) **malt** vinegar

The **malt** extract is a key ingredient in this homemade bread recipe, giving it a unique flavor.

barbecue

n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

synonym : grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

rib

n. each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

synonym : costa

(1) brake a **rib**, (2) **rib** cage

The accident caused a cracked **rib**.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym : rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

peacock

n. a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family

(1) as proud as a **peacock**, (2) male **peacock**

The vibrant feathers of the **peacock** made it stand out in the garden.

magnificent

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

synonym : splendid, brilliant, exquisite

(1) a **magnificent** plan, (2) a **magnificent** mountain
The **magnificent** scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

mating

n. the act of pairing a male and female for reproductive purposes

synonym: intercourse, copulation, procreation

(1) **mating** season, (2) **mating** behavior

Before copulating with the female, the male bird performs a **mating** dance.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym: stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

arouse

v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

synonym: excite, stimulate, stir

(1) **arouse** desire, (2) **arouse** suspicion

The rousing speech by the politician **aroused** the audience to action.

sustain

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

synonym: maintain, nurture, support

(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle

She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym: allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

reproduction

n. the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work

synonym: procreation, replication, duplication

(1) **reproduction** rate, (2) **reproduction** system

The **reproduction** of the plant depends on the pollinators.

distance

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

synonym : space, gap, span

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

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

beneficial

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

synonym : useful, advantageous, fruitful

(1) a **beneficial** result, (2) **beneficial** to all countries

Laughing is **beneficial** to our health.

exert

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

synonym : apply, use, maintain

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence

He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

magnetism

n. the force that causes attraction or repulsion between magnetic substances; a charismatic or attractive quality that attracts people or causes them to be drawn to someone or something

synonym : attraction, charisma, allure

(1) the **magnetism** of the moon, (2) animal **magnetism**

The child was drawn to the **magnetism** of the colorful toy display in the store.

magnetic

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

synonym : attractive, drawing, hypnotic

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

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

savannah

n. a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

synonym : grassland, plain

(1) **savannah** region, (2) tropical **savannah**

The birds live in tropical forests, **savannahs**, and arid semi-desert environments.

feat

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

synonym : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

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

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

intersperse

v. to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals

synonym : scatter, distribute, insert

(1) **intersperse** his speech, (2) **intersperse** exclamation marks

The author **interspersed** anecdotes throughout the book to break up the text and make it more engaging.

copse

n. a small group or thicket of trees or bushes; a small wooded area or grove

synonym : thicket, grove, woodland

(1) dense **copse**, (2) **copse** clearing

The hiking trail led us through a picturesque **copse** of trees.

scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

synonym : jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

tight

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

synonym : closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget
The national election was held amid **tight** security.

bluish

adj. having a color that is a shade of blue

synonym: blue, azure, navy

(1) **bluish** cloth, (2) **bluish** color

The flowers had a **bluish** tint, indicating they needed to be riper.

indication

n. a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur

synonym: clue, hint, inkling

(1) **indication** of inflation, (2) environmental **indication**

Faces are a good **indication** of age.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym: manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

greenery

n. plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation

synonym: vegetation, plants, foliage

(1) the **greenery** in a courtyard, (2) **greenery** environment

The city plans to add more **greenery** in public spaces to improve air quality and aesthetic.

riverbank

n. the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes

synonym: riverside, embankment

(1) **riverbank** erosion, (2) walk along the **riverbank**

We enjoyed a picnic on the **riverbank** and watched the boats go by.

shoreline

n. a line that separates land and sea

(1) **shoreline** erosion, (2) coral-reef **shoreline**

Flooding occurs along the city's **shoreline** due to the storm surge.

inviting

adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

synonym : attractive, tempting, alluring

(1) **inviting** scent, (2) **inviting** atmosphere

The **inviting** aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

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

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

argue

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

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

exhaustive

adj. comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned

synonym : thorough, complete, comprehensive

(1) **exhaustive** study, (2) **exhaustive** review

The team conducted an **exhaustive** search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.

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.

artwork

n. the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.

synonym : painting, picture, graphics

(1) ancient **artwork**, (2) **artwork** conservation

Videos documenting the process of creating this pencil **artwork** have been popular worldwide.

stupendous

adj. extremely impressive, astonishing, or remarkable; of a size or degree that is difficult to comprehend or imagine

synonym : colossal, enormous, gigantic

(1) **stupendous** achievement, (2) **stupendous** view

The fireworks display was **stupendous**, lighting up the entire sky with vibrant colors.

skillful

adj. possessing or demonstrating a high level of proficiency, ability, or expertise in a particular skill or activity; adept or accomplished in a specific area

synonym : adept, proficient, adroit

(1) **skillful** craftsmanship, (2) **skillful** negotiation

The **skillful** artist effortlessly painted a masterpiece with precision and finesse.

realistic

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

synonym : practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

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

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

decorative

adj. serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing

synonym : ornamental, beautifying, embellishing

(1) **decorative** art, (2) **decorative** design

The **decorative** tiles on the wall added a colorful and unique

touch to the room.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym: ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

necklace

n. a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached

synonym: chain, choker, pendant

(1) beaded **necklace**, (2) pearl **necklace**

She received a beautiful **necklace** from her grandmother as a birthday gift.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym: art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

ochre

n. a natural earth pigment that ranges in color from yellow to reddish-brown, often used as a dye and in early forms of painting and art

synonym: yellow earth, golden ochre

(1) **ochre** pigment, (2) apply **ochre**

The artist used **ochre** paint to create a warm and earthy tone in the landscape.

intriguing

adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

synonym: fascinating, captivating, arresting

(1) **intriguing** concept, (2) **intriguing** character

The novel's plot was **intriguing** and kept readers in their

seats.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym: antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

ache

v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

synonym: hurt, throb, smart

(1) **ache** abominably, (2) **ache** all the time

I **ache** all over after running a marathon yesterday.

ax

n. a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

synonym: hatchet, chopper, tomahawk

(1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox

He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

gorge

n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

synonym: canyon, gully, ravine

(1) cast the **gorge**, (2) the **gorges** of the Yangtse River

We must pass through the narrow **gorge** with a stream running through it.

crude

adj. being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

synonym : unrefined, native, vulgar

(1) price of **crude** oil, (2) **crude** manners

His **crude** jokes made her angry.

homosexual

adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

synonym : gay, same-sex attracted

(1) **homosexual** rights, (2) **homosexual** marriage

The law was repealed to protect the rights of **homosexual** citizens.

erect

v. to construct or build something; to cause to rise;
(adjective) upright or vertical

synonym : build, set up, construct

(1) **erect** structure, (2) keep the flagpole **erect**

The workers were able to **erect** the tent in just a few minutes.

blade

n. the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

synonym : knife, sword, cutter

(1) a **blade** of grass, (2) the **blade** of a turbine

The **blade** of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.

