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Session 1: Word List

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym : modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

conversation

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

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

collector

n. a person who collects or gathers objects as a hobby or for personal interest; someone who accumulates or acquires a specific type of item

synonym : gatherer, curator, aggregator

(1) art **collector**, (2) coin **collector**

My grandfather is an avid stamp **collector**, and he has a collection of rare stamps from all over the world.

motif

n. a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music

synonym: theme, pattern, design

(1) animal **motif**, (2) the **motif** of a music piece

The repeating floral **motif** in the wallpaper added a touch of elegance to the room.

ready-made

adj. (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work

synonym: pre-made, off-the-shelf, prefab

(1) **ready-made** templates, (2) **ready-made** curtains

I prefer using **ready-made** meals when short on time and don't feel like cooking from scratch.

bind

v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

synonym: tie, stick to, adhere

(1) **bind** the man's hands, (2) **bind** old letters into a bundle

The company's rules **bind** the employee's working hours.

untold

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

synonym: countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

forehead

n. the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline

synonym: brow, frontal bone, temple

(1) **forehead** wrinkles, (2) kiss on the **forehead**

The athlete had sweat dripping down her **forehead** after the intense workout.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

significance

n. the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy

synonym: importance, value, worth

(1) **significance** level, (2) mystical **significance**

The **significance** of his discovery cannot be overstated.

symbolize

v. to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something

synonym: represent, signify, emblemize

(1) **symbolize** hope, (2) **symbolize** freedom

In many cultures, the color white **symbolizes** purity and

innocence.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

cliche

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

synonym: breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth

The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

life-size

adj. having the same size as the person or thing represented; of actual size

synonym: actual size, true to life, full-scale

(1) **life-size** model, (2) **life-size** replica

The **life-size** sculpture was so realistic that it seemed to be alive.

fiber

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

synonym: yarn, thread, wool

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

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

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.

potent

adj. having great power, influence, or effect; highly effective or influential; having the ability to cause change or produce a particular result

synonym: powerful, effective, influential

(1) **potent** anesthetic, (2) **potent** smell

The medicine has **potent** effects on reducing inflammation.

symbolism

n. the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in

the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images

synonym : iconography, allegory, metaphor

(1) the **symbolism** of the event, (2) political **symbolism**

The **symbolism** in the painting was rich and complex, with many layers of meaning.

packet

n. a small container or envelope that holds one or more items typically used for storing or transporting items like food, medicine, or marketing materials

synonym : package, parcel, bundle

(1) **packet** delivery, (2) **packet** data network

I need to buy a **packet** of biscuits from the store.

crossroad

n. a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

synonym : intersection, junction, fork

(1) critical **crossroad**, (2) major **crossroad**

I'm at a career **crossroads** and unsure which path to take.

installation

n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

synonym : induction, introduction, furnishing

(1) **installation** fee, (2) a medical **installation**

The Queen attested the **installation** of state ministers to their portfolios.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym : hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym : clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray
My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature
Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

collage

n. a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements

synonym : montage, assemblage, mosaic

(1) **collage** art, (2) digital **collage**
She made a beautiful **collage** of photos from her travels to display in her home.

comic

adj. funny and making you laugh

synonym : amusing, funny, humorous

(1) **comic** books, (2) a **comic** hat
The novel is **comic** and tragic.

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.

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.

diaspora

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

synonym: scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

mythology

n. a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

synonym: folklore, legend, fable

(1) tale from **mythology**, (2) ancient **mythology**

He studies Greek and Roman **mythology**.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym: canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

steep

adj. having a sharp inclination or slope

synonym: sheer, precipitous, abrupt

(1) a **steep** staircase, (2) **steep** discount

The **steep** cliff made it difficult to climb.

remix

v. to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

synonym: recreate, recompose, alter

(1) **remix** a couple of tracks, (2) **remix** the album
He **remixed** the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym: figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**
Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

tease

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

synonym: bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool
This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym: sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**
Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym: ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass
The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym: potent, significant, meaningful

(1) an **influential** newspaper, (2) an **influential** politician
Early childhood experiences are very **influential** for people.

vocabulary

n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

synonym : lexicon, glossary, dictionary

(1) **vocabulary** list, (2) academic **vocabulary**

Using proper **vocabulary** is essential for writing a good essay.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

graffiti

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

synonym : street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

ever-present

adj. always existing or noticeable; constant, ubiquitous, or pervasive

synonym : omnipresent, ubiquitous, pervasive

(1) **ever-present** danger, (2) **ever-present** need

The problem of pollution is **ever-present** in our daily lives.

element

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

synonym: component, feature, essence

(1) new design **elements**, (2) nonmetallic **elements**

Natural selection is an essential **element** in Darwin's theory of evolution.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

density

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

synonym: tightness, viscosity

(1) population **density**, (2) higher pixel **density**

Do you know the **density** of the population in Hong Kong?

characterize

v. to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of

synonym: describe, depict, portray

(1) **characterize** the relationship, (2) **characterize** his work

Their love of discovery and exploration often **characterizes** the adventurous spirit of the explorer.

