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Session 1: Word List

dictionary

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

synonym: lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**

I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

lexicography

n. the practice, study, or skill of compiling dictionaries; the art, process, or profession of writing, editing, or compiling dictionaries

synonym: dictionary-making, lexicology, vocabulary compilation

(1) dictionary **lexicography**, (2) computational **lexicography**

He's working on a project involving comparative **lexicography** to analyze the evolution of words across different languages.

compile

v. to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.

synonym: assemble, collect, gather

(1) **compile** a biography, (2) **compile** the data

We are attempting to **compile** a list of qualified candidates for the position.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

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.

granite

n. a tough, durable, and coarse-grained igneous rock often used in construction for buildings, monuments, and sculptures

synonym : stone, rock, boulder

(1) black **granite**, (2) solid **granite**

The countertop was polished **granite**, giving it a sleek and modern look.

lump

n. a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough

synonym : mass, clump, ball

(1) **lump** in the throat, (2) single **lump** sum

There is a small **lump** on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.

discrete

adj. separate and distinct; not continuous; individually distinguishable

synonym : separate, distinct, individual

(1) **discrete** metric space, (2) **discrete** variable

The company divided the tasks into **discrete** segments to increase efficiency.

perk

n. an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a

particular job

synonym : extra, bonus, benefit

(1) **perks** for repeat guests, (2) worker **perk**

A yacht cruise is our company's ultimate **perk**.

lexicographer

n. a person who compiles or edits dictionaries, often by studying and documenting the meanings, origins, and usage of words and phrases

synonym : lexicologist, dictionary maker

(1) academic **lexicographer**, (2) famous **lexicographer**

The well-respected **lexicographer** published an innovative new dictionary that redefined the way words are defined

dactyl

n. a metrical foot in poetry consisting of one stressed syllable followed by two unstressed syllables; (of Greek and Latin poetry) a long syllable followed by two short syllables

synonym : finger, digit, toe

(1) prehistoric **dactyl**, (2) **dactyl** pattern

The song began with a haunting **dactyl** rhythm that captivated the audience.

geek

n. a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed

synonym : nerd, dork, enthusiast

(1) airplane **geek**, (2) **geek** enthusiast

He was a computer **geek** and spent all his free time coding.

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.

fuzzy

adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

synonym : hazy, blurry, indistinct

(1) **fuzzy** logic, (2) **fuzzy** memory

The picture was **fuzzy** because it was taken with an old camera.

snug

adj. comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design

synonym : cozy, comfortable, kempt

(1) **snug** blanket, (2) **snug** little house

The baby was fast asleep in his **snug** cot, swaddled in soft, warm blankets.

whistle

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym : sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

uniform

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

synonym : livery, outfit

(1) at a **uniform** temperature, (2) our school **uniform**

This country has a nationally **uniform** culture.

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.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

occupation

n. a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession

synonym: job, profession, vocation

(1) **occupation** disease, (2) **occupation** of a building

The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and **occupation**.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym: conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

fishery

n. an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

synonym: fishing, piscary, angling

(1) **fishery** management, (2) commercial **fishery**

The majority of the people on the island are **fishery** folk.

marvelous

adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

synonym: wonderful, amazing, superb

(1) **marvelous** performance, (2) **marvelous** power

The view from the top of the mountain was **marvelous**.

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.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

reign

n. the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen

synonym: rule, governance, sovereignty

(1) **reign** of a dictator, (2) **reign** as sovereign

The dictator's **reign** was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.

amuse

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
synonym: entertain, delight, divert

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

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

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre-**modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym: cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

era

n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
synonym: epoch, age, period

(1) dawn of a new **era**, (2) the **era** of the Renaissance

Political corruption was common throughout the postwar **era**.

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym: comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

modernity

n. the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
synonym: contemporaneousness, present-day, contemporaneity

(1) spirit of **modernity**, (2) path toward **modernity**

He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's **modernity**.

virtually

adv. almost completely
synonym: almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical

Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym: bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

hunger

n. a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition

synonym: appetite, craving, starvation

(1) **hunger** pangs, (2) chronic **hunger**

Many people in the world suffer from **hunger** and malnourishment every day.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working

conditions.

