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Session 1: Word List

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.

ancient

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

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

jewel

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

synonym: gem, precious stone, treasure

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

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

given her.

parasol

n. a lightweight and often decorative umbrella, primarily used to protect against sun or rain

synonym: umbrella, sunshade

(1) hand-held **parasol**, (2) decorative **parasol**

She shielded herself from the sun with a colorful **parasol** while lounging at the beach.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym: crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

invitation

n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

synonym: request, asking, proposal

(1) a letter of **invitation**, (2) **invitation** of foreign investment

I will be very happy to accept your **invitation**.

chariot

n. a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

(1) **chariot** builder, (2) **chariot** race

The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating **chariot** races.

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.

grumbling

n. a low, muttering sound typically expressing dissatisfaction or discontent; a complaint or expression of displeasure

synonym: complaining, murmuring, rumbling

(1) **grumbling** stomach, (2) **grumbling** customer

There was much **grumbling** amongst the employees about the new policies.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

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.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym : friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

boycott

v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change;
(noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

synonym : protest, abstain, avoid

(1) **boycott** campaign, (2) **boycott** the discussion

Many people have decided to **boycott** the company due to their unethical practices.

stack

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

synonym : accumulation, heap, pile

(1) high **stack**, (2) a large **stack** of paper

The earthquake caused a **stack** of lumber to crumble noisily.

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.

planetarium

n. a building or facility that is designed to display the positions and movements of stars, planets, and other celestial bodies on a dome-shaped surface using a projection system

(1) optical **planetarium** projector, (2) inflatable **planetarium**

The **planetarium's** digital projection system provides an immersive experience of outer space.

universe

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

synonym: cosmos, macrocosm

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

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

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

cosmos

n. another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

synonym: universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

enlightened

adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

synonym : educated, informed, aware

(1) **enlightened** age, (2) make an **enlightened** decision
The **enlightened** teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

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.

flame

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

synonym : blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

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.

landscape

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

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

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

dragon

n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

synonym: wyvern, serpent, drake

(1) **dragon** fruit, (2) **dragon** wing

In Chinese mythology, **dragons** are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

serpent

n. a large snake

synonym: snake, viper, reptile

(1) the feathered **serpent** god, (2) **Serpent** Bearer

That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a **serpent's** tail.

goddess

n. a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

synonym: deity, divinity, idol

(1) a **goddess** of beauty, (2) winged **goddess** of victory

The festival was held in honor of the harvest **goddess**.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

forth

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

synonym: forward, onwards, ahead

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

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

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.

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym : civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

relate

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

synonym : connect, link, associate

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

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

forge

v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

synonym : create, build, establish

(1) **forge** an alliance, (2) **forge** iron

She had to **forge** her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym : understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

intolerable

adj. incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable

synonym : agonizing, insufferable, unbearable

(1) **intolerable** situation, (2) the heat is **intolerable**

Chronic pain from the side effects of treatment made her life **intolerable**.

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

synonym : pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion**

toward the accident

His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

riddle

n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

synonym : mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**
The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym: harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

misery

n. a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune

synonym: affliction, despair, anguish

(1) live in **misery**, (2) untold **misery**

Our company suffered **misery** from incurring a heavy loss.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

occasionally

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

synonym: periodically, sometimes, from time to time

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

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

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

egocentric

adj. centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others

synonym: self-centered, narcissistic, egotistical

(1) **egocentric** personality, (2) **egocentric** world view

His **egocentric** behavior was causing problems in his personal and professional life.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym : understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

habitual

adj. commonly used or repeated

synonym : chronic, frequent, accustomed

(1) **habitual** absence, (2) **habitual** overeating

Habitual smoking and drinking cause lifestyle disease.

bench

n. a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice

synonym : seat, terrace, judiciary

(1) **bench** conference, (2) **bench board**

I sat on the **bench** in the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym : anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

notion

n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

synonym : idea, concept, belief

(1) **notion** of success, (2) vague **notion**

The **notion** of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

cosmic

adj. relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless

synonym : astronomical, celestial, outer-space

(1) second **cosmic** velocity, (2) **cosmic** background radiation

Cosmic rays are high-energy particles that originate from outside the solar system.

