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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### reflection

*n.* the act of thinking deeply about something, or the ability to think deeply; the image of something that is seen in a mirror or other reflective surface

*synonym*: contemplation, meditation, consideration

(1) **reflection** question, (2) photon **reflection**

The teacher asked the students to write a **reflection** on the book they had just read.

### academic

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

*synonym*: educational, scholarly, theoretical

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

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

### 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.

### retreat

*n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work

or everyday life

*synonym* : escape, withdrawal, vacation

(1) **retreat** deeper into their territory, (2) **retreat** in a mountain region

Many people go on a **retreat** to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

## shed

v. to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage

*synonym* : discard, drop, cast off

(1) **shed** an old skin, (2) a cow **shed**

He **shed** a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.

## suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

*synonym* : assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

## jerry

*adj.* a slang term referring to something that is improvised, makeshift, or of poor quality; jerry-rigged

*synonym* : deceptive, deceitful, dishonest

(1) **jerry-built** foundation, (2) **jerry-made** toy

The **jerry-rigged** repair was only a temporary solution to the problem.

## grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

*synonym* : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

## lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different

position

*synonym* : raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

**ridicule**

*n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

*synonym* : derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

**obvious**

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym* : apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

**ant**

*n.* a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups

*synonym* : pismire, insect

(1) a white **ant**, (2) **ant** bite

We can find many large **ant** mounds in this area.

**fantasy**

*n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

*synonym* : fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

**apartment**

*n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping

*synonym* : flat, dwelling, unit

(1) rented **apartment**, (2) furnished **apartment**

I am seeking a spacious **apartment** with a balcony and a parking spot.

## splinter

*n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger

*synonym* : shard, fragment, sliver

(1) **splinter** cell, (2) remove a **splinter**

The car window shattered into a million little **splinters** during the crash.

## slice

*n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting

*synonym* : piece, portion, slit

(1) a **slice** of the company's revenue, (2) **slice** a tomato thin

The children complained because one **slice** of cake was slightly larger than the other.

## shard

*n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal

*synonym* : break, fragment, shatter

(1) broken **shard**, (2) **shard** of pottery

The artist used a **shard** of glass to create intricate designs on her sculptures.

## construct

*v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

*synonym* : build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

## shanty

*n.* a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure

*synonym* : shack, hut, cabin

(1) **shanty-style** lodging, (2) makeshift **shanty**

The beach **shanty** provided temporary shelter for the stranded tourists.

## fin

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

*synonym* : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

## 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.

## crude

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

*synonym* : unrefined, native, vulgar

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

His **crude** jokes made her angry.

## merry

*adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood

*synonym* : jolly, happy, cheerful

(1) **merry-making**, (2) **merry** laughter

We had a **merry** time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.

## seesaw

*n.* a long, narrow board balanced on a fulcrum or pivot point, often used as a toy or play equipment in a children's playground

*synonym* : teeter-totter, balance board

(1) **seesaw** motion, (2) **seesaw** effect

The children played on the **seesaw** in the park.

**lad** *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way

*synonym* : boy, youth, youngster

(1) working-class **lad**, (2) local **lad**

The older man gave the young **lad** some helpful life advice.

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

*synonym* : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

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

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

**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**.

**experiment** *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

*synonym* : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

**educate** *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

*synonym* : instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

## molecular

*adj.* of or relating to molecules (= a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds)

*synonym* : microscopic, atomic

(1) **molecular** structure, (2) **molecular** biology

**Molecular** weight is the sum of all the atoms.

## gentle

*adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

*synonym* : mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

## commit

*v.* to do something illegal or wrong

*synonym* : engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

## peter

*v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

*synonym* : decrease, drop, lower

(1) eventually **peter** out, (2) begin to **peter** out

The music just **petered** out.

## underneath

*adv.* under or below something else

*synonym* : below, under, beneath

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

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

## microscope

*n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye

*synonym* : lens, magnifier, eyepiece

(1) **microscope** slide, (2) electron **microscope**

I used an optical **microscope** to observe the small organisms in the water sample.

## crush

*v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

*synonym*: destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt

The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

## jagged

*adj.* having a rough and sharply uneven surface or outline

*synonym*: bumpy, irregular, craggy

(1) **jagged** edges, (2) the **jagged** outline of the crags

There are several **jagged** limestone peaks throughout the mountains.

## frame

*n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

*synonym*: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

## 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.

## beneath

*adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something

*synonym*: down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

## sharpen

*v.* to make something, usually a blade or point, sharp or sharper; to enhance or improve the clarity, focus, or effectiveness of something

*synonym*:



hone, enhance, improve

(1) **sharpen** your focus, (2) **sharpen** a pencil

I must **sharpen** my knives before cooking to ensure precise and efficient cutting.

## needle

*n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

*synonym*: thorn, spike, pin

(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**

The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

## blade

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

*synonym*: knife, sword, cutter

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

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

## nervous

*adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

*synonym*: neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

## heartbeat

*n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force

*synonym*: beat, pulse, force

(1) **heartbeat** abnormality, (2) a pounding **heartbeat**

New York is the commercial **heartbeat** of America.

## inhale

*v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

*synonym*: breathe in, take in, draw in

(1) **inhale** the smoke, (2) **inhale** the aroma

He **inhaled** deeply, trying to calm down.