oval

adj. having the shape of an egg, rounded at one end and pointed at the other, or having the general outline of an egg

synonym : elliptical, rounded, circular

(1) an **oval** astronomical orbit, (2) an **oval-shaped** object

The **oval** shape of the table made it easier for everyone to see each other.

arresting

adj. attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

synonym : striking, impressive, captivating

(1) an **arresting** image, (2) an **arresting** sight

The painting's **arresting** beauty made it difficult to look away.

symmetrical

adj. having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

synonym : harmonious, balanced, proportional

(1) **symmetrical** triangle, (2) **symmetrical** pattern

This figure is **symmetrical** about the x-axis.

teardrop

n. anything shaped like a falling drop as a pendant gem on an earring; a single tear that falls from the eye

synonym : tear

(1) **teardrop** balloon, (2) **teardrop** earring

Teardrop rubies and diamonds were set in white gold.

unearth

v. to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown

synonym : discover, uncover, expose

(1) **unearth** burial mound, (2) **unearth** a mystery

The detective **unearthed** a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym : disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

roam

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

synonym : wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

numb

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

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

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

My left arm became **numb**.

butcher

n. a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others

synonym: butcherer, meat cutter, slaughterer

(1) **butcher** knife, (2) local **butcher**

He's a vegetarian and was shocked to see so much meat in the **butcher** shop.

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym: scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

exhibit

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

synonym: display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent

Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

delicate

adj. very fine, subtle, and pleasing; easily broken or damaged or destroyed

synonym: dainty, exquisite, fragile

(1) **delicate** attention, (2) a **delicate** flavor

The fresh green trees cast a **delicate** web of shadows over the lawn.

symmetry

n. balance or proportion in design or structure, with elements arranged evenly on either side of an axis

synonym: balance, proportion, harmoniousness

(1) bilateral **symmetry**, (2) axial **symmetry**

The building had a **symmetry** pattern that was pleasing to the eye.

attractive

adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

synonym : beautiful, fetching, alluring

(1) **attractive** men, (2) **attractive** opportunity

The growth of the "sharing economy" is **attractive** for tech companies.

meticulous

adj. cautious and precise; paying great attention to detail

synonym : careful, precise, thorough

(1) take **meticulous** notes, (2) a **meticulous** carpenter

She is known for her **meticulous** attention to detail in her work.

workmanship

n. the quality or skill with which something, especially a crafted item or construction, has been made or done; the level of artistry and craftsmanship displayed in a particular piece of work

synonym : craftsmanship, artistry, skill

(1) the painting's **workmanship**, (2) high **workmanship** standards

The intricate details and flawless craftsmanship in the furniture demonstrate exquisite **workmanship**.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

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.

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

captivate

v. to attract and hold the attention or interest of

synonym : enchant, charm, fascinate

(1) **captivate** public sentiment, (2) **captivate** the mind

The magician **captivated** the audience with his illusions.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym : think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

elegant

adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

synonym : refined, sophisticated, graceful

(1) **elegant** design, (2) write **elegant** sentences

She wore an **elegant** evening gown to the gala.

virtuoso

n. a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit

synonym : master, artist, expert

(1) versatile **virtuoso**, (2) a **virtuoso** on the guitar

He was a **virtuoso** pianist and played with incredible skill and

precision.

craftsman

n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

synonym: artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**

The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

fashion

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

synonym: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym: purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

fitness

n. the quality or state of being physically fit and healthy; the ability to perform physical tasks and activities with ease and efficiency

synonym : health, wellness, physical condition

(1) **fitness** level, (2) **fitness** instructor

Regular exercise is crucial for maintaining one's **fitness**.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym : show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym : intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

cleverly

adv. in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability

synonym : smartly, shrewdly, wittily

(1) **cleverly** devised trap, (2) guess **cleverly**

The dog jumped **cleverly** to one side.

competent

adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

synonym : skilled, able, capable

(1) **competent** authority, (2) **competent** personnel

The judge ruled that the defendant was **competent** to stand trial.

indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

synonym : hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

desirable

adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

synonym: appealing, attractive, advisable

(1) **desirable** effect, (2) **desirable** result

The beachfront property had a **desirable** location with stunning ocean views.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

motor

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

synonym: actuator, engine, machine

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

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

conscientious

adj. characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions

synonym: diligent, thorough, meticulous

(1) **conscientious** worker, (2) **conscientious** objection

Conscientious student always turned in their assignments on time.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

reproductive

adj. connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants

synonym : procreative, generative

(1) **reproductive** ability, (2) during **reproductive** period

This documentary deals with the **reproductive** biology of the buffalo.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

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.

convey

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

synonym : communicate, transfer, deliver

(1) **convey** a complex idea, (2) **convey** goods by truck

An ironic remark often **conveys** an intended meaning obliquely.

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.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed
Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

hominid

n. a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors

synonym: human, primate, ancestor

(1) large-toothed **hominid**, (2) **hominid** evolution

Scientists have discovered new fossil evidence of an ancient **hominid** species.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

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.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

epic

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

synonym: legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the

history books.

sapiens

n. the species of modern humans, Homo sapiens
synonym: human, Homo sapiens, humankind

(1) fossil Homo **sapiens**, (2) **sapiens** evolution

Homo **sapiens** is the scientific name for modern humans.

doubtful

adj. uncertain or unlikely to happen

synonym: uncertain, questionable, unsure

(1) a book of **doubtful** authorship, (2) **doubtful** whether
It is **doubtful** that we will be able to finish the project on time.

amuse

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

synonym: entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests

He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

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.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

hairstyle

n. the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head

synonym: hairdo, coiffure, haircut

(1) modern **hairstyle**, (2) bob **hairstyle**

My sister got a new **hairstyle** for her job interview.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over
He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

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

technique

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

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

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

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

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.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non-**fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

emotion

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

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

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

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and

backgrounds.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

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

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

ancestral

adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

synonym: hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots

The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

personality

n. a person's distinct combination of character, behavioral, temperamental, emotional, and mental traits that define them as an individual and set them apart from others

synonym: character, disposition, temperament

(1) **personality** trait, (2) **personality** test

She had a vibrant **personality** that made everyone feel at ease.

persist

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

synonym: endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

craving

n. a strong desire of wanting something

synonym: desire, appetite, longing

(1) **craving** for revenge, (2) curb our **cravings**

I have a **craving** for nicotine.