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.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

phantasmagoria

n. a rapidly changing sequence or grouping of images, often surreal or fantastic in nature; an illusion or hallucination

synonym : illusion, dream, fantasy

(1) **phantasmagoria** of colors, (2) **phantasmagoria** of sounds

The Halloween party was a **phantasmagoria** of spooky decorations, costumes, and music.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym : throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

resin

n. a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance

synonym : sap, gum, pitch

(1) tree **resin**, (2) synthetic **resin**

The guitar was coated with a **resin** layer to protect the wood and enhance the tone.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym : anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

carcass

n. the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

synonym : corpse, remains, body

(1) examine a **carcass**, (2) **carcass** disposal

The animal's **carcass** was found in the forest, most likely

killed by a predator.

rickshaw

n. a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation

synonym : pedicab, jinrikisha

(1) ride a **rickshaw**, (2) traditional **rickshaw**

In some cities, you can ride a **rickshaw** for a unique experience.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym : humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

burning

adj. intense or scorching heat

synonym : scorching, blazing, smoldering

(1) **burning** desire, (2) **burning** passion

The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a **burning** inferno.

riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym : disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym : workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

spin

v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

synonym: rotate, twirl, swirl

(1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton

The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

miniature

adj. being on a very small scale

synonym: mini, scaled-down, pint-sized

(1) **miniature** camera, (2) **miniature** version

He did complicated pen-and-ink drawings like medieval **miniatures**.

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.

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.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym : shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

ambitious

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

synonym : enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye

Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

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**.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering

furniture, etc.

synonym: cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

reveal

v. to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible

synonym: disclose, unveil, expose

(1) **reveal** secrets, (2) **reveal** a plan

The detective carefully **revealed** the true identity of the murderer.

unseen

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

synonym: invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

provocative

adj. arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

synonym : instigating, provoking, inciting

(1) **provocative** questions, (2) a **provocative** smile

His **provocative** style frequently sparked controversies.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

opulent

adj. rich and luxurious; characterized by an abundance of wealth and expensive materials

synonym : lavish, sumptuous, luxurious

(1) **opulent** lifestyle, (2) **opulent** banker

The **opulent** palace was a sight to behold.

tableau

n. a group of people or objects arranged in a scene that represents a story or a specific situation; a tableau vivant is a live representation of a picture or scene, often used in theater or dance

synonym : scene, picture, representation

(1) **tableau** of dancers, (2) theatrical **tableau**

The museum's **tableau** of the battle was incredibly realistic and lifelike.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

textile

n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting

synonym : cloth, material, fabric

(1) **textile** production, (2) tissue **textiles**

China's **textile** industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.

metallic

adj. relating to or resembling metal; having a shiny, silvery, or reflective quality; characterized by strength, durability, or toughness

synonym : metal

(1) **metallic** taste, (2) **metallic** object

The jewelry shop featured a wide array of **metallic** accessories made of gold, silver, and copper.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym : manufacturing, mechanical

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

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

porcupine

n. a large, slow-moving, spiny mammal that is covered in sharp quills and is native to Asia, Africa, and certain parts of the Americas

synonym : hedgehog, echidna, spiny mammal

(1) **porcupine** movement, (2) **porcupine** habitat

The quills on a **porcupine's** back are used for defense.

quill

n. a hard, hollow, and spiky feature found on the skin of some animals, such as porcupines, used for protection and puncturing; a pen made from the shaft of a bird feather, used historically for writing

synonym : feather, plume, spike

(1) **quill-like** hairs, (2) porcupine **quill**

The historian carefully examined the **quill** pen to determine its age and origin.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym : deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

collective

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

synonym : composite, concerted, cumulative

(1) right to **collective** bargaining, (2) **collective** ownership

Product development is a **collective** effort.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

foremost

adj. most important, leading, or prominent

synonym : leading, primary, first

(1) **foremost** expert, (2) keep **foremost** in mind

The **foremost** priority is the safety of the passengers.

practitioner

n. a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher

synonym : professional, expert, specialist

(1) **practitioner** of Buddhism, (2) **practitioner** of law

She is a **practitioner** of traditional Chinese medicine.

multimedia

adj. relating to or involving the use or combination of several different media or communication formats, such as text, graphics, audio, and video

synonym : interactive, mixed media

(1) **multimedia** presentation, (2) **multimedia** design

I love using **multimedia** tools to create engaging presentations and projects.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym : periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use
His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym: analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

theme

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

synonym: subject, topic, motif

(1) **theme** park, (2) central **theme**

The **theme** of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

globalization

n. the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders

synonym: worldwide integration

(1) the rapid pace of **globalization**, (2) **globalization** trend

The spread of popular culture worldwide is an example of cultural **globalization**.

urbanization

n. the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture

synonym: urban development, urban growth, urban expansion

(1) **urbanization** process, (2) non- **urbanization** area

Rapid **urbanization** has led to many environmental and social issues in cities.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

clue

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

synonym: hint, indication, inkling

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

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

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

culprit

n. someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: criminal, felon, fugitive