- rub**
- v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
- synonym* : scrub, massage, stroke
- (1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window
- She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.
- tweeze**
- v.* to pluck or remove hairs, particularly from the face or other sensitive areas, using a pair of tweezers (= a small hand-held tool used for grasping and manipulating small objects with precision) or other specialized tools
- synonym* : pluck, pull out, extract
- (1) **tweeze** unwanted hair, (2) **tweeze** hairs
- She carefully **tweezed** the stray eyebrow hairs.
- clip**
- n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
- synonym* : buckle, hook, pin
- (1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**
- He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.
- groove**
- n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
- synonym* : rut, channel, furrow
- (1) **groove** on the dance floor, (2) get into the **groove**
- The band played a smooth **groove** that got everyone dancing.
- friction**
- n.* the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
- synonym* : rub, scrape, resistance
- (1) **friction** force, (2) surface **friction**
- The **friction** between the two countries was causing tension.

## instrument

*n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

*synonym* : apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

## catapult

*n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance

*synonym* : launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism

The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

## atmosphere

*n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

*synonym* : air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

## breath

*n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

*synonym* : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

## 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.

## stretch

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

*synonym* : lengthen, prolong, extend

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

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

## beam

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

*synonym* : ray, ray of light, shaft of light

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

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

## balcony

*n.* a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space

*synonym* : terrace, veranda, deck

(1) **balcony** view, (2) **balcony** seating

They enjoyed a romantic dinner on the **balcony** overlooking the city.

## spider

*n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

*synonym* : arachnid, wanderer

(1) **spider** venom, (2) web **spider**

The **spider** spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

## attach

*v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

*synonym* : fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

## insane

*adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

*synonym* : crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme  
Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

## occupy

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time  
*synonym*: inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position

The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

## mite

n. a tiny arachnid-like creature that is related to ticks and spiders and often lives as a parasite on plants or animals

*synonym*: speck, insect

(1) house dust **mite**, (2) a **mite** of evidence

The **mite** infestation in the old house was a serious problem for the residents.

## argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

*synonym*: debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

## argue

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

*synonym*: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

## warn

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

*synonym*: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

## nylon

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

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

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

## pluck

*v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

*synonym*: grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

## slight

*adj.* very small in degree or amount

*synonym*: feeble, nuanced, subtle

(1) feel a **slight** concern, (2) **slight** increase

We made **slight** modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

## process

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

*synonym*: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

## manipulate

*v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

*synonym*: control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

## barrier

*n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make

progress or to achieve an objective

*synonym* : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

## cellophane

*n.* a thin, transparent material made from cellulose, commonly used as a packaging material or for wrapping items

*synonym* : plastic wrap, cling film, polyethylene film

(1) **cellophane** wrapper, (2) **cellophane** packaging

She wrapped the gift in colorful **cellophane** paper.

## moving

*adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

*synonym* : emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

## static

*adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing

*synonym* : immobile, unchanging, fixed

(1) **static** electricity, (2) **static** website

The **static** image on the screen took a lot of work to make out.

## electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym* : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## interfere

v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

*synonym*: interpose, interrupt, hamper

(1) **interfere** in another country's affairs, (2) **interfere** with DNA synthesis

Your talking **interferes** with my work.

## sweat

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

*synonym*: perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

## drip

v. to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

*synonym*: drop, drizzle, trickle

(1) **drip** liquid, (2) **drip** from the vicious wound

Water is **dripping** from the faucet.

## carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

*synonym*: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

## sculpt

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

*synonym*: carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

## paintbrush

n. a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle

*synonym*: brush, bristle brush, artist's brush

(1) **paintbrush** stroke, (2) **paintbrush** icon

She used a flat **paintbrush** to apply the final touches to the



artwork.

## **insect**

*n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

(1) **insect** antenna, (2) **insect** biology

These **insects** are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

## **creature**

*n.* a living being, especially an animal

*synonym*: being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

## **hymn**

*n.* a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony

*synonym*: psalm, song, religious song

(1) a sacred **hymn**, (2) **hymn** tune

The congregation sang the **hymn** during the service.

## **blob**

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

*synonym*: chunk, lump, hunk

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

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

## **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?

## **approximately**

*adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

*synonym*: about, around, roughly

(1) **approximately** 3 feet long, (2) **approximately** same

This trail takes **approximately** 2.5 hours.

## rough

*adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

*synonym* : inelegant, coarse, barbarian

(1) **rough** and tough, (2) **rough** estimation

The vehicle bounced along the **rough** mountain road.

## estimate

*v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

*synonym* : calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

## anticipate

*v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

*synonym* : forecast, predict, expect

(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

## aphid

*n.* a tiny insect that feeds on the sap of plants and can cause damage or diseases to plants, often found in large colonies

*synonym* : plant louse, greenfly, blackfly

(1) **aphid** infestation, (2) **aphid** control

The **aphids** were eating all the leaves of my tomato plants.

## quarter

*n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

*synonym* : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

## 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.

## sunlight

*n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun  
*synonym*: daylight, rays, sunshine

(1) a glare of **sunlight**, (2) in direct **sunlight**

Radiation from **sunlight** has a different wavelength.

## normally

*adv.* usually; under normal conditions  
*synonym*: commonly, generally, naturally

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

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

## standing

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

*synonym*: upright, vertical, (noun) position

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

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

## 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.

## flake

*n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

*synonym*: chip, bit, shred

(1) **flakes** of snow, (2) **flake** graphite

She found a paint **flake** on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.

## rein

*n.* a long, narrow strap attached to a horse's bit, used to control the animal while riding; a means of controlling or limiting something or someone's actions and behavior;  
(verb) to control or restrain something, especially something that is becoming excessive or out of control

*synonym* : strap, harness, headstall

(1) tight **rein**, (2) **rein** in costs

The new driver struggled to keep a firm grip on the **rein** as the horse bolted.

## symmetrical

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

*synonym* : harmonious, balanced, proportional

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

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

## rear

*adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

*synonym* : back, end, behind

(1) the **rear** gate, (2) **rear** children

The player quickly went to the **rear** side of the defender.