overrun

v. to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone

synonym : invade, conquer, occupy

(1) **overrun** an area, (2) garden **overrun** with weeds

The invading army quickly may **overrun** the small country and took control of its capital city.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym : boundless, countless, limitless

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

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

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym : exceptionally, notably, unusually

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

little effect

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

meditation

n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

synonym: contemplation, reflection, introspection

(1) **meditation** training, (2) religious **meditation**

The **meditation** instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

delusion

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

synonym: hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

literature

n. written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value

synonym: writing, prose, fiction

(1) popular **literature**, (2) review of the **literature**
The **literature** of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.

compassionate

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

synonym: empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave
My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

awful

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

synonym: terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

miserable

adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

synonym: unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

ache

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

synonym: hurt, throb, smart

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

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

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym: please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

billionaire

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

synonym: mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**
The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

synonym: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature

The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

intelligence

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

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

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

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

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

enhance

v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

synonym: improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla

The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

empath

n. a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy

(1) **empath** skills, (2) **empath** in a corporate environment

Being an **empath** in a relationship requires the partner to understand the empath's unique emotional needs.

suppress

v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

synonym: subdue, bury, stifle

(1) **suppress** a yawn, (2) **suppress** a revolt

The doctor prescribed medication to **suppress** the patient's appetite.

relieve

v. to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe

synonym: alleviate, ease, assuage

(1) **relieve** his thirst, (2) **relieve** stress

The medicine **relieved** his headache, and he felt much better.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym: dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

have-not

n. a person or group who lacks the necessities of life, such as adequate food, shelter, or economic resources, often contrasted with a "have" or someone who has abundance or wealth

synonym : pauper, destitute, indigent

(1) **have-not** countries, (2) **have-not** families

The **have-nots** in our society often struggle to afford necessities like healthcare and education.

communist

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

synonym : socialist, marxist, leninist

(1) **communist** party, (2) **communist** activist

During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of **communist** ideology.

revolution

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

synonym : coup, innovation, rebellion

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

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

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym : goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym : integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

fairly

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

synonym : moderately, reasonably, pretty

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

He deals **fairly** with his employees.

jolly

adj. happy and lively

synonym : cheerful, happy, merry

(1) a **jolly** laugh, (2) **jolly** evening

He was in a **jolly** mood and sang a happy tune.

genocide

n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

synonym : mass murder, extermination, annihilation

(1) **genocide** victims, (2) **genocide** resolution

The international community condemned the **genocide** in the country.

nun

n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

synonym : sister, religious, monastic

(1) **nun** habit, (2) meditating **nun**

The cloistered **nun** devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

harvest

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym :

crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

yak v. to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool

synonym: chatter, cackle

(1) domestic **yak**, (2) sit and **yak** about life

The friends met at the local pub every Friday to **yak** about their week.

nowadays *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past

synonym: currently, presently, today

(1) young people **nowadays**, (2) not to be seen **nowadays**

People can clone a sheep **nowadays**.

extreme *adj.* very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthest, outermost, fierce

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

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

vision *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

hop v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym: jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog
I'm **scared** of insects.

lava

n. molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material

synonym : molten rock, magma, volcanic rock

(1) **lava** flow, (2) molten **lava**

The volcano's eruption caused a **lava** river to flow down the mountainside.

tsunami

n. a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance

synonym : tidal wave, seismic sea wave

(1) **tsunami** warning, (2) **tsunami** relief

The earthquake- **tsunami** caused widespread destruction along the coast.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym : learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

almanac

n. a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that

contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year

synonym : annual, yearbook, chronicle

(1) **almanac** information, (2) planting **almanac**

I consult my astrological **almanac** every month to stay attuned to the movements of the planets and stars.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

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

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

dissatisfy

v. to fail to satisfy someone

synonym : disappoint, disgruntle, dishearten

(1) **dissatisfy** the users with bugs, (2) **dissatisfy** people with service

The company's results **dissatisfy** everyone.