(1) the **culprit** of global warming, (2) the arrest of the **culprit**

They finally found the **culprit** of the bug after a long time.

alpha

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

synonym: first, beginning, leader

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

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

personality.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

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.

canvas

n. the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

(1) blank **canvas**, (2) oil on **canvas**

Life is a vast **canvas**; you should put as much paint on it as possible.

stainless

adj. resistant to staining or discoloration; not affected or damaged by contact with dirt, water, or other substances; clean and hygienic

synonym : unblemished, immaculate, spotless

(1) **stainless** hardware, (2) **stainless** sink

The kitchen appliances were all **stainless** steel, making the space modern and sleek.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym : iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

vessel

n. a ship or large boat

synonym : boat, ship, craft

(1) blood **vessels**, (2) naval **vessels**

The **vessel** arrived in port the following day.

container

n. a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land

synonym: receptacle, holder, vessel

(1) plastic **container**, (2) **container** ship

The restaurant uses large **containers** to store its food ingredients.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym: ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

glob

n. a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

synonym: ball, lump, sphere

(1) **glob** of paint, (2) **glob** of honey

She squeezed a **glob** of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.

grand

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

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

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

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

incorporate

v. to include something as a part of a larger entity

synonym: contain, integrate, amalgamate

(1) **incorporate** the current trends, (2) **incorporate** technology into daily life

We will attempt to **incorporate** some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

colossal

adj. extremely large and impressive

synonym: gigantic, huge, enormous

(1) **colossal** statue, (2) a **colossal** success

The new building is truly **colossal**, towering over the surrounding buildings.

ethereal

adj. delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual

synonym: airy, delicate, celestial

(1) **ethereal** beauty, (2) **ethereal** light

The **ethereal** music created a dreamlike atmosphere in the concert hall.

organic

adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

synonym: biological

(1) **organic** soils, (2) eat **organic** food

The kidney is an **organic** component of the body.

wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

synonym: surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

muslin

n. a lightweight cotton fabric that is typically plain-woven and often used for making garments and curtains

synonym: cotton cloth, cheesecloth, gauze

(1) **muslin** blanket, (2) lightweight **muslin**

She used **muslin** fabric to make curtains for her bedroom.

- dye** v. to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance
synonym: color, tint, stain
(1) **dye** a T-shirt red, (2) **dye** patterns
She **dyed** her hair purple for a change.
- arrange** v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
synonym: set up, order, organize
(1) **arrange** the meeting, (2) the list was **arranged** alphabetically
I need to **arrange** plans with him for the celebration.
- navigate** v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
synonym: guide, helm, voyage
(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document
Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.
- interact** v. to communicate or react with somebody
synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate
(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another
He should **interact** more with his colleagues.
- shadow** n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
synonym: shade, silhouette, outline
(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry
The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
- consumerism** n. a cultural and economic ideology that places a high value on the consumption and acquisition of goods and

services, often associating personal identity or success with material possessions

synonym : consumer culture, materialism

(1) anti- **consumerism** movement, (2) global **consumerism**

The rise of **consumerism** has led to an increase in wastefulness and environmental damage.

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**.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

salvage

n. the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation

synonym : rescue, recovery

(1) **salvage** operation, (2) **salvage** a sunken ship

The **salvage** yard was full of old cars waiting to be scrapped.

junk

n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

synonym : trash, debris, waste

(1) **junk** mail, (2) hunk of **junk**

I need to clear out some of the **junk** in my garage.

whet

v. to sharpen or hone the edge of a blade or tool; to stimulate or increase someone's interest, appetite, or desire

synonym : sharpen, stimulate, excite

(1) **whet** the blade, (2) **whet** my curiosity

The smell of freshly brewed coffee will **whet** your appetite in the morning.

appetite

n. a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something

synonym : hunger, craving, emptiness

(1) **appetite** suppression, (2) loss of **appetite**

After a long hike, I had a huge **appetite** and devoured my meal in minutes.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

Session 2: Spelling

1. rea_____de curtains
adj. (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work
2. achieve am_____us goals
adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
3. achieve spe_____ar growth
adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
4. mi_____re version
adj. being on a very small scale
5. spe_____ar view
adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
6. j__k mail
n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
7. plastic co_____er
n. a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land
8. hunk of j__k
n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
9. ce_____te Christmas
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 1. ready-made, 2. ambitious, 3. spectacular, 4. miniature, 5. spectacular, 6. junk, 7. container, 8. junk, 9. celebrate

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| 10. in_____e a feeling of curiosity | <i>v.</i> to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative |
| 11. pra_____ner of law | <i>n.</i> a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher |
| 12. gr__d bargain | <i>adj.</i> important and large in size, scope, or extent |
| 13. cl___e plot | <i>n.</i> a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement |
| 14. in_____ct with one another | <i>v.</i> to communicate or react with somebody |
| 15. na_____ve poetry | <i>n.</i> a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story |
| 16. examine a ca_____s | <i>n.</i> the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food |
| 17. na_____te through a document | <i>v.</i> to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map |
| 18. as_____te alcohol with gambling | <i>v.</i> to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else |
| 19. pr_____le outcome | <i>adj.</i> likely to happen or likely to be true |
| 20. li_____ze model | <i>adj.</i> having the same size as the person or thing represented; of actual size |
| 21. an inf_____al newspaper | <i>adj.</i> having significant impact or power on someone or something |