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.

merge

v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

synonym: combine, join, coalesce

(1) **merge** into a new party, (2) **merge** those systems into a new one

This consulting firm decided to **merge** the two companies into one.

propulsion

n. the act or process of propelling or driving something forward, often using a motor, engine, or other mechanical means

synonym: propelling, driving, actuation

(1) **propulsion** technology, (2) nuclear **propulsion**

The spacecraft's **propulsion** system helped it travel through space.

steampunk

n. a subgenre of science fiction or fantasy that incorporates technology and aesthetic designs inspired by 19th-century industrial steam-powered machinery and Victorian fashion

synonym: retro-futurism, neo-victorianism

(1) **steampunk** fashion, (2) **steampunk** novel

The **steampunk** genre combines Victorian-era design with futuristic technology.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym : motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

pertain

v. to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something

synonym : relate, concern, apply

(1) **pertain** to the case, (2) **pertain** to the topic

The new regulations **pertain** to all employees, regardless of their position.

hedgehog

n. a small, spiny mammal that rolls itself into a ball for protection when threatened; a person who is solitary, introverted, and lacks social skills, often displaying sharp or prickly behavior

synonym : porcupine, spine-fellow

(1) wild **hedgehog**, (2) **hedgehog** habitat

The **hedgehog's** spines provide an effective defense mechanism against predators.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym : diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

replicate

v. to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results

synonym: duplicate, imitate, reproduce

(1) **replicate** the cell, (2) **replicate** data

The experiment was **replicated** several times to ensure accuracy.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

advantage

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

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

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

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

serendipity

n. the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

synonym: luck, chance, fortune

(1) **serendipity** moment, (2) **serendipity** discovery

The discovery of penicillin was a result of **serendipity**.

damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

synonym: curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise

The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

- butt** v. to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the remaining end of a smoked cigarette
synonym : hit, punch, strike
(1) **butt** into several people, (2) cigarette **butt**
The goats often **butt** heads when they are fighting for dominance.
- delicious** *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
synonym : appetizing, mouthwatering, delectable
(1) **delicious** breeze, (2) variety of **delicious** foods
We could grill the meat in a **delicious** way.
- nightclub** *n.* (also "nightspot") a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks
synonym : discotheque, club, dance hall
(1) **nightclub** entertainment, (2) **nightclub** music
They decided to go to the **nightclub** to dance the night away.
- conclude** v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
synonym : complete, finish, decide
(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy
We **concluded** a cease-fire.
- inexorable** *adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
synonym : relentless, implacable, unyielding
(1) **inexorable** decline, (2) **inexorable** force
His **inexorable** determination to succeed made him a force to be reckoned with.
- counterintuitive** *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
synonym : unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical
(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym: chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym: mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

artificial

adj. not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something

synonym: synthetic, man-made, manufactured

(1) **artificial** flowers, (2) **artificial** environment

The **artificial** intelligence system has revolutionized the way we live and work.

constraint

n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

synonym: limitation, restriction, bound

(1) **constraint** on business activity, (2) strict time

constraints

The budget **constraint** forced them to make difficult decisions.

arbitrary

adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

synonym: autocratic, dictatorial, whimsical

(1) **arbitrary** size and shape, (2) the **arbitrary** rule of a dictator

He collected data to avoid **arbitrary** decisions.

distinction

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

synonym: eminence, noteworthiness, excellence

(1) important **distinction**, (2) draw a **distinction**

I can't see any **distinction** between these two concepts.

skew

v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

synonym: slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym: beautiful, artistic, esthetic

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

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

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym : conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment** , (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

cute

adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

synonym : attractive, charming, adorable

(1) act **cute**, (2) super **cute** dress

The baby's chubby cheeks and big eyes made her look so **cute**.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym : mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

megafauna

n. a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct

synonym : large animals, large mammals

(1) **megafauna** extinction, (2) **megafauna** fossils

Many prehistoric **megafaunas**, such as mammoths and saber-toothed tigers, are now extinct.

expression

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

synonym : statement, utterance, remark

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

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

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym : modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

tolerance

n. the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant

synonym : acceptance, patience, forbearance

(1) religious **tolerance**, (2) **tolerance** for risk

The school's diversity program aimed to promote **tolerance** and understanding among the students.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym : construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

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

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

screwdriver

n. a tool used for turning screws, typically consisting of a handle and a metal rod with a flattened tip that fits into the slot on the head of a screw; a popular cocktail made with vodka and orange juice

synonym : screw, driver, wrench

(1) open the can with a **screwdriver**, (2) electric **screwdriver**

I need a flathead **screwdriver** to tighten the loose screws on this cabinet.

sledgehammer

n. a large, heavy hammer typically used for breaking up rock, concrete, or other hard materials

synonym : mallet, hammer, crusher

(1) **sledgehammer** blow, (2) **sledgehammer** workout

The construction worker violently swung the **sledgehammer**, demolishing the old wall.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym : surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

touched

adj. affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration

synonym : affected, moved, emotional

(1) **touched-hearted** audience, (2) emotionally **touched** by the speech

He gave a **touched** smile as he read the heartfelt message in the card from his daughter.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

connote

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

synonym : imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

verb

n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

(1) complex **verb**, (2) an auxiliary **verb**

Use a singular **verb** if the subject is singular.

intersection

n. a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

synonym: crossroad, junction, hub

(1) busy **intersection**, (2) the **intersection** of coordinate axes

Take a right turn at the next **intersection**.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

eyeball

n. the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen

(1) **eyeball** motion, (2) redness of the **eyeball**

Increased **eyeball** pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.

Congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **Congress**, (2) peace **Congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym: equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the

Federal Reserve.

abridge

v. to shorten or condense a book, a play, a speech, etc., while maintaining its essence

synonym: condense, shorten, abbreviate

(1) **abridge** a biography, (2) **abridge** a speech

I had to **abridge** the novel to fit it into the time allotted for the movie.

arch

n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

synonym: turn, bow, arc

(1) the **arch** of a person's foot, (2) an **arch-shaped** stone structure

The **arch** bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

polysemy

n. the condition of having multiple meanings or interpretations, often referring to words or symbols that can have different associated meanings in different contexts or situations

synonym: ambiguity, multiple meanings, semantic flexibility

(1) the **polysemy** of common words, (2) multiple **polysemy**

The word "light" is a classic example of **polysemy** in English.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym: avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

badger

n. a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands

synonym: nuisance, annoyance

(1) **badger** territory, (2) **badger** him with questions

The **badger's** thick fur and tough skin make it well-suited for digging and burrowing in rough terrain.

burrow

v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

synonym: tunnel, dig, excavate

(1) **burrow** through the forest, (2) **burrow** into a mystery

You can't **burrow** through solid metal.

pleat

n. a fold or crease made in cloth or paper by doubling or bending over one part of it and pressing it down; a ridge or a raised line on a surface

synonym: fold, plait, tuck

(1) **pleat** skirt, (2) accordion **pleat**

The dress had a **pleat** in the front that added some elegant detail.

Elizabethan

n. pertaining to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England (1558-1603); relating to the culture, literature, and history of that time period

(1) **Elizabethan** religious settlement, (2) **Elizabethan** theatre

The **Elizabethan** era is known for its rich literature and theatrical productions.

numb

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

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

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

My left arm became **numb**.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

miscellaneous

adj. consisting of various types or elements that are not easily categorized or organized; having no specific purpose or theme

synonym: assorted, varied, diverse

(1) **miscellaneous** tasks, (2) **miscellaneous** expenses

The **miscellaneous** items in the box included some old toys, a few books, and some decorative items.

rocket

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

synonym: projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym: optical, graphical, visible

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

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

explanation

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

synonym: description, elucidation, account

(1) the **explanation** for the failure, (2) detailed **explanation**

The following **explanation** is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

lumpy

adj. having many small bumps, irregularities, or unevenness; forming or consisting of small lumps

synonym : bumpy, uneven, lopsided

(1) **lumpy** mattress, (2) **lumpy** sugar

The batter for the cake was **lumpy** and needed to be smoothed out.

gap

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

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

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

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

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

amateur

adj. engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional

synonym : novice, inexperienced, non-professional

(1) an **amateur** magician, (2) an **amateur** musician

The **amateur** photographer captured some stunning shots during the sunset.

discipline

n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

synonym : training, restraint, field

(1) break **discipline**, (2) rigid **discipline**

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

upload

v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

synonym : transfer, load up

(1) **upload** files, (2) **upload** documents to the portal

I need to **upload** these pictures to my computer to edit them.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym : vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

ornithologist

n. a person who studies, observes or is an expert in the scientific field of ornithology, which is the study of birds

synonym : birdwatcher, avian expert

(1) amateur **ornithologist**, (2) **ornithologist** group

The documentary featured interviews with several renowned **ornithologists** discussing the bird population decline.

population

n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location

synonym : people, inhabitants, folk

(1) **population** change, (2) labor **population**

In just four years, the **population** has doubled.

migration

n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

synonym : exodus

(1) the **migration** of birds, (2) overseas **migration**

There was a **migration** of impoverished farmers into the towns.

electroplate

v. to coat or cover an object with a layer of metal, typically by using an electric current; to apply a thin metallic layer onto a surface for decorative or protective purposes

synonym : plate, coat, cover

(1) **electroplate** jewelry, (2) **electroplate** a metal surface

The jewelry manufacturer will **electroplate** the silver necklace with a thin layer of gold.

comet

n. a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun

synonym : meteor, asteroid, meteoroid

(1) the surface of the **comet**, (2) **comet** Halley

The **comet's** bright tail could be seen in the night sky.