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.

innate

adj. existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience

synonym : natural, inherent, inborn

(1) **innate** ability, (2) **innate** quality

The belief in **innate** human goodness is a common philosophical concept.

jewelry

n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

synonym : accessories, ornaments, adornments

(1) **jewelry** designer, (2) precious **jewelry**

I received a beautiful piece of **jewelry** from my partner for our anniversary.

sparkle

v. to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

synonym : shine, glimmer, twinkle

(1) **sparkle** like a gem, (2) **sparkle** from receiving light

The diamond **sparkled** in the sunlight.

jewel

n. a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry

synonym : gem, precious stone, treasure

(1) **jewel** of the crown, (2) gleaming **jewel**

She treasured the small **jewel** that her grandmother had given her.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym : far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

intelligent

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

synonym : brilliant, clever, competent

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

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

reaction

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

synonym : response, reply, answer

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

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

expression

n. the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood

synonym : statement, utterance, remark

(1) artistic **expression**, (2) **expression** of interest

His facial **expression** showed a mix of surprise and confusion.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym : child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation

descendant

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pr_____n synthesis *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues

2. marine Ple_____ne deposits *adj.* relating to the geological epoch between the Pliocene and Holocene, characterized by extensive glaciations and the presence of early human ancestors

3. strive for uni_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being the same or consistent in form, character, or action; the absence of variation or diversity

4. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

5. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

6. artistic exp_____on *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood

7. business bi____g *n.* a powerful or influential person, especially in a particular sphere or organization; an important figure or high-ranking individual

8. brake a r_b *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

ANSWERS: 1. protein, 2. Pleistocene, 3. uniformity, 4. ancestor, 5. survive, 6. expression, 7. bigwig, 8. rib

9. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
10. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
11. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
12. a wi___d at chess *n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
13. st_____ng disclosure *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
14. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
15. c__p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
16. his majestic pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
17. c__p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
18. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
19. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
20. as proud as a pe_____k *n.* a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family

ANSWERS: 9. breed, 10. generation, 11. regard, 12. wizard, 13. stunning, 14. component, 15. chop, 16. presence, 17. chop, 18. motor, 19. forth, 20. peacock

21. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
22. chemical re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
23. tropical sa____ah *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
24. ma___g season *n.* the act of pairing a male and female for reproductive purposes
25. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
26. pos_____rn anthropology *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
27. an_____al roots *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
28. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
29. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
30. wha_____er it be *adv.* not at all; no matter what
31. can of w__ms *n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes

ANSWERS: 21. shell, 22. reaction, 23. savannah, 24. mating, 25. trait, 26. postmodern, 27. ancestral, 28. advance, 29. display, 30. whatsoever, 31. worm

32. human phy_____gy *n.* the branch of the biological sciences dealing with the functioning of organisms
33. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
34. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
35. bob ha_____le *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
36. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
37. ar___e suspicion *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
38. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
39. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
40. an o__l-shaped object *adj.* having the shape of an egg, rounded at one end and pointed at the other, or having the general outline of an egg

ANSWERS: 32. physiology, 33. prefer, 34. amaze, 35. hairstyle, 36. cult, 37. arouse, 38. encourage, 39. firm, 40. oval

41. chop wood with an ax *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
42. in___e ability *adj.* existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience
43. sp_____e from receiving light *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
44. a particular pre_____ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
45. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
46. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
47. ca_____e leader *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
48. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
49. a mag_____nt plan *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

ANSWERS: 41. ax, 42. innate, 43. sparkle, 44. preference, 45. mechanism, 46. tradition, 47. capable, 48. reverse, 49. magnificent

50. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
51. with de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
52. exh_____ve study *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
53. an o__l astronomical orbit *adj.* having the shape of an egg, rounded at one end and pointed at the other, or having the general outline of an egg
54. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
55. de_____le effect *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
56. Ple_____ne climate fluctuations *adj.* relating to the geological epoch between the Pliocene and Holocene, characterized by extensive glaciations and the presence of early human ancestors
57. high wor_____ip standards *n.* the quality or skill with which something, especially a crafted item or construction, has been made or done; the level of artistry and craftsmanship displayed in a particular piece of work
58. ad__e the way she styles her hair *v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence
59. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 50. aesthetic, 51. delight, 52. exhaustive, 53. oval, 54. largely, 55. desirable, 56. Pleistocene, 57. workmanship, 58. adore, 59. decision

60. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
61. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
62. ecology and evo_____ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
63. the gr_____ry in a courtyard *n.* plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation
64. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
65. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
66. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
67. an ar_____ng image *adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
68. ac_____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
69. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

ANSWERS: 60. survive, 61. fiction, 62. evolutionary, 63. greenery, 64. intelligence, 65. cult, 66. situ, 67. arresting, 68. academic, 69. situ

70. ev___e over the past decade
v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
71. int_____ng concept
adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
72. walk along the ri_____nk
n. the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
73. lack of uni_____ty
n. the state or quality of being the same or consistent in form, character, or action; the absence of variation or diversity
74. cr_____g for revenge
n. a strong desire of wanting something
75. ae_____ic feeling
adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
76. pr_____y school
adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
77. against tr_____on
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
78. bu_____r knife
n. a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others

ANSWERS: 70. evolve, 71. intriguing, 72. riverbank, 73. uniformity, 74. craving, 75. aesthetic, 76. primary, 77. tradition, 78. butcher

79. 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
80. di_____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
81. cl__f diving *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
82. abstract sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
83. tr_____re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
84. 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
85. re___d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
86. a school j__z band *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
87. a ben_____al result *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

ANSWERS: 79. landscape, 80. diverse, 81. cliff, 82. sculpture, 83. treasure, 84. landscape, 85. regard, 86. jazz, 87. beneficial

88. pr___r a window seat
v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
89. human ev_____on
n. a gradual process of transformation of living things
90. pe_____nt life insurance
adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
91. no__l effect
n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
92. j__z club
n. a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
93. pa_____as inflammation
n. a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine
94. hom_____al rights
adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
95. field of vi___l arts
adj. relating to seeing or sight
96. dec_____ve art
adj. serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing
97. axial sy_____ry
n. balance or proportion in design or structure, with elements arranged evenly on either side of an axis

ANSWERS: 88. prefer, 89. evolution, 90. permanent, 91. novel, 92. jazz, 93. pancreas, 94. homosexual, 95. visual, 96. decorative, 97. symmetry

98. h__t a job v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
99. am__e guests v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
100. su_____n a wellness lifestyle v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
101. create sc_____re n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
102. courtroom sto_____ing n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
103. a di_____t memory adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
104. an_____t stories adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
105. sk_____ul craftsmanship adj. possessing or demonstrating a high level of proficiency, ability, or expertise in a particular skill or activity; adept or accomplished in a specific area
106. pr_____y education adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

ANSWERS: 98. hunt, 99. amuse, 100. sustain, 101. sculpture, 102. storytelling, 103. distant, 104. ancient, 105. skillful, 106. primary

107. environmental ind_____on *n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur
108. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
109. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
110. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
111. con_____ous worker *adj.* characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions
112. pi___n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
113. an_____y of a country's collapse *n.* the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants
114. sc_____le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
115. precious je_____y *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

ANSWERS: 107. indication, 108. obsession, 109. plot, 110. amaze, 111. conscientious, 112. pigeon, 113. anatomy, 114. scramble, 115. jewelry

116. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
117. m__t whiskey *n.* grains, typically barley that has been soaked, germinated, and dried in a specific process, used as a key ingredient in the production of beer, whisky, and malt vinegar, and used as a sweet or flavored ingredient in foods
118. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
119. sym_____al triangle *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
120. dense co__e *n.* a small group or thicket of trees or bushes; a small wooded area or grove
121. a bold cl__f *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
122. ca_____e worker *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
123. ar___e desire *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
124. the ma_____sm of the moon *n.* the force that causes attraction or repulsion between magnetic substances; a charismatic or attractive quality that attracts people or causes them to be drawn to someone or something
125. ben_____al to all countries *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

ANSWERS: 116. doubt, 117. malt, 118. extreme, 119. symmetrical, 120. copse, 121. cliff, 122. capable, 123. arouse, 124. magnetism, 125. beneficial

126. ba____le growth *n.* a type of crustacean that attaches itself to hard surfaces underwater, such as rocks, ships, or docks; a metaphorical term used to describe a person or object that is difficult to remove or separate from another person or object
127. int_____se exclamation marks *v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals
128. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
129. r__l against his enemies *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
130. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
131. en_____e metal *v.* to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner
132. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
133. a racing pi___n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

ANSWERS: 126. barnacle, 127. intersperse, 128. tight, 129. rail, 130. environment, 131. engrave, 132. technique, 133. pigeon

134. per_____ty test *n.* a person's distinct combination of character, behavioral, temperamental, emotional, and mental traits that define them as an individual and set them apart from others
135. without impact wha_____er *adv.* not at all; no matter what
136. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
137. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
138. phy_____gy research *n.* the branch of the biological sciences dealing with the functioning of organisms
139. a subtle cr_____an *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
140. the go__es of the Yangtse River *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
141. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
142. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
143. su_____n a good relationship with him *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
144. gleaming je__l *n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
145. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

ANSWERS: 134. personality, 135. whatsoever, 136. transform, 137. intensify, 138. physiology, 139. craftsman, 140. gorge, 141. emotion, 142. trait, 143. sustain, 144. jewel, 145. contemplate

146. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
147. mu_____on of DNA *n.* the way in which genes of a person, plant, animal, or other organism change and produce permanent differences
148. fake fin_____il *n.* the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger
149. st_____ng beauty *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
150. be____d the sunrise *v.* to look at and observe with attention
151. pos_____rn art *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
152. gr__p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
153. animal an_____y *n.* the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants
154. sc_____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
155. ar_____k conservation *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
156. sk_____ul negotiation *adj.* possessing or demonstrating a high level of proficiency, ability, or expertise in a particular skill or activity; adept or accomplished in a specific area

ANSWERS: 146. universal, 147. mutation, 148. fingernail, 149. stunning, 150. behold, 151. postmodern, 152. grasp, 153. anatomy, 154. scatter, 155. artwork, 156. skillful

157. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
158. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
159. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
160. int_____se his speech *v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals
161. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
162. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
163. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
164. a de_____te flavor *adj.* very fine, subtle, and pleasing; easily broken or damaged or destroyed
165. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
166. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
167. shallow li____g *n.* a positive feeling, preference, or inclination towards someone or something; a fondness or enjoyment of something; approval or satisfaction with someone or something

ANSWERS: 157. philosophy, 158. emotion, 159. imaginary, 160. intersperse, 161. horrible, 162. numb, 163. complicated, 164. delicate, 165. diverse, 166. reverse, 167. liking

168. the mouth of the c__e *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
169. la____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
170. st____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
171. coral-reef sh____ne *n.* a line that separates land and sea
172. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
173. pr____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
174. bl____h cloth *adj.* having a color that is a shade of blue
175. do____ul whether *adj.* uncertain or unlikely to happen
176. defense me____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
177. att____ve opportunity *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
178. apply oc____e *n.* a natural earth pigment that ranges in color from yellow to reddish-brown, often used as a dye and in early forms of painting and art

ANSWERS: 168. cave, 169. largely, 170. standing, 171. shoreline, 172. determinant, 173. preserve, 174. bluish, 175. doubtful, 176. mechanism, 177. attractive, 178. ochre

179. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
180. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
181. ex_____t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
182. oc__e pigment *n.* a natural earth pigment that ranges in color from yellow to reddish-brown, often used as a dye and in early forms of painting and art
183. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
184. se_____ve readers *adj.* relating to or involving only a small number of a larger group of people or things
185. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
186. te_____op balloon *n.* anything shaped like a falling drop as a pendant gem on an earring; a single tear that falls from the eye
187. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 179. intellect, 180. intensify, 181. exhibit, 182. ochre, 183. intense, 184. selective, 185. practical, 186. teardrop, 187. function

188. sa____ah region *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
189. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
190. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
191. a__e all the time *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
192. an ax in the toolbox *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
193. co__e clearing *n.* a small group or thicket of trees or bushes; a small wooded area or grove
194. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
195. in___e quality *adj.* existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience
196. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
197. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 188. savannah, 189. permanent, 190. survival, 191. ache, 192. ax, 193. copse, 194. determinant, 195. innate, 196. consciously, 197. argue

198. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
199. truly ad__e him *v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence
200. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
201. ex__t influence *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
202. ba_____ue sauce *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
203. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
204. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
205. a joy to be___d *v.* to look at and observe with attention
206. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
207. an ar_____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
208. in_____ng scent *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

ANSWERS: 198. roam, 199. adore, 200. complicated, 201. exert, 202. barbecue, 203. operate, 204. encourage, 205. behold, 206. intelligent, 207. artistic, 208. inviting

209. burning of fo___l fuels *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
210. large-toothed ho____d *n.* a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors
211. en___t for a soldier *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
212. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
213. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
214. stu_____us view *adj.* extremely impressive, astonishing, or remarkable; of a size or degree that is difficult to comprehend or imagine
215. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
216. co_____nt personnel *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
217. ex__t control *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
218. hour of ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
219. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

ANSWERS: 209. fossil, 210. hominid, 211. enlist, 212. operate, 213. practical, 214. stupendous, 215. entertainment, 216. competent, 217. exert, 218. entertainment, 219. fashion

220. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
221. versatile vi_____so *n.* a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit
222. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
223. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
224. the evidence of the pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
225. a bl__e of grass *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
226. rep_____ive ability *adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants
227. paleolithic ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
228. political bi____g *n.* a powerful or influential person, especially in a particular sphere or organization; an important figure or high-ranking individual

ANSWERS: 220. function, 221. virtuoso, 222. isolate, 223. ancestor, 224. presence, 225. blade, 226. reproductive, 227. artifact, 228. bigwig