ANSWERS: 10. inspire, 11. practitioner, 12. grand, 13. cliché, 14. interact, 15. narrative, 16. carcass, 17. navigate, 18. associate, 19. probable, 20. life-size, 21. influential

22. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
23. anti-con_____sm movement *n.* a cultural and economic ideology that places a high value on the consumption and acquisition of goods and services, often associating personal identity or success with material possessions
24. 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
25. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
26. d_e a T-shirt red *v.* to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance
27. the mo__f of a music piece *n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music
28. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
29. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
30. w__t my curiosity *v.* to sharpen or hone the edge of a blade or tool; to stimulate or increase someone's interest, appetite, or desire

ANSWERS: 22. spiritual, 23. consumerism, 24. sculpture, 25. sew, 26. dye, 27. motif, 28. nation, 29. environment, 30. whet

31. mi_____re camera *adj.* being on a very small scale
32. higher pixel de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
33. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
34. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
35. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
36. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
37. g__b of honey *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
38. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
39. dual ge____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
40. in____e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 31. miniature, 32. density, 33. temple, 34. interact, 35. amazing, 36. digital, 37. glob, 38. cast, 39. gender, 40. invite

41. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
42. et____al light *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
43. oil on ca____s *n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
44. re___l a plan *v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
45. ex____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
46. nonmetallic el____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
47. ca____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
48. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
49. po____ne habitat *n.* a large, slow-moving, spiny mammal that is covered in sharp quills and is native to Asia, Africa, and certain parts of the Americas

ANSWERS: 41. origin, 42. ethereal, 43. canvas, 44. reveal, 45. explore, 46. element, 47. capture, 48. gender, 49. porcupine

50. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
51. tree re__n *n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance
52. new design el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
53. the rapid pace of glo_____ion *n.* the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders
54. mul_____ia design *adj.* relating to or involving the use or combination of several different media or communication formats, such as text, graphics, audio, and video
55. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
56. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
57. 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: 50. invite, 51. resin, 52. element, 53. globalization, 54. multimedia, 55.

studio, 56. navigate, 57. function

58. me____ic taste *adj.* relating to or resembling metal; having a shiny, silvery, or reflective quality; characterized by strength, durability, or toughness
59. traditional ri____aw *n.* a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation
60. coin co____or *n.* a person who collects or gathers objects as a hobby or for personal interest; someone who accumulates or acquires a specific type of item
61. un____n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
62. kiss on the fo____ad *n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
63. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
64. g__b of paint *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
65. chaotic env____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
66. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
67. tale from my____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

ANSWERS: 58. metallic, 59. rickshaw, 60. collector, 61. unseen, 62. forehead, 63. wit, 64. glob, 65. environment, 66. origin, 67. mythology

68. em____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
69. 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
70. mu____n blanket *n.* a lightweight cotton fabric that is typically plain-woven and often used for making garments and curtains
71. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
72. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
73. gr_____ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
74. st__p discount *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
75. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
76. re__x the album *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
77. ride a ri_____aw *n.* a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation

ANSWERS: 68. embedded, 69. tradition, 70. muslin, 71. influence, 72. modern, 73. graffiti, 74. steep, 75. giant, 76. remix, 77. rickshaw

78. th__e park *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
79. ar_____e the meeting *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
80. te__e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
81. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
82. central th__e *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
83. or_____c soils *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
84. a co__c hat *adj.* funny and making you laugh
85. b__d the man's hands *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
86. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
87. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
88. an inf_____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something

ANSWERS: 78. theme, 79. arrange, 80. tease, 81. celebrate, 82. theme, 83. organic, 84. comic, 85. bind, 86. giant, 87. narrative, 88. influential

89. inc_____te the current trends *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
90. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
91. the arrest of the cu_____t *n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
92. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
93. un_____d riches *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
94. mul_____ia presentation *adj.* relating to or involving the use or combination of several different media or communication formats, such as text, graphics, audio, and video
95. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
96. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
97. voc_____ry list *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
98. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
99. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
100. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

ANSWERS: 89. incorporate, 90. frequent, 91. culprit, 92. probable, 93. untold, 94. multimedia, 95. invisible, 96. associate, 97. vocabulary, 98. reinvent, 99. icon, 100. studio

101. global con_____sm *n.* a cultural and economic ideology that places a high value on the consumption and acquisition of goods and services, often associating personal identity or success with material possessions
102. pha_____ria of colors *n.* a rapidly changing sequence or grouping of images, often surreal or fantastic in nature; an illusion or hallucination
103. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
104. right to col_____ve bargaining *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
105. s__n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
106. the sy_____sm of the event *n.* the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images
107. with an am_____us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
108. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
109. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
110. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

ANSWERS: 101. consumerism, 102. phantasmagoria, 103. increasingly, 104. collective, 105. spin, 106. symbolism, 107. ambitious, 108. wrap, 109. analyze, 110. tale