mar

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

synonym : damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation

The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

hike

n. a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost

synonym : walk, trek, excursion

(1) go on a **hike**, (2) a **hike** in prices

The family decided to **hike** in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

telescope

n. a device like a tube in shape containing lenses used to magnify and observe distant objects

(1) a binocular **telescope**, (2) look through a **telescope**
This facility has the largest astronomical **telescope** in the country.

download

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

synonym: load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

satellite

n. an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.

synonym: orbiter, asteroid, moon

(1) a GPS **satellite**, (2) a meteorological **satellite**

Launching an artificial **satellite** contributed to the technological development of our country.

collector

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

synonym: gatherer, curator, aggregator

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

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

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

enthusiasm

n. a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

synonym : eagerness, zeal, willingness

(1) unflagging **enthusiasm**, (2) lose **enthusiasm**

We are tackling the development for updates with **enthusiasm**.

recipe

n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

synonym : instructions, formula, method

(1) **recipe** book, (2) **recipe** collection

The **recipe** for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

artifact

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

synonym : antique, relic, heirloom

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

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

provenance

n. the origin, source, or history of something, particularly relating to an object or work of art; the documentation or record of the ownership and history of a valuable item

synonym : origin, source, pedigree

(1) data **provenance**, (2) food **provenance**

The **provenance** of the artwork was carefully researched before it was purchased.

synecdoche

n. a figure of speech in which a part is used to represent the whole or vice versa; using a specific word or phrase to refer to a larger concept or group

synonym: metonymy, figure of speech, part for whole

(1) **synecdoche** example, (2) literary **synecdoche**

The character's name became a **synecdoche** for all lawyers in the movie.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

hop

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

synonym: jump, bounce, skip

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

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

barely

adv. just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort

synonym: scarcely, hardly, only just

(1) **barely** noticeable, (2) **barely** finished

I **barely** made it to the meeting on time, rushing from another appointment across town.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

Session 2: Spelling

1. st_____nk novel *n.* a subgenre of science fiction or fantasy that incorporates technology and aesthetic designs inspired by 19th-century industrial steam-powered machinery and Victorian fashion
2. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
3. an am_____r musician *adj.* engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional
4. st_____nk fashion *n.* a subgenre of science fiction or fantasy that incorporates technology and aesthetic designs inspired by 19th-century industrial steam-powered machinery and Victorian fashion
5. a meteorological sa_____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
6. the po_____my of common words *n.* the condition of having multiple meanings or interpretations, often referring to words or symbols that can have different associated meanings in different contexts or situations

ANSWERS: 1. steampunk, 2. statistics, 3. amateur, 4. steampunk, 5. satellite, 6. polysemy

7. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
8. di_____te variable *adj.* separate and distinct; not continuous; individually distinguishable
9. airplane g__k *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
10. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
11. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
12. food pro_____ce *n.* the origin, source, or history of something, particularly relating to an object or work of art; the documentation or record of the ownership and history of a valuable item
13. bu___w into a mystery *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
14. emotionally to_____d by the speech *adj.* affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
15. ine_____le force *adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
16. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 7. expand, 8. discrete, 9. geek, 10. confuse, 11. gap, 12. provenance, 13. burrow, 14. touched, 15. inexorable, 16. secondly

17. ine_____le decline *adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
18. cou_____ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
19. overseas mi_____on *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
20. yield cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
21. hu___e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
22. s__g blanket *adj.* comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design
23. wild he_____og *n.* a small, spiny mammal that rolls itself into a ball for protection when threatened; a person who is solitary, introverted, and lacks social skills, often displaying sharp or prickly behavior
24. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
25. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 17. inexorable, 18. counterintuitive, 19. migration, 20. curve, 21. humble, 22. snug, 23. hedgehog, 24. chart, 25. doe

26. s__w the message *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
27. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
28. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
29. syn_____he example *n.* a figure of speech in which a part is used to represent the whole or vice versa; using a specific word or phrase to refer to a larger concept or group
30. act c__e *adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way
31. spirit of mo_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
32. complex v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
33. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
34. a GPS sa_____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
35. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 26. skew, 27. context, 28. blame, 29. synecdoche, 30. cute, 31. modernity, 32. verb, 33. biology, 34. satellite, 35. traffic

36. the e_a of the Renaissance *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
37. an auxiliary v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
38. co_____e a biography *v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
39. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
40. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
41. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
42. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
43. orn_____ist group *n.* a person who studies, observes or is an expert in the scientific field of ornithology, which is the study of birds
44. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
45. to_____ce for risk *n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
46. pe_____n to the topic *v.* to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something