## statue

*n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

*synonym* : sculpture, figurine, monument

(1) a beautiful **statue**, (2) the ancient Egyptian **statues**

The **statue** of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

## torch

*n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

*synonym* : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

## grain

*n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

*synonym* : seed, piece, cereal

(1) a **grain** of sand, (2) flour made from **grain**

Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen **grains**.

## sand

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

*synonym*: grit, dust, powder

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

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

## microscopic

*adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

*synonym*: infinitesimal, tiny, atomic

(1) **microscopic** inquiry, (2) **microscopic** analysis

Inspectors noticed **microscopic** cracks in the submarine's hull.

## diamond

*n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

*synonym*: gemstone, jewel, precious stone

(1) **diamond** ring, (2) **diamond** necklace

The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling **diamond**.

## hulk

*n.* a large, abandoned, and decaying structure or object, often referring to a ship or building; a person or animal who is large and clumsy or who appears physically imposing but lacks strength or agility

*synonym*: wreck, ruins, giant

(1) **hulk** of a warehouse, (2) **hulk-like** strength

The shipwreck's **hulk** lay scattered along the shore.

## movement

*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the

process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

*synonym* : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

## thread

*n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

*synonym* : filament, string, yarn

(1) **thread** a catheter, (2) start a new **thread**

The detective followed a **thread** of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

## shove

*v.* to push someone or something in a rough way

*synonym* : push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

## glue

*n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

*synonym* : adhesive, paste, gum

(1) **glue** stick, (2) epoxy **glue**

The carpenter applied **glue** to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.

## grimace

*v.* to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth

*synonym* : frown, scowl, sneer

(1) **grimace** in pain, (2) try to hide a **grimace**

I couldn't help but **grimace** when I tasted the sour milk in my cereal.

## micron

*n.* a unit of measurement equal to one-millionth of a meter, used for measuring the size of particles and microorganisms

*synonym* : micrometer

(1) **micron** measurements, (2) **micron** imaging

The width of a single human hair is around 100 **microns**.

## rig

*v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

*synonym* : set up, prepare, arrange

(1) **rig** an election, (2) **rig** a ship with new sails

He **rigged** the game so he could win the prize.

## strand

*n.* a very thin natural or synthetic thread, wire, hair, etc.; (verb) to leave or drive a vessel, fish, etc., aground or ashore

*synonym* : fiber, filament, string

(1) a **strand** of fine hair, (2) double- **strand** DNA

I heard several melodic **strands** simultaneously.

## plank

*n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

*synonym* : board, timber, beam

(1) oak **plank**, (2) **plank** exercise

He was ordered to walk the **plank** by the pirate captain.

## surgery

*n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical

science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

*synonym* : operation, (medical) procedure

(1) cardiac **surgery**, (2) the professor of **surgery**

He had undergone heart **surgery** years before.

## operate

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

*synonym* : work, use, employ

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

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

## particle

*n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

*synonym* : atom, grain, bit

(1) charged **particle**, (2) **particle** energy

We can calculate the position of the **particles** statistically.

## scraping

*n.* the act of removing a thin layer of material from a surface, often to clean or smooth it; a sound or sensation that is produced by something being removed or rubbed against another surface; (of computer technology) the automated extraction or collection of data from websites

*synonym* : abrading, scratching, rubbing

(1) **scraping** tools, (2) metal **scraping**

The **scraping** sound coming from the engine made us worry about the car's condition.

## painstaking

*adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort

*synonym* : detailed, meticulous, conscientious

(1) **painstaking** research, (2) a **painstaking** student

The training of a hawk was a **painstaking** process.

## packaging

*n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the



design or appearance of a product's packaging

*synonym* : wrapping, packing, boxing

(1) **packaging** materials, (2) biodegradable **packaging**

The **packaging** for the fragile items was made of sturdy materials and could withstand rough handling during shipping.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. g__e stick                       | <i>n.</i> a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials   |
| 2. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re | <i>n.</i> the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work   |
| 3. all in a sw__t                   | <i>n.</i> the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress   |
| 4. a gr__n of sand                  | <i>n.</i> wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance  |
| 5. create sc_____re                 | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 6. ca_____lt mechanism              | <i>n.</i> a device used to hurl an object a long distance  |
| 7. sh__e hamburger into my mouth    | <i>v.</i> to push someone or something in a rough way  |
| 8. es_____te a fair value           | <i>v.</i> to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something   |
| 9. in___t antenna                   | <i>n.</i> any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections  |
| 10. st___c website                  | <i>adj.</i> not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing   |

ANSWERS: 1. glue, 2. atmosphere, 3. sweat, 4. grain, 5. sculpture, 6. catapult, 7. shove, 8. estimate, 9. insect, 10. static

11. charged pa\_\_\_\_le *n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
12. begin to pe\_\_r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
13. sc\_\_\_\_ng tools *n.* the act of removing a thin layer of material from a surface, often to clean or smooth it; a sound or sensation that is produced by something being removed or rubbed against another surface; (of computer technology) the automated extraction or collection of data from websites
14. the ground be\_\_\_\_h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
15. ap\_\_d control *n.* a tiny insect that feeds on the sap of plants and can cause damage or diseases to plants, often found in large colonies
16. a m\_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
17. mo\_\_\_\_nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
18. cr\_\_h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
19. back f\_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 11. particle, 12. peter, 13. scraping, 14. beneath, 15. aphid, 16. mad, 17. movement, 18. crush, 19. fin