111. al__a radiation *n.* the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy
112. ex_____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
113. co__c books *adj.* funny and making you laugh
114. di_____ra community *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
115. eve_____ent need *adj.* always existing or noticeable; constant, ubiquitous, or pervasive
116. po___t smell *adj.* having great power, influence, or effect; highly effective or influential; having the ability to cause change or produce a particular result
117. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
118. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
119. a re_____ic goal *adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
120. st_____ss hardware *adj.* resistant to staining or discoloration; not affected or damaged by contact with dirt, water, or other substances; clean and hygienic

ANSWERS: 111. alpha, 112. explore, 113. comic, 114. diaspora, 115. ever-present, 116. potent, 117. institute, 118. exciting, 119. realistic, 120. stainless

121. naval ve___ls *n.* a ship or large boat
122. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
123. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
124. cha_____ize his work *v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
125. population de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
126. animal mo__f *n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music
127. pa___t delivery *n.* a small container or envelope that holds one or more items typically used for storing or transporting items like food, medicine, or marketing materials
128. po_____ne movement *n.* a large, slow-moving, spiny mammal that is covered in sharp quills and is native to Asia, Africa, and certain parts of the Americas
129. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
130. art co_____or *n.* a person who collects or gathers objects as a hobby or for personal interest; someone who accumulates or acquires a specific type of item

ANSWERS: 121. vessel, 122. fundamental, 123. tale, 124. characterize, 125. density, 126. motif, 127. packet, 128. porcupine, 129. wit, 130. collector

131. col_____ve ownership *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
132. a medical ins_____ion *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
133. sa_____e a sunken ship *n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation
134. pro_____ve questions *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
135. loss of ap_____te *n.* a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something
136. an un___d number of people *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
137. academic voc_____ry *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
138. a pro_____ve smile *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
139. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
140. synthetic re__n *n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance

ANSWERS: 131. collective, 132. installation, 133. salvage, 134. provocative, 135. appetite, 136. untold, 137. vocabulary, 138. provocative, 139. massive, 140. resin

141. we__e on a loom
v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
142. an un___n force
adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived
143. a st__p staircase
adj. having a sharp inclination or slope
144. glo_____ion trend
n. the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders
145. fun_____al rights
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
146. bu____g passion
adj. intense or scorching heat
147. vi____e by X-ray
adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view
148. magnetic st__l
n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
149. a friendly con_____ion
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
150. st_____ss sink
adj. resistant to staining or discoloration; not affected or damaged by contact with dirt, water, or other substances; clean and hygienic

ANSWERS: 141. weave, 142. unseen, 143. steep, 144. globalization, 145. fundamental, 146. burning, 147. visible, 148. steel, 149. conversation, 150. stainless

151. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
152. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
153. b__d old letters into a bundle *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
154. en_____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
155. 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
156. sig_____nce level *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
157. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
158. a c__e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
159. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

ANSWERS: 151. cast, 152. industrial, 153. bind, 154. envision, 155. primary, 156. significance, 157. spiritual, 158. clue, 159. liberate

160. pa___t data network *n.* a small container or envelope that holds one or more items typically used for storing or transporting items like food, medicine, or marketing materials
161. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
162. cha_____ize the relationship *v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
163. sa_____e operation *n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation
164. tissue te_____es *n.* any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
165. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
166. ap_____te suppression *n.* a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something
167. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

ANSWERS: 160. packet, 161. industrial, 162. characterize, 163. salvage, 164. textile, 165. riot, 166. appetite, 167. strip

168. the cu____t of global warming *n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
169. porcupine qu__l *n.* a hard, hollow, and spiky feature found on the skin of some animals, such as porcupines, used for protection and puncturing; a pen made from the shaft of a bird feather, used historically for writing
170. pho____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
171. co____er ship *n.* a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land
172. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
173. d_e patterns *v.* to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance
174. digital co____e *n.* a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements
175. pho____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 168. culprit, 169. quill, 170. photograph, 171. container, 172. sew, 173. dye, 174. collage, 175. photograph

176. ta____u of dancers *n.* a group of people or objects arranged in a scene that represents a story or a specific situation; a tableau vivant is a live representation of a picture or scene, often used in theater or dance
177. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
178. non-urb_____ion area *n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture
179. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
180. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
181. rea_____de templates *adj.* (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work
182. bu____g desire *adj.* intense or scorching heat
183. co_____e art *n.* a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements

ANSWERS: 176. tableau, 177. weave, 178. urbanization, 179. icon, 180. folk, 181. ready-made, 182. burning, 183. collage

184. di____ra migration *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
185. re__x a couple of tracks *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
186. eat or____c food *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
187. li____ze replica *adj.* having the same size as the person or thing represented; of actual size
188. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
189. lightweight mu____n *n.* a lightweight cotton fabric that is typically plain-woven and often used for making garments and curtains
190. inc____te technology into daily life *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
191. eve____ent danger *adj.* always existing or noticeable; constant, ubiquitous, or pervasive
192. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
193. me____ic object *adj.* relating to or resembling metal; having a shiny, silvery, or reflective quality; characterized by strength, durability, or toughness