229. el____t design *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
230. sa____s evolution *n.* the species of modern humans, Homo sapiens
231. at inc____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
232. wiggly w__ms *n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
233. language ada____on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
234. sh____ne erosion *n.* a line that separates land and sea
235. his meal pre____ces *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
236. re____n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
237. Peruvian ar____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
238. curb our cr____gs *n.* a strong desire of wanting something
239. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
240. de____le result *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
241. in____t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 229. elegant, 230. sapiens, 231. incredible, 232. worm, 233. adaptation, 234. shoreline, 235. preference, 236. retain, 237. artifact, 238. craving, 239. feat, 240. desirable, 241. insist

242. 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
243. a met_____us carpenter *adj.* cautious and precise; paying great attention to detail
244. male pe_____k *n.* a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family
245. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
246. en_____e initials *v.* to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner
247. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
248. r__e tomato *adj.* (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested
249. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
250. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
251. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
252. personal li____g *n.* a positive feeling, preference, or inclination towards someone or something; a fondness or enjoyment of something; approval or satisfaction with someone or something

ANSWERS: 242. assume, 243. meticulous, 244. peacock, 245. rot, 246. engrave, 247. distance, 248. ripe, 249. critic, 250. breed, 251. emotional, 252. liking

253. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
254. ex___d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
255. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
256. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
257. ma_____ic field *adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel
258. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
259. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
260. sh__r cliff *adj.* complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent
261. sym_____al pattern *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
262. gr_____ry environment *n.* plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation
263. ca_____te public sentiment *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of

ANSWERS: 253. tight, 254. extend, 255. fundamental, 256. literally, 257. magnetic, 258. ancient, 259. principle, 260. sheer, 261. symmetrical, 262. greenery, 263. captivate

264. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
265. di_____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
266. de_____te attention *adj.* very fine, subtle, and pleasing; easily broken or damaged or destroyed
267. the ad_____ve coloring *adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions
268. di_____r from the majority *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
269. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
270. beaded ne_____ce *n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached
271. per_____ty trait *n.* a person's distinct combination of character, behavioral, temperamental, emotional, and mental traits that define them as an individual and set them apart from others
272. sc_____le my mind *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
273. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
274. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

ANSWERS: 264. universal, 265. distant, 266. delicate, 267. adaptive, 268. differ, 269. horrible, 270. necklace, 271. personality, 272. scramble, 273. fashion, 274. evolution

275. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
276. pearl ne____ce *n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached
277. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
278. sh__r fabric *adj.* complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent
279. physical re____on *n.* a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive
280. im____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
281. env____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
282. social di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
283. des____nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

ANSWERS: 275. decision, 276. necklace, 277. modern, 278. sheer, 279. revulsion, 280. imaginary, 281. environment, 282. distance, 283. descendant

284. ada_____on ability *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
285. rep_____ion system *n.* the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
286. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
287. animal ma_____sm *n.* the force that causes attraction or repulsion between magnetic substances; a charismatic or attractive quality that attracts people or causes them to be drawn to someone or something
288. bilateral sy_____ry *n.* balance or proportion in design or structure, with elements arranged evenly on either side of an axis
289. bl___h color *adj.* having a color that is a shade of blue
290. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
291. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
292. call fo___h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
293. pe_____t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

ANSWERS: 284. adaptation, 285. reproduction, 286. modern, 287. magnetism, 288. symmetry, 289. bluish, 290. belong, 291. craft, 292. forth, 293. persist

294. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
295. conspiracy th_____st *n.* a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation
296. hom_____al marriage *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
297. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
298. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
299. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
300. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
301. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
302. a vi_____so on the guitar *n.* a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit
303. je__l of the crown *n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
304. a mag_____nt mountain *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
305. e__c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

ANSWERS: 294. psychology, 295. theorist, 296. homosexual, 297. translate, 298. intense, 299. psychology, 300. reaction, 301. plot, 302. virtuoso, 303. jewel, 304. magnificent, 305. epic

306. ri_____nk erosion *n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
307. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
308. a mollusk sh___l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
309. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
310. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
311. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
312. un_____h a mystery *v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
313. exp_____on of interest *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
314. stress pr_____n *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
315. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 306. riverbank, 307. visual, 308. shell, 309. preserve, 310. belong, 311. technique, 312. unearth, 313. expression, 314. protein, 315. random

316. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
317. att_____ve men *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
318. in_____te a preference *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
319. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
320. di____r according to species *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
321. cr__e manners *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
322. se_____le decision *adj.* having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something
323. se_____le approach *adj.* having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something
324. scientific th_____st *n.* a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation

ANSWERS: 316. firm, 317. attractive, 318. indicate, 319. feat, 320. differ, 321. crude, 322. sensible, 323. sensible, 324. theorist

325. local bu____r *n.* a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others
326. ba____ue grill *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
327. national ob____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
328. a tremor of de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
329. co____y goods by truck *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
330. pr____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
331. write el____t sentences *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
332. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
333. pre____ic times *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

ANSWERS: 325. butcher, 326. barbecue, 327. obsession, 328. delight, 329. convey, 330. principle, 331. elegant, 332. argue, 333. prehistoric

334. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
335. an ar_____ng sight *adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
336. the process of se_____ve breeding *adj.* relating to or involving only a small number of a larger group of people or things
337. domiciliary c___es *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
338. sp_____e like a gem *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
339. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
340. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
341. int_____ng character *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
342. m__t vinegar *n.* grains, typically barley that has been soaked, germinated, and dried in a specific process, used as a key ingredient in the production of beer, whisky, and malt vinegar, and used as a sweet or flavored ingredient in foods

ANSWERS: 334. engineer, 335. arresting, 336. selective, 337. cave, 338. sparkle, 339. isolate, 340. stretch, 341. intriguing, 342. malt

343. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
344. fi_____s instructor *n.* the quality or state of being physically fit and healthy; the ability to perform physical tasks and activities with ease and efficiency
345. an an_____al graveyard *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
346. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
347. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
348. third-generation des_____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
349. hereditary mu_____on *n.* the way in which genes of a person, plant, animal, or other organism change and produce permanent differences
350. pa_____as function *n.* a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine
351. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
352. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

ANSWERS: 343. storytelling, 344. fitness, 345. ancestral, 346. hunt, 347. epic, 348. descendant, 349. mutation, 350. pancreas, 351. intelligent, 352. advantage

353. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
354. fossil Homo sa____s *n.* the species of modern humans, Homo sapiens
355. a r__e old age *adj.* (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested
356. je____y designer *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
357. cr____an skill *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
358. tr____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
359. con____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
360. co____nt authority *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
361. te____op earring *n.* anything shaped like a falling drop as a pendant gem on an earring; a single tear that falls from the eye
362. en___t in a cause *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
363. 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

ANSWERS: 353. random, 354. sapiens, 355. ripe, 356. jewelry, 357. craftsman, 358. translate, 359. contemplate, 360. competent, 361. teardrop, 362. enlist, 363. assume