20. artificial cr\_\_\_\_re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
21. rented ap\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
22. sc\_\_\_\_t prototype *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
23. oak pl\_\_k *n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes
24. working-class l\_d *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
25. und\_\_\_\_\_th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
26. tight r\_\_n *n.* a long, narrow strap attached to a horse's bit, used to control the animal while riding; a means of controlling or limiting something or someone's actions and behavior; (verb) to control or restrain something, especially something that is becoming excessive or out of control
27. g\_\_b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
28. h\_\_k-like strength *n.* a large, abandoned, and decaying structure or object, often referring to a ship or building; a person or animal who is large and clumsy or who appears physically imposing but lacks strength or agility

ANSWERS: 20. creature, 21. apartment, 22. sculpt, 23. plank, 24. lad, 25. underneath, 26. rein, 27. grab, 28. hulk

29. tw\_\_\_e unwanted hair  
*v.* to pluck or remove hairs, particularly from the face or other sensitive areas, using a pair of tweezers (= a small hand-held tool used for grasping and manipulating small objects with precision) or other specialized tools
30. short video c\_\_p  
*n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
31. app\_\_\_\_\_ely same  
*adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
32. ne\_\_\_e prick  
*n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
33. 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
34. s\_\_d dunes  
*n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
35. in a ge\_\_\_e voice  
*adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
36. sp\_\_\_\_\_er cell  
*n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger

ANSWERS: 29. tweeze, 30. clip, 31. approximately, 32. needle, 33. discovery, 34. sand, 35. gentle, 36. splinter

37. carbon fi\_\_r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
38. ar\_\_e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
39. double-st\_\_\_d DNA *n.* a very thin natural or synthetic thread, wire, hair, etc.; (verb) to leave or drive a vessel, fish, etc., aground or ashore
40. op\_\_\_\_\_e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
41. cel\_\_\_\_\_ne wrapper *n.* a thin, transparent material made from cellulose, commonly used as a packaging material or for wrapping items
42. ant\_\_\_\_\_te your kind cooperation *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
43. powerful ca\_\_\_\_\_lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
44. musical ins\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
45. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
46. sym\_\_\_\_\_al pattern *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

ANSWERS: 37. fiber, 38. argue, 39. strand, 40. operate, 41. cellophane, 42. anticipate, 43. catapult, 44. instrument, 45. decide, 46. symmetrical

47. a glare of su\_\_\_\_ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
48. fr\_\_\_\_on force *n.* the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
49. ba\_\_\_\_y view *n.* a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
50. tie c\_\_p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
51. su\_\_\_\_t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
52. s\_\_d an old skin *v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
53. se\_\_\_\_w effect *n.* a long, narrow board balanced on a fulcrum or pivot point, often used as a toy or play equipment in a children's playground
54. pai\_\_\_\_sh stroke *n.* a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle
55. di\_\_\_\_d necklace *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

ANSWERS: 47. sunlight, 48. friction, 49. balcony, 50. clip, 51. suspect, 52. shed, 53. seesaw, 54. paintbrush, 55. diamond

56. a convivial atm\_\_\_\_\_re                      *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
57. en\_\_\_\_\_ge antisocial behavior              *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
58. fa\_\_\_\_\_y novel                                      *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
59. sl\_\_\_\_t increase                                      *adj.* very small in degree or amount
60. st\_\_\_\_c electricity                                      *adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
61. end of the first qu\_\_\_\_\_r                              *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
62. mic\_\_\_\_\_pe slide                                      *n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye
63. a cow s\_\_d    *v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
64. photon ref\_\_\_\_\_on                                      *n.* the act of thinking deeply about something, or the ability to think deeply; the image of something that is seen in a mirror or other reflective surface

ANSWERS: 56. atmosphere, 57. encourage, 58. fantasy, 59. slight, 60. static, 61. quarter, 62. microscope, 63. shed, 64. reflection



65. ro\_\_h estimation *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
66. je\_\_y-built foundation *adj.* a slang term referring to something that is improvised, makeshift, or of poor quality; jerry-rigged
67. a big b\_\_b of yellow *n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
68. broken sh\_\_d *n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
69. sw\_\_t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
70. br\_\_\_h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
71. surgical ins\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
72. in direct su\_\_\_\_\_ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
73. mi\_\_\_n imaging *n.* a unit of measurement equal to one-millionth of a meter, used for measuring the size of particles and microorganisms
74. start a new th\_\_\_d *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

ANSWERS: 65. rough, 66. jerry, 67. blob, 68. shard, 69. sweat, 70. breath, 71. instrument, 72. sunlight, 73. micron, 74. thread



84. the ja\_\_\_d outline of the crags *adj.* having a rough and sharply uneven surface or outline
85. sym\_\_\_\_\_al triangle *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
86. en\_\_\_\_\_ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
87. ar\_\_e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
88. epoxy g\_\_e *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
89. ch\_\_\_\_\_t builder *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
90. pr\_\_\_\_\_s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
91. pa\_\_\_\_\_le energy *n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

ANSWERS: 84. jagged, 85. symmetrical, 86. encourage, 87. argue, 88. glue, 89. chariot, 90. process, 91. particle

92. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process      *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
93. price of cr\_\_e oil      *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
94. r\_\_r children      *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
95. re\_\_\_\_\_t in a mountain region      *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
96. furnished ap\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
97. house dust m\_\_e      *n.* a tiny arachnid-like creature that is related to ticks and spiders and often lives as a parasite on plants or animals
98. a structural b\_\_m of a building      *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
99. a\_t bite      *n.* a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups
100. w\_\_ned me of the plan      *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 92. electrify, 93. crude, 94. rear, 95. retreat, 96. apartment, 97. mite, 98. beam, 99. ant, 100. warn