ANSWERS: 184. diaspora, 185. remix, 186. organic, 187. life-size, 188. steel, 189. muslin, 190. incorporate, 191. ever-present, 192. modern, 193. metallic

194. blood ve___ls *n.* a ship or large boat
195. mystical sig_____nce *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
196. fr_____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
197. theatrical ta_____u *n.* a group of people or objects arranged in a scene that represents a story or a specific situation; a tableau vivant is a live representation of a picture or scene, often used in theater or dance
198. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
199. urb_____ion process *n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture
200. mu_____e affairs *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
201. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
202. a c___e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
203. te_____e production *n.* any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
204. qu___l-like hairs *n.* a hard, hollow, and spiky feature found on the skin of some animals, such as porcupines, used for protection and puncturing; a pen made from the shaft of a bird feather, used historically for writing

ANSWERS: 194. vessel, 195. significance, 196. frequent, 197. tableau, 198. exciting, 199. urbanization, 200. mundane, 201. religion, 202. clue, 203. textile, 204. quill

205. pha_____ria of sounds *n.* a rapidly changing sequence or grouping of images, often surreal or fantastic in nature; an illusion or hallucination
206. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
207. op_____t banker *adj.* rich and luxurious; characterized by an abundance of wealth and expensive materials
208. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
209. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
210. ins_____ion fee *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
211. pra_____ner of Buddhism *n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
212. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
213. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
214. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 205. phantasmagoria, 206. influence, 207. opulent, 208. grand, 209. analyze, 210. installation, 211. practitioner, 212. invisible, 213. institute, 214. inspire

215. en_____ on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
216. age-old cl_____e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
217. keep fo_____st in mind *adj.* most important, leading, or prominent
218. vi_____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
219. op_____t lifestyle *adj.* rich and luxurious; characterized by an abundance of wealth and expensive materials
220. te__e the children *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
221. sy_____ze freedom *v.* to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something
222. a tour guide at the te_____e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
223. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
224. sh_____w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

ANSWERS: 215. envision, 216. cliché, 217. foremost, 218. visible, 219. opulent, 220. tease, 221. symbolize, 222. temple, 223. massive, 224. shadow

225. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
226. the list was ar_____ed alphabetically *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
227. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
228. sy_____ze hope *v.* to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something
229. po____t anesthetic *adj.* having great power, influence, or effect; highly effective or influential; having the ability to cause change or produce a particular result
230. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
231. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
232. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
233. gr_____ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

ANSWERS: 225. digital, 226. arrange, 227. conversation, 228. symbolize, 229. potent, 230. riot, 231. urban, 232. explode, 233. graffiti

234. synthetic fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
235. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
236. political sy_____sm *n.* the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images
237. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
238. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
239. ca_____s disposal *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
240. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
241. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
242. co_____al statue *adj.* extremely large and impressive
243. ch__t in a game *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
244. carbon fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

ANSWERS: 234. fiber, 235. liberate, 236. symbolism, 237. increasingly, 238. urban, 239. carcass, 240. fabric, 241. strip, 242. colossal, 243. cheat, 244. fiber

245. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
246. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
247. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
248. fo____st expert *adj.* most important, leading, or prominent
249. 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
250. 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
251. a co____al success *adj.* extremely large and impressive
252. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

ANSWERS: 245. cheat, 246. contemporary, 247. contemporary, 248. foremost, 249. function, 250. sculpture, 251. colossal, 252. shadow

253. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
254. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
255. ancient my_____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
256. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
257. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
258. de_____te attention *adj.* very fine, subtle, and pleasing; easily broken or damaged or destroyed
259. w__t the blade *v.* to sharpen or hone the edge of a blade or tool; to stimulate or increase someone's interest, appetite, or desire
260. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
261. fo_____ad wrinkles *n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
262. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
263. 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: 253. religion, 254. nation, 255. mythology, 256. amazing, 257. explode, 258. delicate, 259. whet, 260. spin, 261. forehead, 262. capture, 263. primary

264. et____al beauty *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
265. 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
266. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
267. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
268. LED-em_____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
269. a de_____te flavor *adj.* very fine, subtle, and pleasing; easily broken or damaged or destroyed
270. critical cr_____ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
271. a hand-loomed fa____c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
272. mu_____e objects *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
273. major cr_____ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
274. re____l secrets *v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible

ANSWERS: 264. ethereal, 265. tradition, 266. reinvent, 267. folk, 268. embedded, 269. delicate, 270. crossroad, 271. fabric, 272. mundane, 273. crossroad, 274. reveal

275. w__p a fish in foil
276. al__a particle
277. blank ca___s
- v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
- n.* the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy
- n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

ANSWERS: 275. wrap, 276. alpha, 277. canvas

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The problem of pollution is _____ in our daily lives.
adj. always existing or noticeable; constant, ubiquitous, or pervasive
2. The museum's _____ of the battle was incredibly realistic and lifelike.
n. a group of people or objects arranged in a scene that represents a story or a specific situation; a tableau vivant is a live representation of a picture or scene, often used in theater or dance
3. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
4. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
n. the first existence or beginning of something
5. The _____ of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.
n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
6. The athlete had sweat dripping down her _____ after the intense workout.
n. the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
7. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
8. He did complicated pen-and-ink drawings like medieval _____.
adj. being on a very small scale