satisfaction

n. a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

synonym : delight, pleasure, content

(1) a sense of **satisfaction**, (2) customer **satisfaction**

The mediated settlement brought **satisfaction** to both sides.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

pet *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**
I have a parrot as a **pet**.

butterfly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**
He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

broaden *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
synonym: expand, widen, enlarge
(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon
The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

suddenly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares
(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

nirvana *n.* a state of perfect happiness, peace, and enlightenment in Hinduism and Buddhism
synonym: paradise, heaven, bliss
(1) **nirvana** state, (2) spiritual **nirvana**
He finally achieved **nirvana** after many years of meditation and spiritual practice.

commandment *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
synonym: law, edict, precept
(1) violate a **commandment**, (2) a religious **commandment**

He was punished because he contravened a **commandment** of God.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. beginning of the industrial rev_____on | <i>n.</i> a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war; |
| 2. dis_____fy people with service | <i>v.</i> to fail to satisfy someone |
| 3. br_____n students' knowledge | <i>v.</i> to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal. |
| 4. a jo__y laugh | <i>adj.</i> happy and lively |
| 5. optical pla_____um projector | <i>n.</i> a building or facility that is designed to display the positions and movements of stars, planets, and other celestial bodies on a dome-shaped surface using a projection system |
| 6. second co___c velocity | <i>adj.</i> relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless |
| 7. do aw__l damage | <i>adj.</i> causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant |
| 8. br___l bully | <i>adj.</i> harsh or cruel |
| 9. an aw__l error | <i>adj.</i> causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant |
| 10. l__a flow | <i>n.</i> molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material |
| 11. winged go_____s of victory | <i>n.</i> a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored |

ANSWERS: 1. revolution, 2. dissatisfy, 3. broaden, 4. jolly, 5. planetarium, 6. cosmic, 7. awful, 8. brutal, 9. awful, 10. lava, 11. goddess

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| 12. domestic y_k | v. | to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool |
| 13. exploration of co___s | n. | another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system |
| 14. raise public aw_____ss | n. | the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important |
| 15. li_____me benefits | n. | the duration of someone's life or something's existence; |
| 16. spiritual ni_____a | n. | a state of perfect happiness, peace, and enlightenment in Hinduism and Buddhism |
| 17. dis_____fy the users with bugs | v. | to fail to satisfy someone |
| 18. re_____e stress | v. | to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe |
| 19. br___l honesty | adj. | harsh or cruel |
| 20. have com_____on toward the accident | n. | a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck |
| 21. ex_____e in popularity | v. | to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open |
| 22. pre-mo___n agricultural society | adj. | of or belonging to the present time or recent times |
| 23. decorative pa_____l | n. | a lightweight and often decorative umbrella, primarily used to protect against sun or rain |

ANSWERS: 12. yak, 13. cosmos, 14. awareness, 15. lifetime, 16. nirvana, 17. dissatisfy, 18. relieve, 19. brutal, 20. compassion, 21. explode, 22. modern, 23. parasol

24. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
25. grand de ____ on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
26. a religious com _____ nt *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
27. ni ____ a state *n.* a state of perfect happiness, peace, and enlightenment in Hinduism and Buddhism
28. co _____ st activist *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
29. co ____ t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
30. French pa ____ x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
31. live in mi ____ y *n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
32. br ____ n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
33. app _____ ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
34. a bu __ h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 24. pet, 25. delusion, 26. commandment, 27. nirvana, 28. communist, 29. comfort, 30. paradox, 31. misery, 32. broaden, 33. apparently, 34. bunch

35. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
36. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
37. su_____ss a revolt *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
38. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
39. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
40. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
41. bo_____g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
42. dr_____n fruit *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
43. med_____on training *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
44. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
45. ov_____n an area *v.* to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone

ANSWERS: 35. religion, 36. tremendous, 37. suppress, 38. religion, 39. comfort, 40. amazing, 41. boring, 42. dragon, 43. meditation, 44. ancient, 45. overrun

46. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
47. enl_____ed age *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
48. act of gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
49. inv_____on of foreign investment *n.* a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
50. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
51. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
52. ch_____t race *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
53. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
54. no___n of success *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
55. bu_____ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

ANSWERS: 46. extreme, 47. enlightened, 48. generosity, 49. invitation, 50. brain, 51. suffer, 52. chariot, 53. disappoint, 54. notion, 55. butterfly

56. sur_____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
57. occ_____lly change the routine *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
58. en_____e value *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
59. simmering fl__e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
60. a p_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
61. a go_____s of beauty *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
62. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
63. fr__k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
64. vi___e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
65. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
66. mi_____le weather *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

ANSWERS: 56. surprisingly, 57. occasionally, 58. enhance, 59. flame, 60. pet, 61. goddess, 62. landscape, 63. freak, 64. virtue, 65. violent, 66. miserable

67. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
68. Se_____t Bearer *n.* a large snake
69. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
70. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
71. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
72. make an enl_____ed decision *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
73. su_____ss a yawn *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
74. mo_____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
75. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
76. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
77. fa_____y accurate *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner

ANSWERS: 67. monk, 68. serpent, 69. empathy, 70. distract, 71. monk, 72. enlightened, 73. suppress, 74. modern, 75. forth, 76. disappoint, 77. fairly

78. ge____de resolution *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
79. Silicon Valley bil____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
80. co____st party *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
81. the great di____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
82. je__l of the crown *n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
83. fl__e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
84. field of artificial int____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
85. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
86. mi____le experience *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
87. int____le situation *adj.* incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable

ANSWERS: 78. genocide, 79. billionaire, 80. communist, 81. discovery, 82. jewel, 83. flame, 84. intelligence, 85. giant, 86. miserable, 87. intolerable

88. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
89. critical m___s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
90. a sense of sat_____ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
91. religious med_____on *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
92. inflatable pla_____um *n.* a building or facility that is designed to display the positions and movements of stars, planets, and other celestial bodies on a dome-shaped surface using a projection system
93. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
94. the heat is int_____le *adj.* incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable
95. fo__e an alliance *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 88. vision, 89. mass, 90. satisfaction, 91. meditation, 92. planetarium, 93. stick, 94. intolerable, 95. forge

96. se____te cream from milk
v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
97. the ul____te luxury
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
98. even more unf____ely
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
99. the pa____x of the heap
n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
100. boundless gen____ty
n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
101. in____te appetite
adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
102. the feathered se____t god
n. a large snake
103. app____ly unrelated
adv. based on what you have heard or read
104. not to be seen no____ys
adv. at the current time, in comparison to the past
105. be__h board
n. a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice
106. ha____ot families
n. a person or group who lacks the necessities of life, such as adequate food, shelter, or economic resources, often contrasted with a "have" or someone who has abundance or wealth
107. directly int____ect with those systems
v. to connect similar things

ANSWERS: 96. separate, 97. ultimate, 98. unfortunately, 99. paradox, 100. generosity, 101. infinite, 102. serpent, 103. apparently, 104. nowadays, 105. bench, 106. have-not, 107. interconnect

108. geographical bo____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
109. solve the ri____e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
110. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
111. re____e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
112. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
113. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
114. bo____g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
115. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
116. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
117. the bo____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

ANSWERS: 108. boundary, 109. riddle, 110. separate, 111. relate, 112. brain, 113. enlightenment, 114. boring, 115. mass, 116. mad, 117. boundary

118. gr_____ng customer *n.* a low, muttering sound typically expressing dissatisfaction or discontent; a complaint or expression of displeasure
119. have a fa___y clear view *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
120. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
121. dr___n wing *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
122. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
123. a scanty ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
124. a large st__k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
125. vague no___n *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
126. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 118. grumbling, 119. fairly, 120. planet, 121. dragon, 122. suppose, 123. harvest, 124. stack, 125. notion, 126. stick

127. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
128. ha_____ot countries *n.* a person or group who lacks the necessities of life, such as adequate food, shelter, or economic resources, often contrasted with a "have" or someone who has abundance or wealth
129. en_____e the flavor of the vanilla *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
130. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
131. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
132. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
133. bu_____g desire *adj.* intense or scorching heat
134. sit and y_k about life *v.* to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool
135. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 127. vision, 128. have-not, 129. enhance, 130. giant, 131. invite, 132. landscape, 133. burning, 134. yak, 135. disease

136. wi___m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
137. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
138. em___h skills *n.* a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy
139. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
140. theory of the un____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
141. a scientific di____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
142. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
143. violate a com____nt *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
144. a fa____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
145. fo__e iron *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 136. wisdom, 137. gap, 138. empath, 139. invite, 140. universe, 141. discovery, 142. suddenly, 143. commandment, 144. fantastic, 145. forge

146. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
147. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
148. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
149. the life cycle of a bu_____ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
150. review of the lit_____re *n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
151. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
152. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
153. ha_____al absence *adj.* commonly used or repeated
154. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
155. high st__k *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
156. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
157. popular lit_____re *n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value

ANSWERS: 146. absolutely, 147. suppose, 148. ancient, 149. butterfly, 150. literature, 151. gap, 152. mad, 153. habitual, 154. amazing, 155. stack, 156. fantastic, 157. literature

158. planting al____c *n.* a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year
159. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
160. untold mi____y *n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
161. re____e his thirst *v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
162. feel com____on for the poor *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
163. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
164. sc____d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
165. li____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
166. acquire a vi____e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
167. in____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
168. bu____g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat

ANSWERS: 158. almanac, 159. violent, 160. misery, 161. relieve, 162. compassion, 163. decide, 164. scared, 165. lifetime, 166. virtue, 167. infinite, 168. burning

169. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
170. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
171. a__e all the time *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
172. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
173. ego_____ic world view *adj.* centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others
174. sa_____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
175. garden ov_____n with weeds *v.* to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone
176. molten l__a *n.* molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material
177. sc___d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
178. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

ANSWERS: 169. memorize, 170. awareness, 171. ache, 172. hop, 173. egocentric, 174. satisfy, 175. overrun, 176. lava, 177. scared, 178. revolution

179. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
180. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
181. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
182. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
183. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
184. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
185. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
186. a com_____ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
187. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
188. have sur_____gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder

ANSWERS: 179. interconnect, 180. unfortunately, 181. explode, 182. perception, 183. ultimate, 184. universe, 185. forth, 186. compassionate, 187. empathy, 188. surprisingly

189. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
190. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
191. ri_____e me a riddle *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
192. gleaming je__l *n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
193. ch_____t builder *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
194. com_____ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
195. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
196. meditating n_n *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
197. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
198. jo__y evening *adj.* happy and lively
199. a fountain of wi____m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

ANSWERS: 189. intelligence, 190. distract, 191. riddle, 192. jewel, 193. chariot, 194. compassionate, 195. suffer, 196. nun, 197. absolutely, 198. jolly, 199. wisdom

200. ts_____i warning *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
201. bo_____t the discussion *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
202. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
203. keen per_____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
204. n_n habit *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
205. ge_____de victims *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
206. customer sat_____ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
207. a__e abominably *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

ANSWERS: 200. tsunami, 201. boycott, 202. planet, 203. perception, 204. nun, 205. genocide, 206. satisfaction, 207. ache

208. co___c background radiation *adj.* relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless
209. young people no____ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
210. hand-held pa_____l *n.* a lightweight and often decorative umbrella, primarily used to protect against sun or rain
211. oil bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
212. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
213. a letter of inv_____on *n.* a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
214. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
215. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
216. ts_____i relief *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
217. labor under a de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
218. occ_____lly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
219. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

ANSWERS: 208. cosmic, 209. nowadays, 210. parasol, 211. billionaire, 212. suddenly, 213. invitation, 214. tremendous, 215. relate, 216. tsunami, 217. delusion, 218. occasionally, 219. hop

220. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
221. em___h in a corporate environment *n.* a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy
222. sa_____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
223. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
224. bo_____t campaign *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
225. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
226. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
227. spiritual enl_____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
228. be__h conference *n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice
229. al_____c information *n.* a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year