101. a f\_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
102. eventually pe\_\_r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
103. a sacred h\_\_n *n.* a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony
104. mo\_\_\_g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
105. cel\_\_\_\_\_ne packaging *n.* a thin, transparent material made from cellulose, commonly used as a packaging material or for wrapping items
106. an ac\_\_\_\_\_ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
107. pl\_\_k exercise *n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes
108. in\_\_\_\_\_re in another country's affairs *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
109. fl\_\_e graphite *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
110. a qu\_\_\_\_\_r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

ANSWERS: 101. fin, 102. peter, 103. hymn, 104. moving, 105. cellophane, 106. academic, 107. plank, 108. interfere, 109. flake, 110. quarter

111. go in\_\_\_e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
112. the r\_\_r gate *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
113. confuse fa\_\_\_\_\_y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
114. to\_\_h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
115. ja\_\_\_d edges *adj.* having a rough and sharply uneven surface or outline
116. sewing ne\_\_\_e *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
117. se\_\_\_w motion *n.* a long, narrow board balanced on a fulcrum or pivot point, often used as a toy or play equipment in a children's playground
118. man\_\_\_\_\_te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
119. pl\_\_k out weeds *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

ANSWERS: 111. insane, 112. rear, 113. fantasy, 114. torch, 115. jagged, 116. needle, 117. seesaw, 118. manipulate, 119. pluck

120. vulnerable to man\_\_\_\_\_te      *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
121. h\_\_n tune      *n.* a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony
122. surface fr\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
123. me\_\_y-making      *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
124. cost ba\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
125. biodegradable pa\_\_\_\_\_ng      *n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
126. web sp\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
127. his social st\_\_\_\_\_ng      *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
128. flour made from gr\_\_n      *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

ANSWERS: 120. manipulate, 121. hymn, 122. friction, 123. merry, 124. barrier, 125. packaging, 126. spider, 127. standing, 128. grain



129. r\_\_n in costs *n.* a long, narrow strap attached to a horse's bit, used to control the animal while riding; a means of controlling or limiting something or someone's actions and behavior; (verb) to control or restrain something, especially something that is becoming excessive or out of control
130. ant\_\_\_\_\_te a black future *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
131. a sl\_\_e of the company's revenue *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
132. an in\_\_\_e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
133. oc\_\_\_y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
134. a circular mo\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
135. su\_\_\_\_\_e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
136. cr\_\_\_\_\_re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
137. pa\_\_\_\_\_ng materials *n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging

ANSWERS: 129. rein, 130. anticipate, 131. slice, 132. insane, 133. occupy, 134. movement, 135. suppose, 136. creature, 137. packaging

138. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_\_s      *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
139. tw\_\_\_e hairs      *v.* to pluck or remove hairs, particularly from the face or other sensitive areas, using a pair of tweezers (= a small hand-held tool used for grasping and manipulating small objects with precision) or other specialized tools
140. st\_\_\_\_\_h a story      *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
141. co\_\_\_t suicide      *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
142. cr\_\_\_e manners      *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
143. a m\_\_\_e of evidence      *n.* a tiny arachnid-like creature that is related to ticks and spiders and often lives as a parasite on plants or animals
144. ac\_\_\_\_\_ic probation      *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
145. public ri\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

ANSWERS: 138. process, 139. tweeze, 140. stretch, 141. commit, 142. crude, 143. mite, 144. academic, 145. ridicule

146. a pai\_\_\_\_\_ng student *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
147. co\_\_\_t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
148. und\_\_\_\_\_th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
149. not no\_\_\_\_\_ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
150. me\_\_y laughter *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
151. sh\_\_d of pottery *n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
152. the professor of su\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
153. ny\_\_n thread *n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.
154. try to hide a gr\_\_\_\_\_e *v.* to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth
155. fl\_\_es of snow *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

ANSWERS: 146. painstaking, 147. commit, 148. underneath, 149. normally, 150. merry, 151. shard, 152. surgery, 153. nylon, 154. grimace, 155. flake

156. th\_\_\_d a catheter *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
157. pai\_\_\_\_\_ng research *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
158. a blazing ar\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
159. l\_\_t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
160. in\_\_\_\_\_re with DNA synthesis *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
161. at\_\_\_h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
162. at\_\_\_h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
163. sh\_\_\_\_\_n your focus *v.* to make something, usually a blade or point, sharp or sharper; to enhance or improve the clarity, focus, or effectiveness of something

ANSWERS: 156. thread, 157. painstaking, 158. argument, 159. lift, 160. interfere, 161. attach, 162. attach, 163. sharpen

164. the ar\_\_\_\_nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
165. gr\_\_\_\_e in pain *v.* to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth
166. sl\_\_e a tomato thin *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
167. development of the ne\_\_\_\_s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
168. a b\_\_b of jelly *n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
169. he\_\_\_\_at abnormality *n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
170. r\_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
171. metal sc\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the act of removing a thin layer of material from a surface, often to clean or smooth it; a sound or sensation that is produced by something being removed or rubbed against another surface; (of computer technology) the automated extraction or collection of data from websites

ANSWERS: 164. argument, 165. grimace, 166. slice, 167. nervous, 168. blob, 169. heartbeat, 170. rub, 171. scraping

172. get into the gr\_\_\_e *n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
173. ca\_\_e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
174. co\_\_\_\_\_ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
175. pai\_\_\_\_\_sh icon *n.* a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle
176. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
177. in\_\_\_e the aroma *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
178. r\_g an election *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
179. mo\_\_\_g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
180. su\_\_\_\_\_t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
181. d\_\_p liquid *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
182. information ba\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 172. groove, 173. carve, 174. construct, 175. paintbrush, 176. obvious, 177. inhale, 178. rig, 179. moving, 180. suspect, 181. drip, 182. barrier