ANSWERS: 1. ever-present, 2. tableau, 3. reinvent, 4. origin, 5. diaspora, 6. forehead, 7. exploded, 8. miniatures

9. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.
adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
10. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the _____ on the buildings downtown.
n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
11. He has the ____ to keep talking about this topic.
n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
12. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.
v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
13. That story was so _____ and it was scary.
adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
14. 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
15. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
16. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

ANSWERS: 9. ambitious, 10. graffiti, 11. wit, 12. cast, 13. realistic, 14. function, 15. influence, 16. embedded

17. I love using _____ tools to create engaging presentations and projects.
adj. relating to or involving the use or combination of several different media or communication formats, such as text, graphics, audio, and video
18. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
19. Product development is a _____ effort.
adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people
20. The smell of freshly brewed coffee will _____ your appetite in the morning.
v. to sharpen or hone the edge of a blade or tool; to stimulate or increase someone's interest, appetite, or desire
21. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
22. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.
v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
23. China's _____ industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.
n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
24. We will attempt to _____ some of your suggestions into our future strategy.
v. to include something as a part of a larger entity

ANSWERS: 17. multimedia, 18. grand, 19. collective, 20. whet, 21. fundamental, 22. navigate, 23. textile, 24. incorporate

25. She _____ her hair purple for a change.
- v. to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance
26. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
- v. to communicate or react with somebody
27. My mother taught me how to _____.
- v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
28. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
29. The _____ cliff made it difficult to climb.
- adj. having a sharp inclination or slope
30. The quills on a _____ back are used for defense.
- n. a large, slow-moving, spiny mammal that is covered in sharp quills and is native to Asia, Africa, and certain parts of the Americas
31. His _____ style frequently sparked controversies.
- adj. arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
32. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
- v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
33. 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

ANSWERS: 25. dyed, 26. interact, 27. sew, 28. photograph, 29. steep, 30. porcupine's, 31. provocative, 32. analyze, 33. sculptures

34. My grandfather is an avid stamp _____ and he has a collection of rare stamps from all over the world.
- n.* a person who collects or gathers objects as a hobby or for personal interest; someone who accumulates or acquires a specific type of item
35. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
- adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
36. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.
- v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
37. Using proper _____ is essential for writing a good essay.
- n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
38. Life is a vast _____ you should put as much paint on it as possible.
- n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
39. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
- v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
40. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.
- n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
41. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 34. collector, 35. urban, 36. explore, 37. vocabulary, 38. canvas;, 39. liberated, 40. steel, 41. celebrated

42. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.
- n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
43. The jewelry shop featured a wide array of _____ accessories made of gold, silver, and copper.
- adj.* relating to or resembling metal; having a shiny, silvery, or reflective quality; characterized by strength, durability, or toughness
44. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
- n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
45. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.
- adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
46. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
- adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
47. The _____ music created a dreamlike atmosphere in the concert hall.
- adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
48. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.
- n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
49. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 42. fabrics, 43. metallic, 44. shadow, 45. spectacular, 46. invisible, 47. ethereal, 48. tales, 49. amazing

50. The _____ priority is the safety of the passengers.

adj. most important, leading, or prominent

51. I'm at a career _____ and unsure which path to take.

n. a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

52. Do you know the _____ of the population in Hong Kong?

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

53. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

54. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

55. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

56. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

57. I need to _____ plans with him for the celebration.

v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

ANSWERS: 50. foremost, 51. crossroads, 52. density, 53. cheated, 54. riots, 55. narrative, 56. temple, 57. arrange

58. The _____ palace was a sight to behold.

adj. rich and luxurious; characterized by an abundance of wealth and expensive materials

59. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

60. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.

adj. intense or scorching heat

61. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

62. Natural selection is an essential _____ in Darwin's theory of evolution.

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

63. He studies Greek and Roman _____.

n. a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

64. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

65. In some cities, you can ride a _____ for a unique experience.

n. a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation

ANSWERS: 58. opulent, 59. studio, 60. burning, 61. spiritual, 62. element, 63. mythology, 64. institutes, 65. rickshaw

66. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
67. The historian carefully examined the _____ pen to determine its age and origin.
n. a hard, hollow, and spiky feature found on the skin of some animals, such as porcupines, used for protection and puncturing; a pen made from the shaft of a bird feather, used historically for writing
68. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.
adj. belonging to the same or present time
69. The company's new CEO was known for his _____ personality.
n. the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy
70. I need to buy a _____ of biscuits from the store.
n. a small container or envelope that holds one or more items typically used for storing or transporting items like food, medicine, or marketing materials
71. In many cultures, the color white _____ purity and innocence.
v. to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something
72. 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
73. The _____ of his discovery cannot be overstated.
n. the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy

ANSWERS: 66. exciting, 67. quill, 68. Contemporary, 69. alpha, 70. packet, 71. symbolizes, 72. tradition, 73. significance