ANSWERS: 220. memorize, 221. empath, 222. satisfy, 223. bunch, 224. boycott, 225. extreme, 226. disease, 227. enlightenment, 228. bench, 229. almanac

230. origin of the co___s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
231. reap a ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
232. ego_____ic personality *adj.* centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others
233. gr_____ng stomach *n.* a low, muttering sound typically expressing dissatisfaction or discontent; a complaint or expression of displeasure
234. ha_____al overeating *adj.* commonly used or repeated
235. a rock fr__k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
236. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 230. cosmos, 231. harvest, 232. egocentric, 233. grumbling, 234. habitual, 235. freak, 236. decide

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Being an _____ in a relationship requires the partner to understand the empath's unique emotional needs.
 - n.* a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy
2. He finally achieved _____ after many years of meditation and spiritual practice.
 - n.* a state of perfect happiness, peace, and enlightenment in Hinduism and Buddhism
3. I _____ all over after running a marathon yesterday.
 - v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
4. The self-made _____ donated millions to charity.
 - n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
5. The volcano's eruption caused a _____ river to flow down the mountainside.
 - n.* molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material
6. People can clone a sheep _____.
 - adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
7. The cloistered _____ devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.
 - n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

ANSWERS: 1. empath, 2. nirvana, 3. ache, 4. billionaire, 5. lava, 6. nowadays, 7. nun

8. The company's results _____ everyone.

v. to fail to satisfy someone

9. He deals _____ with his employees.

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

10. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

11. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

12. The new strategy will _____ the profitability of our company.

v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

13. They have been living near water since _____ times.

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

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

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

15. _____ is also necessary to understand history.

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 8. dissatisfy, 9. fairly, 10. stick, 11. boring, 12. enhance, 13. ancient, 14. giant, 15. Empathy

16. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

17. His _____ behavior was causing problems in his personal and professional life.

adj. centered on oneself or one's interests to the exclusion of others; overly focused on one's own needs, desires, or opinions and disregarding those of others

18. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

19. He was in a _____ mood and sang a happy tune.

adj. happy and lively

20. The friends met at the local pub every Friday to _____ about their week.

v. to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool

21. I will be very happy to accept your _____.

n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

22. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

23. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

ANSWERS: 16. harvest, 17. egocentric, 18. comfort, 19. jolly, 20. yak, 21. invitation, 22. absolutely, 23. hopped

24. Her research team made an important _____.

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

25. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

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

26. We had a _____ time yesterday.

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

27. _____ rays are high-energy particles that originate from outside the solar system.

adj. relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless

28. He was ____ with joy to see the results.

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

29. The company _____ its product line to include more customer options.

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

30. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

31. The _____ instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

ANSWERS: 24. discovery, 25. landscape, 26. tremendous, 27. Cosmic, 28. mad, 29. broadened, 30. infinite, 31. meditation

32. He was punished because he contravened a _____ of God.
n. a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
33. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
34. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.
adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
35. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.
n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
36. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
37. She treasured the small _____ that her grandmother had given her.
n. a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
38. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.
adj. harsh or cruel
39. The festival was held in honor of the harvest _____.
n. a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

ANSWERS: 32. commandment, 33. disappoint, 34. awful, 35. generosity, 36. decide, 37. jewel, 38. brutal, 39. goddess

40. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
41. My father has a serious and _____ personality.
adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
42. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
43. Many people have decided to _____ the company due to their unethical practices.
v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
44. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.
n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
45. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree
46. Chronic pain from the side effects of treatment made her life _____.
adj. incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable
47. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.
n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

ANSWERS: 40. religion, 41. compassionate, 42. universe, 43. boycott, 44. enlightenment, 45. extreme, 46. intolerable, 47. boundary

48. The _____ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.
- n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
49. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.
- adj.* intense or scorching heat
50. The ascetic _____ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.
- n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
51. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
- v.* to connect similar things
52. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.
- n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
53. In Chinese mythology, _____ are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.
- n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
54. Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the _____.
- n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
55. I consult my astrological _____ every month to stay attuned to the movements of the planets and stars.
- n.* a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year