183. exp\_\_\_\_\_nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
184. sh\_\_e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
185. sc\_\_\_t an image *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
186. sh\_\_\_\_\_n a pencil *v.* to make something, usually a blade or point, sharp or sharper; to enhance or improve the clarity, focus, or effectiveness of something
187. cardiac su\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
188. ed\_\_\_\_\_e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
189. ch\_\_\_\_\_t race *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
190. hold your br\_\_\_h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
191. in\_\_\_t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
192. st\_\_\_\_\_ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

ANSWERS: 183. experiment, 184. shove, 185. sculpt, 186. sharpen, 187. surgery, 188. educate, 189. chariot, 190. breath, 191. insect, 192. standing

193. d\_\_p from the vicious wound      *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
194. be\_\_\_\_h contempt      *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
195. the to\_\_h of learning      *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
196. r\_g a ship with new sails      *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
197. ba\_\_\_\_y seating      *n.* a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
198. ap\_\_d infestation      *n.* a tiny insect that feeds on the sap of plants and can cause damage or diseases to plants, often found in large colonies
199. el\_\_\_\_fy the audience      *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
200. es\_\_\_\_te this chicken to weigh three pounds      *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
201. makeshift sh\_\_\_\_y      *n.* a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure

ANSWERS: 193. drip, 194. beneath, 195. torch, 196. rig, 197. balcony, 198. aphid, 199. electrify, 200. estimate, 201. shanty



202. a pounding he\_\_\_\_\_at *n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
203. ge\_\_\_e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
204. r\_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
205. complete no\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
206. mi\_\_\_n measurements *n.* a unit of measurement equal to one-millionth of a meter, used for measuring the size of particles and microorganisms
207. cr\_\_h coffee beans *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
208. 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
209. re\_\_\_\_\_t deeper into their territory *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
210. ny\_\_n cloth *n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.
211. series of exp\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
212. b\_\_m of light *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

ANSWERS: 202. heartbeat, 203. gentle, 204. rub, 205. normally, 206. micron, 207. crush, 208. discovery, 209. retreat, 210. nylon, 211. experiment, 212. beam

213. sh\_\_\_y-style lodging *n.* a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure
214. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
215. a bl\_\_e of grass *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
216. pl\_\_k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
217. the fr\_\_e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
218. je\_\_y-made toy *adj.* a slang term referring to something that is improvised, makeshift, or of poor quality; jerry-rigged
219. gr\_\_\_e on the dance floor *n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
220. ref\_\_\_\_\_on question *n.* the act of thinking deeply about something, or the ability to think deeply; the image of something that is seen in a mirror or other reflective surface
221. app\_\_\_\_\_ely 3 feet long *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
222. in\_\_\_e the smoke *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

ANSWERS: 213. shanty, 214. obvious, 215. blade, 216. pluck, 217. frame, 218. jerry, 219. groove, 220. reflection, 221. approximately, 222. inhale

223. l\_\_t sagging skin                    *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
224. a picture fr\_\_e                    *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
225. a st\_\_\_d of fine hair              *n.* a very thin natural or synthetic thread, wire, hair, etc.; (verb) to leave or drive a vessel, fish, etc., aground or ashore
226. gets m\_d easily                    *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
227. a beautiful st\_\_\_e                  *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
228. the bl\_\_e of a turbine              *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
229. manually op\_\_\_\_\_e a machine    *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
230. st\_\_\_\_\_h along the coast        *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
231. feel a sl\_\_\_t concern               *adj.* very small in degree or amount
232. su\_\_\_\_\_e beforehand            *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
233. pr\_\_\_\_\_le outcome              *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 223. lift, 224. frame, 225. strand, 226. mad, 227. statue, 228. blade, 229. operate, 230. stretch, 231. slight, 232. suppose, 233. probable

234. get ne\_\_\_\_s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
235. ed\_\_\_\_e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
236. s\_\_d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
237. 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
238. mo\_\_\_\_\_ar biology *adj.* of or relating to molecules (= a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds)
239. remove a sp\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
240. ro\_\_h and tough *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
241. mic\_\_\_\_\_ic inquiry *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
242. 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

ANSWERS: 234. nervous, 235. educate, 236. sand, 237. decide, 238. molecular, 239. splinter, 240. rough, 241. microscopic, 242. sculpture

243. oc\_\_\_y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
244. pr\_\_\_\_\_le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
245. ri\_\_\_\_\_le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
246. g\_\_b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
247. synthetic fi\_\_r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
248. local l\_d *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
249. h\_\_k of a warehouse *n.* a large, abandoned, and decaying structure or object, often referring to a ship or building; a person or animal who is large and clumsy or who appears physically imposing but lacks strength or agility
250. the ancient Egyptian st\_\_\_es *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

ANSWERS: 243. occupy, 244. probable, 245. ridicule, 246. grab, 247. fiber, 248. lad, 249. hulk, 250. statue

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He bated his \_\_\_\_\_ when talking about this affair.  
*n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
2. His \_\_\_\_\_ showed highly positive results.  
*n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ the game so he could win the prize.  
*v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
4. He was \_\_\_ with joy to see the results.  
*adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
5. The school's mission is to \_\_\_\_\_ young children and prepare them for the future.  
*v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
6. This machine is too difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ for me.  
*v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
7. The children played on the \_\_\_\_\_ in the park.  
*n.* a long, narrow board balanced on a fulcrum or pivot point, often used as a toy or play equipment in a children's playground
8. We must consume dietary \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain good health.  
*n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

ANSWERS: 1. breath, 2. experiments, 3. rigged, 4. mad, 5. educate, 6. operate, 7. seesaw, 8. fiber

9. He fastens some sheets of paper with a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
10. The children complained because one \_\_\_\_\_ of cake was slightly larger than the other.
- n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
11. We can calculate the position of the \_\_\_\_\_ statistically.
- n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach was warm and golden.
- n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
13. Please tell me how to \_\_\_\_\_ this computer.
- v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
14. It seems \_\_\_\_\_ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
15. The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

ANSWERS: 9. clip, 10. slice, 11. particles, 12. sand, 13. manipulate, 14. probable, 15. diamond

16. The penny fell \_\_\_\_\_ the piano.

*adv.* under or below something else

17. Your talking \_\_\_\_\_ with my work.

*v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

18. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the fragile items was made of sturdy materials and could withstand rough handling during shipping.