74. The medicine has _____ effects on reducing inflammation.

adj. having great power, influence, or effect; highly effective or influential; having the ability to cause change or produce a particular result

75. The _____ yard was full of old cars waiting to be scrapped.

n. the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation

76. The spread of popular culture worldwide is an example of cultural _____.

n. the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders

77. The company's rules _____ the employee's working hours.

v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

78. The new building is truly _____ towering over the surrounding buildings.

adj. extremely large and impressive

79. The restaurant uses large _____ to store its food ingredients.

n. a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land

80. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

81. The _____ in the painting was rich and complex, with many layers of meaning.

n. the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images

ANSWERS: 74. potent, 75. salvage, 76. globalization, 77. bind, 78. colossal, 79.

containers, 80. modern, 81. symbolism

82. She is a _____ of traditional Chinese medicine.
- n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
83. 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
84. The fresh green trees cast a _____ web of shadows over the lawn.
- adj.* very fine, subtle, and pleasing; easily broken or damaged or destroyed
85. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.
- v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
86. The kitchen appliances were all _____ steel, making the space modern and sleek.
- adj.* resistant to staining or discoloration; not affected or damaged by contact with dirt, water, or other substances; clean and hygienic
87. We cannot _____ her as President.
- v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
88. We must consume dietary _____ to maintain good health.
- n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
89. I prefer using _____ meals when short on time and don't feel like cooking from scratch.
- adj.* (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work

ANSWERS: 82. practitioner, 83. environment, 84. delicate, 85. weaves, 86. stainless, 87. envision, 88. fiber, 89. ready-made

90. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.
- v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
91. Rapid _____ has led to many environmental and social issues in cities.
- n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture
92. Using the same _____ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.
- n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
93. 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
94. The novel is _____ and tragic.
- adj.* funny and making you laugh
95. The consequences of the pandemic remain _____ as scientists continue to research the virus.
- adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
96. He _____ the tracks to give them a jazz feel.
- v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
97. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
- v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 90. strip, 91. urbanization, 92. cliché, 93. primary, 94. comic, 95. unseen, 96. remixed, 97. capture

98. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
99. The _____ arrived in port the following day.
n. a ship or large boat
100. The _____ stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.
adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
101. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
102. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
103. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
104. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.
adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something
105. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.
n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
106. After a long hike, I had a huge _____ and devoured my meal in minutes.
n. a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something

ANSWERS: 98. Industrial, 99. vessel, 100. untold, 101. nation, 102. associate, 103. Wrap, 104. influential, 105. clue, 106. appetite

107. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

108. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

109. The rise of _____ has led to an increase in wastefulness and environmental damage.

n. a cultural and economic ideology that places a high value on the consumption and acquisition of goods and services, often associating personal identity or success with material possessions

110. After returning from the war, he had a pretty _____ life.

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

111. My home is easily _____ from the shore.

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

112. The _____ sculpture was so realistic that it seemed to be alive.

adj. having the same size as the person or thing represented; of actual size

113. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

114. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

ANSWERS: 107. folk, 108. digital, 109. consumerism, 110. mundane, 111. visible, 112. life-size, 113. gender, 114. religion

115. The animal's _____ was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.
n. the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
116. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
117. The kidney is an _____ component of the body.
adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
118. The Queen attested the _____ of state ministers to their portfolios.
n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
119. Their love of discovery and exploration often _____ the adventurous spirit of the explorer.
v. to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
120. She made a beautiful _____ of photos from her travels to display in her home.
n. a work of art composed by assembling various materials, such as photographs, newspaper clippings, and other objects, onto a surface; any composition made by combining various distinct elements
121. She squeezed a _____ of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.
n. a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
122. The tornado is _____ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.
v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

ANSWERS: 115. carcass, 116. increasingly, 117. organic, 118. installation, 119. characterizes, 120. collage, 121. glob, 122. spinning

123. I need to clear out some of the _____ in my garage.

- n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

124. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

125. They finally found the _____ of the bug after a long time.

- n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing

126. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.

- n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

127. His heartaches are less _____ now.

- adj.* happening constantly

128. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

129. The Halloween party was a _____ of spooky decorations, costumes, and music.

- n.* a rapidly changing sequence or grouping of images, often surreal or fantastic in nature; an illusion or hallucination

130. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 123. junk, 124. conversation, 125. culprit, 126. icons, 127. frequent, 128. inspired, 129. phantasmagoria, 130. invite

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

132. The detective carefully _____ the true identity of the murderer.

v. to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible

133. She used _____ fabric to make curtains for her bedroom.

n. a lightweight cotton fabric that is typically plain-woven and often used for making garments and curtains

134. The repeating floral _____ in the wallpaper added a touch of elegance to the room.

n. a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music

135. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

136. This ad is intended to _____ a competing product.

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

137. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

138. The guitar was coated with a _____ layer to protect the wood and enhance the tone.

n. a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance

ANSWERS: 131. probable, 132. revealed, 133. muslin, 134. motif, 135. giant, 136. tease, 137. massive, 138. resin

139. The _____ of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

ANSWERS: 139. theme