364. ma___g behavior *n.* the act of pairing a male and female for reproductive purposes
365. the painting's wor_____ip *n.* the quality or skill with which something, especially a crafted item or construction, has been made or done; the level of artistry and craftsmanship displayed in a particular piece of work
366. re___n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
367. ba_____le removal *n.* a type of crustacean that attaches itself to hard surfaces underwater, such as rocks, ships, or docks; a metaphorical term used to describe a person or object that is difficult to remove or separate from another person or object
368. tr_____re hunt *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
369. historical no___l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
370. ind_____on of inflation *n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur
371. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
372. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 364. mating, 365. workmanship, 366. retain, 367. barnacle, 368. treasure, 369. novel, 370. indication, 371. academic, 372. intellect

373. su____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
374. ad____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
375. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
376. rep_____ion rate *n.* the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
377. rapt in fas_____on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
378. ad____ve technology *adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions
379. a__e abominably *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
380. fi____s level *n.* the quality or state of being physically fit and healthy; the ability to perform physical tasks and activities with ease and efficiency
381. sc____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
382. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
383. dec_____ve design *adj.* serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing
384. a civil en____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 373. survival, 374. advance, 375. rot, 376. reproduction, 377. fascination, 378. adaptive, 379. ache, 380. fitness, 381. scatter, 382. craft, 383. decorative, 384. engineer

385. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
386. ho_____d evolution *n.* a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors
387. a ma_____ic tape *adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel
388. price of cr__e oil *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
389. take met_____us notes *adj.* cautious and precise; paying great attention to detail
390. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
391. fin_____il biting *n.* the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger
392. the evo_____ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
393. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
394. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
395. r__l system *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

ANSWERS: 385. fundamental, 386. hominid, 387. magnetic, 388. crude, 389. meticulous, 390. reconstruct, 391. fingernail, 392. evolutionary, 393. display, 394. fiction, 395. rail

396. ancient ar____k *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
397. er__t structure *v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
398. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
399. ex____d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
400. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
401. the fas_____on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
402. ca_____te the mind *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
403. stu_____us achievement *adj.* extremely impressive, astonishing, or remarkable; of a size or degree that is difficult to comprehend or imagine
404. in_____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
405. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 396. artwork, 397. erect, 398. doubt, 399. extend, 400. numb, 401. fascination, 402. captivate, 403. stupendous, 404. indicate, 405. insist

406. financial wi___d *n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
407. co___y a complex idea *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
408. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
409. cl_____ly devised trap *adv.* in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability
410. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
411. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
412. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
413. exh_____ve review *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
414. pe_____t in success *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
415. a book of do_____ul authorship *adj.* uncertain or unlikely to happen
416. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
417. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 406. wizard, 407. convey, 408. advantage, 409. cleverly, 410. incredible, 411. grasp, 412. intelligence, 413. exhaustive, 414. persist, 415. doubtful, 416. extreme, 417. stretch

418. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
419. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
420. guess cl_____ly *adv.* in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability
421. ex_____t a great talent *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
422. cultural and ar_____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
423. modern ha_____le *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
424. r_b cage *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
425. sense of re_____on *n.* a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive
426. a fo___l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
427. con_____ous objection *adj.* characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions

ANSWERS: 418. generation, 419. philosophy, 420. cleverly, 421. exhibit, 422. artistic, 423. hairstyle, 424. rib, 425. revulsion, 426. fossil, 427. conscientious

428. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
429. 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
430. in_____ng atmosphere *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
431. cast the go__e *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
432. un_____h burial mound *v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
433. am__e a baby with a rattle *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
434. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
435. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
436. rec_____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
437. keep the flagpole er__t *v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
438. the bl__e of a turbine *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

ANSWERS: 428. motor, 429. literally, 430. inviting, 431. gorge, 432. unearth, 433. amuse, 434. evolve, 435. consciously, 436. reconstruct, 437. erect, 438. blade

439. pre_____ic settlements *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
440. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
441. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
442. a re_____ic goal *adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
443. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
444. during rep_____ive period *adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants
445. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
446. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
447. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

ANSWERS: 439. prehistoric, 440. transform, 441. critic, 442. realistic, 443. component, 444. reproductive, 445. emotional, 446. standing, 447. roam

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The children leaned over the bridge _____ to watch the fish swimming below.
n. a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

2. The feminist _____ criticized traditional models of gender roles and argued for greater equality between the sexes.
n. a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation

3. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

4. It's _____ to wear a helmet when riding a bike.
adj. having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something

5. The national election was held amid _____ security.
adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

6. The _____ beauty of the sunset left us in awe.
adj. complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent

7. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
adj. existing only in someone's mind

ANSWERS: 1. rail, 2. theorist, 3. ancestor, 4. sensible, 5. tight, 6. sheer, 7. imaginary

8. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
9. My sister got a new _____ for her job interview.
- n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
10. The team conducted an _____ search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.
- adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
11. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.
- v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
12. Laughing is _____ to our health.
- adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
13. He stood at the edge of the _____ and looked out to sea.
- n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
14. 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
15. We must pass through the narrow _____ with a stream running through it.
- n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
16. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
- n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

ANSWERS: 8. environment, 9. hairstyle, 10. exhaustive, 11. regarded, 12. beneficial, 13. cliff, 14. assumes, 15. gorge, 16. reaction

17. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

18. That story was so _____ and it was scary.

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

19. 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

20. The city plans to add more _____ in public spaces to improve air quality and aesthetic.

n. plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation

21. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

22. The endocrine function of the _____ involves the secretion of hormones such as insulin.

n. a glandular organ in the digestive system that produces several important hormones, including insulin and glucagon, as well as digestive enzymes that help break down food in the small intestine

23. She had a vibrant _____ that made everyone feel at ease.

n. a person's distinct combination of character, behavioral, temperamental, emotional, and mental traits that define them as an individual and set them apart from others

24. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

ANSWERS: 17. hunt, 18. realistic, 19. complicated, 20. greenery, 21. shell, 22. pancreas, 23. personality, 24. horrible

25. He _____ himself by playing video games during his free time.
v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
26. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
27. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
28. Computers help people _____ specific memories.
v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
29. He was a _____ at solving complex mathematical equations.
n. a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
30. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
31. She had a master's degree in _____.
n. the scientific study of mind and behavior
32. The vibrant feathers of the _____ made it stand out in the garden.
n. a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family
33. He wanted to _____ his wedding ring with their initials as a lasting symbol of their love.
v. to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner

ANSWERS: 25. amused, 26. Doubt, 27. technique, 28. retain, 29. wizard, 30. feat, 31. psychology, 32. peacock, 33. engrave

34. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

35. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

36. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

37. That style is no longer in _____.

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

38. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

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

39. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

40. The _____ tiles on the wall added a colorful and unique touch to the room.

adj. serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing

41. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

42. The pirates searched for buried _____ in the dunes.

n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

ANSWERS: 34. universal, 35. intellect, 36. largely, 37. fashion, 38. academic, 39. delight, 40. decorative, 41. survival, 42. treasure

43. The bottom of the boat was covered in _____ slowing its speed in the water.
- n.* a type of crustacean that attaches itself to hard surfaces underwater, such as rocks, ships, or docks; a metaphorical term used to describe a person or object that is difficult to remove or separate from another person or object
44. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
- v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
45. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.
- n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
46. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
47. The novel's plot was _____ and kept readers in their seats.
- adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
48. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.
- adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
49. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
50. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
- adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

ANSWERS: 43. barnacles, 44. reversed, 45. descendants, 46. intelligence, 47. intriguing, 48. diverse, 49. modern, 50. situ

51. Ethics is a branch of _____.

- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

52. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

- n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

53. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.

- adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

54. The building had a _____ pattern that was pleasing to the eye.

- n.* balance or proportion in design or structure, with elements arranged evenly on either side of an axis

55. The judge ruled that the defendant was _____ to stand trial.

- adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

56. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

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

57. The ancient Greek _____ are known for their realism and attention to detail.

- n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

58. The body needs a certain amount of _____ to build and repair tissues.

- n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues

ANSWERS: 51. philosophy, 52. plot, 53. practical, 54. symmetry, 55. competent, 56. critics, 57. sculptures, 58. protein

59. The painting's _____ beauty made it difficult to look away.

adj. attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

60. She wore an _____ evening gown to the gala.

adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

61. The _____ extract is a key ingredient in this homemade bread recipe, giving it a unique flavor.

n. grains, typically barley that has been soaked, germinated, and dried in a specific process, used as a key ingredient in the production of beer, whisky, and malt vinegar, and used as a sweet or flavored ingredient in foods

62. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

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

63. Her _____ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

64. _____ rubies and diamonds were set in white gold.

n. anything shaped like a falling drop as a pendant gem on an earring; a single tear that falls from the eye

65. She is searching for a _____ residence.

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

66. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

ANSWERS: 59. arresting, 60. elegant, 61. malt, 62. argue, 63. preference, 64. Teardrop, 65. permanent, 66. contemplated

67. Faces are a good _____ of age.

n. a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur

68. Scientists often fail to date archeological or _____ findings.

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

69. The fresh green trees cast a _____ web of shadows over the lawn.

adj. very fine, subtle, and pleasing; easily broken or damaged or destroyed

70. The _____ aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.

adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

71. He used an ___ to chop the firewood for the campfire.

n. a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

72. It is _____ that we will be able to finish the project on time.

adj. uncertain or unlikely to happen

73. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

74. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.

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

75. The dog jumped _____ to one side.

adv. in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability

ANSWERS: 67. indication, 68. prehistorical, 69. delicate, 70. inviting, 71. ax, 72. doubtful, 73. scattered, 74. intense, 75. cleverly

76. Children seem to _____ chocolate ice cream no matter where they're from.
- v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence
77. Homo _____ is the scientific name for modern humans.
- n.* the species of modern humans, Homo sapiens
78. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
79. The diamond _____ in the sunlight.
- v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
80. _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.
- adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
81. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
82. It was the _____ of a dinosaur tooth.
- n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
83. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
- v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

ANSWERS: 76. adore, 77. sapiens, 78. novel, 79. sparkled, 80. Evolutionary, 81. rot, 82. fossil, 83. display

84. Bats reside in sheltered _____.

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

85. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

86. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

87. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

88. I love to _____ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

89. The _____ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

90. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

91. The flowers had a _____ tint, indicating they needed to be riper.

adj. having a color that is a shade of blue

92. Videos documenting the process of creating this pencil _____ have been popular worldwide.

n. the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.

ANSWERS: 84. caves, 85. epic, 86. advance, 87. extreme, 88. roam, 89. primary, 90. craft, 91. bluish, 92. artwork

93. The fireworks display was _____ lighting up the entire sky with vibrant colors.

adj. extremely impressive, astonishing, or remarkable; of a size or degree that is difficult to comprehend or imagine

94. The rousing speech by the politician _____ the audience to action.

v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

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

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

96. He decided to _____ in the military after graduating from high school.

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

97. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

98. His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to _____.

v. to look at and observe with attention

99. The cook _____ the vegetables for the soup.

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

100. The hiking trail led us through a picturesque _____ of trees.

n. a small group or thicket of trees or bushes; a small wooded area or grove

101. The company's _____ approach has been highly effective.

n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

ANSWERS: 93. stupendous, 94. aroused, 95. magnetic, 96. enlist, 97. breeds, 98. behold, 99. chopped, 100. copse, 101. adaptation

102. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

103. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

104. The _____ of the products in this brand results from strict quality control measures.

n. the state or quality of being the same or consistent in form, character, or action; the absence of variation or diversity

105. 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

106. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

107. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

108. The adept _____ carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

ANSWERS: 102. artistic, 103. storytelling, 104. uniformity, 105. capable, 106. determinant, 107. advantages, 108. craftsman

109. The _____ architecture of the building was a contrast to the traditional designs in the neighborhood.
adj. relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
110. Other technology industries _____ similarly explosive growth.
v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
111. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
112. He _____ himself to lift the heavyweight.
v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
113. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
114. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
115. My left arm became _____.
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
116. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 109. postmodern, 110. exhibit, 111. evolved, 112. exerted, 113. generation, 114. prefer, 115. numb, 116. function

117. The _____ at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.
n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
118. 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
119. Consult your doctor if the symptoms _____.
v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
120. Scientists have discovered new fossil evidence of an ancient _____ species.
n. a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors
121. We enjoyed a picnic on the _____ and watched the boats go by.
n. the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
122. Flooding occurs along the city's _____ due to the storm surge.
n. a line that separates land and sea
123. They study the _____ of the universe.
n. a gradual process of transformation of living things
124. The fruit was _____ and ready to eat.
adj. (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested

ANSWERS: 117. barbecue, 118. presence, 119. persist, 120. hominid, 121. riverbank, 122. shoreline, 123. evolution, 124. ripe

125. He refused to do anything _____ to help her.

adv. not at all; no matter what

126. Local business owners _____ to find skilled workers.

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

127. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

128. This medication is _____ in its effects.

adj. relating to or involving only a small number of a larger group of people or things

129. The law was repealed to protect the rights of _____ citizens.

adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

130. The _____ of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.

n. the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

131. _____ help dispose of the food waste produced by humans.

n. a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes

132. Radiation often promotes genetic _____ in plants and animals.

n. the way in which genes of a person, plant, animal, or other organism change and produce permanent differences

133. The author _____ anecdotes throughout the book to break up the text and make it more engaging.

v. to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals

ANSWERS: 125. whatsoever, 126. scrambled, 127. aesthetic, 128. selective, 129. homosexual, 130. blade, 131. Worms, 132. mutations, 133. interspersed