*n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging

19. We made \_\_\_\_\_ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

*adj.* very small in degree or amount

20. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

21. An excellent historian must possess an \_\_\_\_\_ mentality.

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

22. Her \_\_\_\_\_ manner relaxed everyone there.

*adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

23. He suffers from \_\_\_\_\_ breakdowns.

*adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

ANSWERS: 16. underneath, 17. interferes, 18. packaging, 19. slight, 20. process, 21. academic, 22. gentle, 23. nervous



24. 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
25. The couple began to \_\_\_\_\_ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.  
*v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
26. Her excessive demands drove me \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.  
*n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
28. Some herds have been observed to \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of kilometers.  
*v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
29. \_\_\_\_\_ weight is the sum of all the atoms.  
*adj.* of or relating to molecules (= a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds)
30. We \_\_\_\_\_ heavy snowfall tomorrow.  
*v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
31. A great stretch of the lake lay \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
*adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something

ANSWERS: 24. chariot, 25. argue, 26. insane, 27. statue, 28. stretch, 29. Molecular, 30. anticipate, 31. beneath

32. We \_\_\_\_\_ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.  
*v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
33. The young prince will soon \_\_\_\_\_ the throne.  
*v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
34. She found a paint \_\_\_\_\_ on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.  
*n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two countries was causing tension.  
*n.* the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ image on the screen took a lot of work to make out.  
*adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
37. The car was completely \_\_\_\_\_ in the accident.  
*v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
38. I attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ him, but he ignored me.  
*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
39. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.  
*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 32. estimated, 33. occupy, 34. flake, 35. friction, 36. static, 37. crushed, 38. warn, 39. obvious

40. They enjoyed a romantic dinner on the \_\_\_\_\_ overlooking the city.
- n.* a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
41. The carpenter applied \_\_\_\_\_ to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.
- n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
42. He \_\_\_\_\_ a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.
- v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
43. He forcibly \_\_\_\_\_ the flyer into my bag.
- v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
44. He spent hours every day \_\_\_\_\_ figures out of clay.
- v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
45. She used a flat \_\_\_\_\_ to apply the final touches to the artwork.
- n.* a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle
46. The congregation sang the \_\_\_\_\_ during the service.
- n.* a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony
47. 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

ANSWERS: 40. balcony, 41. glue, 42. shed, 43. shoved, 44. sculpting, 45. paintbrush, 46. hymn, 47. discovery

48. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
49. This figure is \_\_\_\_\_ about the x-axis.
- adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
50. The shark's powerful \_\_\_\_\_ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
51. I must \_\_\_\_\_ my knives before cooking to ensure precise and efficient cutting.
- v.* to make something, usually a blade or point, sharp or sharper; to enhance or improve the clarity, focus, or effectiveness of something
52. She \_\_\_\_\_ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.
- v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
53. The training of a hawk was a \_\_\_\_\_ process.
- adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
54. Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
55. I am seeking a spacious \_\_\_\_\_ with a balcony and a parking spot.
- n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping

ANSWERS: 48. atmosphere, 49. symmetrical, 50. fins, 51. sharpen, 52. rubbed, 53. painstaking, 54. grains, 55. apartment

56. The deep sea \_\_\_\_\_ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

*n.* a living being, especially an animal

57. The new driver struggled to keep a firm grip on the \_\_\_\_\_ as the horse bolted.

*n.* a long, narrow strap attached to a horse's bit, used to control the animal while riding; a means of controlling or limiting something or someone's actions and behavior; (verb) to control or restrain something, especially something that is becoming excessive or out of control

58. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

59. His \_\_\_\_\_ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

*adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

60. I used an optical \_\_\_\_\_ to observe the small organisms in the water sample.

*n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye

61. New York is the commercial \_\_\_\_\_ of America.

*n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force

62. The acupuncturist inserted \_\_\_\_\_ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

*n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

ANSWERS: 56. creature, 57. rein, 58. fantasy, 59. moving, 60. microscope, 61. heartbeat, 62. needles

63. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.
- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
64. The width of a single human hair is around 100 \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a unit of measurement equal to one-millionth of a meter, used for measuring the size of particles and microorganisms
65. The \_\_\_\_\_ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
- n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
66. The army used a \_\_\_\_\_ to launch large rocks over the castle walls.
- n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
67. His \_\_\_\_\_ jokes made her angry.
- adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
68. The teacher asked the students to write a \_\_\_\_\_ on the book they had just read.
- n.* the act of thinking deeply about something, or the ability to think deeply; the image of something that is seen in a mirror or other reflective surface
69. Shall we \_\_\_\_\_ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 63. electrify, 64. microns, 65. ridicule, 66. catapult, 67. crude, 68. reflection, 69. grab