ANSWERS: 48. flame, 49. burning, 50. monk, 51. interconnect, 52. freak, 53. dragons, 54. cosmos, 55. almanac

56. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
57. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
58. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
59. The _____ teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.
adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
60. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
61. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
62. The invading army quickly may _____ the small country and took control of its capital city.
v. to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers;
(noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone
63. I have a parrot as a _____.
n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

ANSWERS: 56. violent, 57. intelligence, 58. memorize, 59. enlightened, 60. mass, 61. unfortunately, 62. overrun, 63. pet

64. The _____ of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.
- n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
65. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
66. During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of _____ ideology.
- adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
67. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
68. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
69. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
70. He had a _____ that he was a millionaire.
- n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
71. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.
- n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

ANSWERS: 64. literature, 65. vision, 66. communist, 67. exploded, 68. suffers, 69. suppose, 70. delusion, 71. awareness

72. 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

73. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

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

74. The mediated settlement brought _____ to both sides.

- n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

75. The _____ of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

- n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

76. I'm _____ of insects.

- adj.* afraid or frightened

77. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.

- adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder

78. The _____ in our society often struggle to afford necessities like healthcare and education.

- n.* a person or group who lacks the necessities of life, such as adequate food, shelter, or economic resources, often contrasted with a "have" or someone who has abundance or wealth

79. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.

- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 72. invite, 73. revolution, 74. satisfaction, 75. notion, 76. scared, 77. surprisingly, 78. have-nots, 79. gap

80. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

81. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

82. She still _____ writes a short romance novel.

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

83. The doctor prescribed medication to _____ the patient's appetite.

v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

84. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

85. The _____ remains mysterious to us.

n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

86. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

87. She had many good _____ and few faults.

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

88. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

ANSWERS: 80. modern, 81. disease, 82. occasionally, 83. suppress, 84. bunch, 85. riddle, 86. distract, 87. virtues, 88. wisdom

89. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
90. I pushed _____ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.
- adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
91. The _____ digital projection system provides an immersive experience of outer space.
- n.* a building or facility that is designed to display the positions and movements of stars, planets, and other celestial bodies on a dome-shaped surface using a projection system
92. The earthquake caused a _____ of lumber to crumble noisily.
- n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
93. The international community condemned the _____ in the country.
- n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
94. That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a _____ tail.
- n.* a large snake
95. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
96. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.
- n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

ANSWERS: 89. separate, 90. forth, 91. planetarium's, 92. stack, 93. genocide, 94. serpent's, 95. planet, 96. butterfly

97. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

adv. based on what you have heard or read

98. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

99. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

100. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

101. There was much _____ amongst the employees about the new policies.

n. a low, muttering sound typically expressing dissatisfaction or discontent; a complaint or expression of displeasure

102. There are many theories to explain this _____.

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

103. The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating _____ races.

n. a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

104. Our company suffered _____ from incurring a heavy loss.

n. a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune

ANSWERS: 97. apparently, 98. amazing, 99. perception, 100. brain, 101. grumbling, 102. paradox, 103. chariot, 104. misery

105. She had to _____ her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.
- v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
106. She shielded herself from the sun with a colorful _____ while lounging at the beach.
- n.* a lightweight and often decorative umbrella, primarily used to protect against sun or rain
107. She felt _____ after her dog passed away.
- adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
108. The earthquake-_____ caused widespread destruction along the coast.
- n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
109. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
- adj.* extremely good; excellent
110. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
111. Who answers _____ knows little.
- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
112. Did this response _____ your request?
- v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

ANSWERS: 105. forge, 106. parasol, 107. miserable, 108. tsunami, 109. fantastic, 110. ultimate, 111. suddenly, 112. satisfy

113. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
- v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
114. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
- n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
115. The medicine _____ his headache, and he felt much better.
- v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
116. _____ smoking and drinking cause lifestyle disease.
- adj.* commonly used or repeated
117. I sat on the _____ in the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.
- n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice
118. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.
- n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

ANSWERS: 113. relate, 114. lifetime, 115. relieved, 116. Habitual, 117. bench, 118. compassion