134. You should not _____ them from the community.

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

135. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

136. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

137. This documentary deals with the _____ biology of the buffalo.

adj. connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants

138. The detective _____ a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.

v. to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown

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

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

140. The car body scraped off with a _____.

n. the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger

141. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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

ANSWERS: 134. isolate, 135. firm, 136. consciously, 137. reproductive, 138. unearthed, 139. forth, 140. fingernail, 141. engineer

142. The _____ learning system adjusts the difficulty level of the lessons based on the student's performance.

adj. capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions

143. We have a shared _____ for indie rock music.

n. a positive feeling, preference, or inclination towards someone or something; a fondness or enjoyment of something; approval or satisfaction with someone or something

144. _____ the text from Italian into English.

v. to convert or change words into another language

145. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

146. The data _____ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

147. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

148. The _____ shape of the table made it easier for everyone to see each other.

adj. having the shape of an egg, rounded at one end and pointed at the other, or having the general outline of an egg

ANSWERS: 142. adaptive, 143. liking, 144. Translate, 145. mechanisms, 146. indicates, 147. belong, 148. oval

149. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
150. Before copulating with the female, the male bird performs a _____ dance.
n. the act of pairing a male and female for reproductive purposes
151. The _____ sunset took everyone's breath away.
adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
152. The _____ scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.
adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
153. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
154. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
155. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.
n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
156. I received a beautiful piece of _____ from my partner for our anniversary.
n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

ANSWERS: 149. encouraged, 150. mating, 151. stunning, 152. magnificent, 153. obsession, 154. transformed, 155. component, 156. jewelry

157. He's a vegetarian and was shocked to see so much meat in the _____ shop.
- n.* a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others
158. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
- n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
159. The two products _____ in their quality and price.
- v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
160. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.
- v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
161. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
- v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
162. The growth of the "sharing economy" is _____ for tech companies.
- adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
163. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.
- n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
164. The beachfront property had a _____ location with stunning ocean views.
- adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
165. I looked at the painting in _____.
- n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

ANSWERS: 157. butcher, 158. emotions, 159. differed, 160. extend, 161. amazed, 162. attractive, 163. artifacts, 164. desirable, 165. fascination

166. The professor explained the _____ of the nervous system.

- n.* the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants

167. She struggled to _____ the children's reading habits.

- v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

168. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.

- v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something

169. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.

- adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

170. Truth is stranger than _____.

- n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

171. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

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

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

173. The _____ artist effortlessly painted a masterpiece with precision and finesse.

- adj.* possessing or demonstrating a high level of proficiency, ability, or expertise in a particular skill or activity; adept or accomplished in a specific area

ANSWERS: 166. anatomy, 167. sustain, 168. operate, 169. distant, 170. fiction, 171. fundamental, 172. distance, 173. skillful

174. The belief in _____ human goodness is a common philosophical concept.

adj. existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience

175. 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

176. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.

n. a particular feature of your nature

177. She treasured the small _____ that her grandmother had given her.

n. a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry

178. The artist used _____ paint to create a warm and earthy tone in the landscape.

n. a natural earth pigment that ranges in color from yellow to reddish-brown, often used as a dye and in early forms of painting and art

179. Regular exercise is crucial for maintaining one's _____.

n. the quality or state of being physically fit and healthy; the ability to perform physical tasks and activities with ease and efficiency

180. 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

181. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 174. innate, 175. literally, 176. traits, 177. jewel, 178. ochre, 179. fitness, 180. stretch, 181. incredible

182. _____ is the science of how living things work.

n. the branch of the biological sciences dealing with the functioning of organisms

183. He listened to _____ music to relax after a long day at work.

n. a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

184. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

185. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

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

186. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

187. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

188. The intricate details and flawless craftsmanship in the furniture demonstrate exquisite _____.

n. the quality or skill with which something, especially a crafted item or construction, has been made or done; the level of artistry and craftsmanship displayed in a particular piece of work

ANSWERS: 182. Physiology, 183. jazz, 184. principle, 185. preserve, 186. tradition, 187. visual, 188. workmanship

189. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
190. The _____ home has been in the family for generations.
- adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
191. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.
- adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
192. They have been living near water since _____ times.
- adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
193. This figure is _____ about the x-axis.
- adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
194. The birds live in tropical forests, _____ and arid semi-desert environments.
- n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
195. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
196. His _____ towards the cruel treatment of animals led him to become a vegan.
- n.* a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive

ANSWERS: 189. cult, 190. ancestral, 191. random, 192. ancient, 193. symmetrical, 194. savannahs, 195. insisted, 196. revulsion

197. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
198. _____ student always turned in their assignments on time.
adj. characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions
199. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.
adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
200. The workers were able to _____ the tent in just a few minutes.
v. to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
201. An ironic remark often _____ an intended meaning obliquely.
v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
202. I have a _____ for nicotine.
n. a strong desire of wanting something
203. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.
v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
204. The child was drawn to the _____ of the colorful toy display in the store.
n. the force that causes attraction or repulsion between magnetic substances; a charismatic or attractive quality that attracts people or causes them to be drawn to someone or something

ANSWERS: 197. emotional, 198. Conscientious, 199. Intelligent, 200. erect, 201. conveys, 202. craving, 203. grasp, 204. magnetism

205. The magician _____ the audience with his illusions.

v. to attract and hold the attention or interest of

206. I _____ all over after running a marathon yesterday.

v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

207. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

208. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

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

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

210. His _____ jokes made her angry.

adj. being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

211. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

212. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

213. The _____ from the company's headquarters visited our office to discuss the new project.

n. a powerful or influential person, especially in a particular sphere or organization; an important figure or high-ranking individual

ANSWERS: 205. captivated, 206. ache, 207. entertainment, 208. survive, 209. motors, 210. crude, 211. intensify, 212. reconstruct, 213. bigwig

214. His facial _____ showed a mix of surprise and confusion.

- n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood

215. The _____ concert was packed with fans.

- adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

216. The accident caused a cracked _____.

- n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

217. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

- n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

218. She received a beautiful _____ from her grandmother as a birthday gift.

- n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached

219. The _____ of the plant depends on the pollinators.

- n.* the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work

220. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

221. She is known for her _____ attention to detail in her work.

- adj.* cautious and precise; paying great attention to detail

ANSWERS: 214. expression, 215. standing, 216. rib, 217. pigeon, 218. necklace, 219. reproduction, 220. decision, 221. meticulous

222. Mammoths, saber-toothed cats, and giant ground sloths are examples of _____ megafauna.

adj. relating to the geological epoch between the Pliocene and Holocene, characterized by extensive glaciations and the presence of early human ancestors

223. He was a _____ pianist and played with incredible skill and precision.

n. a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit

224. 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: 222. Pleistocene, 223. virtuoso, 224. landscape