70. Water is \_\_\_\_\_ from the faucet.

- v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

71. She used an electric \_\_\_\_\_ to light her way through the dark cave.

- n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

72. The \_\_\_\_\_ concert was packed with fans.

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

73. Radiation from \_\_\_\_\_ has a different wavelength.

- n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun

74. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

- adv.* usually; under normal conditions

75. The shipwreck's \_\_\_\_\_ lay scattered along the shore.

- n.* a large, abandoned, and decaying structure or object, often referring to a ship or building; a person or animal who is large and clumsy or who appears physically imposing but lacks strength or agility

76. The military has \_\_\_\_\_ an abuse of human rights.

- v.* to do something illegal or wrong

77. The sun's \_\_\_\_\_ shone through the window and illuminated the room.

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

ANSWERS: 70. dripping, 71. torch, 72. standing, 73. sunlight, 74. normally, 75. hulk, 76. committed, 77. beam

78. These \_\_\_\_\_ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.  
*n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
79. He \_\_\_\_\_ deeply, trying to calm down.  
*v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
80. She wiped the \_\_\_\_\_ off her forehead with a towel.  
*n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
81. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.  
*n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
82. The police placed a \_\_\_\_\_ across the street to halt traffic.  
*n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
83. There are several \_\_\_\_\_ limestone peaks throughout the mountains.  
*adj.* having a rough and sharply uneven surface or outline
84. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.  
*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
85. He does not \_\_\_\_\_ importance to these rumors.  
*v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

ANSWERS: 78. insects, 79. inhaled, 80. sweat, 81. blade, 82. barrier, 83. jagged, 84. movement, 85. attach



86. The beach \_\_\_\_\_ provided temporary shelter for the stranded tourists.  
*n.* a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure
87. He \_\_\_\_\_ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.  
*v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
88. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
89. She wrapped the gift in colorful \_\_\_\_\_ paper.  
*n.* a thin, transparent material made from cellulose, commonly used as a packaging material or for wrapping items
90. I couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ when I tasted the sour milk in my cereal.  
*v.* to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth
91. The car window shattered into a million little \_\_\_\_\_ during the crash.  
*n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
92. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.  
*n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 86. shanty, 87. constructs, 88. frame, 89. cellophane, 90. grimace, 91. splinters, 92. argument

93. 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
94. The detective followed a \_\_\_\_\_ of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.
- n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
95. A \_\_\_\_\_ of ink fell on the floor.
- n.* a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
96. The band played a smooth \_\_\_\_\_ that got everyone dancing.
- n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
97. They \_\_\_\_\_ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
- v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
98. We supply the military with durable vests made of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.

ANSWERS: 93. sculptures, 94. thread, 95. blob, 96. groove, 97. encouraged, 98. nylon

99. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.

*adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood

100. This trail takes \_\_\_\_\_ 2.5 hours.

*adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

101. I heard several melodic \_\_\_\_\_ simultaneously.

*n.* a very thin natural or synthetic thread, wire, hair, etc.; (verb) to leave or drive a vessel, fish, etc., aground or ashore

102. We can find many large \_\_\_\_\_ mounds in this area.

*n.* a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups

103. The older man gave the young \_\_\_\_\_ some helpful life advice.

*n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way

104. Many people go on a \_\_\_\_\_ to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

*n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

105. The \_\_\_\_\_ spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

*n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

106. The vehicle bounced along the \_\_\_\_\_ mountain road.

*adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

ANSWERS: 99. merry, 100. approximately, 101. strands, 102. ant, 103. lad, 104. retreat, 105. spider, 106. rough

107. The \_\_\_\_\_ repair was only a temporary solution to the problem.

*adj.* a slang term referring to something that is improvised, makeshift, or of poor quality; jerry-rigged

108. The music just \_\_\_\_\_ out.

*v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

109. He was ordered to walk the \_\_\_\_\_ by the pirate captain.

*n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

110. The artist used a \_\_\_\_\_ of glass to create intricate designs on her sculptures.

*n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal

111. The \_\_\_\_\_ infestation in the old house was a serious problem for the residents.

*n.* a tiny arachnid-like creature that is related to ticks and spiders and often lives as a parasite on plants or animals

112. The \_\_\_\_\_ were eating all the leaves of my tomato plants.

*n.* a tiny insect that feeds on the sap of plants and can cause damage or diseases to plants, often found in large colonies

113. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?

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

114. The \_\_\_\_\_ sound coming from the engine made us worry about the car's condition.

*n.* the act of removing a thin layer of material from a surface, often to clean or smooth it; a sound or sensation that is produced by something being removed or rubbed against another surface; (of computer technology) the automated extraction or collection of data from websites

ANSWERS: 107. jerry-rigged, 108. petered, 109. plank, 110. shard, 111. mite, 112. aphids, 113. suppose, 114. scraping

115. This electronic \_\_\_\_\_ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

*n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

116. The drought \_\_\_\_\_ the prices of grain globally.

*v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

117. The cops \_\_\_\_\_ him of being the killer.

*v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

118. The player quickly went to the \_\_\_\_\_ side of the defender.

*adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

119. He had undergone heart \_\_\_\_\_ years before.

*n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

120. Inspectors noticed \_\_\_\_\_ cracks in the submarine's hull.

*adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

121. The unemployment rate in the first \_\_\_\_\_ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

*n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

122. 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

ANSWERS: 115. instrument, 116. lifted, 117. suspected, 118. rear, 119. surgery, 120. microscopic, 121. quarter, 122. decide

123. This statue is \_\_\_\_\_ from a single tree trunk.

- v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

124. She \_\_\_\_\_ the flowers off the bush.

- v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

125. She carefully \_\_\_\_\_ the stray eyebrow hairs.

- v. to pluck or remove hairs, particularly from the face or other sensitive areas, using a pair of tweezers (= a small hand-held tool used for grasping and manipulating small objects with precision) or other specialized tools

ANSWERS: 123. carved, 124. plucked, 125. tweezed