ANSWERS: 36. era, 37. verb, 38. compile, 39. strike, 40. instance, 41. advantage, 42. symbol, 43. ornithologist, 44. damn, 45. tolerance, 46. pertain

47. ba___r territory *n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
48. electric scr_____er *n.* a tool used for turning screws, typically consisting of a handle and a metal rod with a flattened tip that fits into the slot on the head of a screw; a popular cocktail made with vodka and orange juice
49. ro___t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
50. an emotional ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
51. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
52. ro___t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
53. l___p in the throat *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough

ANSWERS: 47. badger, 48. screwdriver, 49. rocket, 50. judgment, 51. dedicate, 52. rocket, 53. lump

54. de____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
55. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
56. pl__t skirt *n.* a fold or crease made in cloth or paper by doubling or bending over one part of it and pressing it down; a ridge or a raised line on a surface
57. Eli____an religious settlement *n.* pertaining to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England (1558-1603); relating to the culture, literature, and history of that time period
58. cigarette b__t *v.* to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the remaining end of a smoked cigarette
59. commercial fi____y *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
60. 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
61. the surface of the co__t *n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
62. up____d files *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

ANSWERS: 54. dedicate, 55. drag, 56. pleat, 57. Elizabethan, 58. butt, 59. fishery, 60. needle, 61. comet, 62. upload

63. accordion pl__t *n.* a fold or crease made in cloth or paper by doubling or bending over one part of it and pressing it down; a ridge or a raised line on a surface
64. prehistoric da___l *n.* a metrical foot in poetry consisting of one stressed syllable followed by two unstressed syllables; (of Greek and Latin poetry) a long syllable followed by two short syllables
65. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
66. dawn of a new e_a *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
67. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
68. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
69. literary syn_____he *n.* a figure of speech in which a part is used to represent the whole or vice versa; using a specific word or phrase to refer to a larger concept or group
70. up___d documents to the portal *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
71. multiple po_____my *n.* the condition of having multiple meanings or interpretations, often referring to words or symbols that can have different associated meanings in different contexts or situations

ANSWERS: 63. pleat, 64. dactyl, 65. improve, 66. era, 67. decide, 68. aesthetic, 69. synecdoche, 70. upload, 71. polysemy

72. ma_____us performance *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
73. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
74. solid gr_____e *n.* a tough, durable, and coarse-grained igneous rock often used in construction for buildings, monuments, and sculptures
75. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
76. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
77. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
78. b__t into several people *v.* to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the remaining end of a smoked cigarette
79. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
80. me__e into a new party *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
81. mis_____ous expenses *adj.* consisting of various types or elements that are not easily categorized or organized; having no specific purpose or theme

ANSWERS: 72. marvelous, 73. transcend, 74. granite, 75. chart, 76. structure, 77. modern, 78. butt, 79. label, 80. merge, 81. miscellaneous

82. co____e emotion
v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
83. co____e the data
v. to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
84. se____ly, it is important
adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
85. co____e fantasy with reality
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
86. ex____d agricultural output
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
87. strict time con____nts
n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
88. fu__y memory
adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
89. do____ad the assignment from the website
v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
90. re____e book
n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
91. ar____ry size and shape
adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

ANSWERS: 82. connote, 83. compile, 84. secondly, 85. confuse, 86. expand, 87. constraint, 88. fuzzy, 89. download, 90. recipe, 91. arbitrary

92. open the can with a scr_____er *n.* a tool used for turning screws, typically consisting of a handle and a metal rod with a flattened tip that fits into the slot on the head of a screw; a popular cocktail made with vodka and orange juice
93. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
94. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
95. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
96. me_____na extinction *n.* a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct
97. redness of the ey_____l *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
98. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
99. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
100. mis_____ous tasks *adj.* consisting of various types or elements that are not easily categorized or organized; having no specific purpose or theme

ANSWERS: 92. screwdriver, 93. archaeology, 94. congress, 95. context, 96. megafauna, 97. eyeball, 98. writ, 99. equivalent, 100. miscellaneous

101. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
102. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
103. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
104. s__w social values *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
105. sle_____mer blow *n.* a large, heavy hammer typically used for breaking up rock, concrete, or other hard materials
106. in_____ve education *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
107. nuclear pro_____on *n.* the act or process of propelling or driving something forward, often using a motor, engine, or other mechanical means
108. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
109. ni_____ub music *n.* (also "nightspot") a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks

ANSWERS: 101. numb, 102. label, 103. damn, 104. skew, 105. sledgehammer, 106. inclusive, 107. propulsion, 108. conclude, 109. nightclub

110. co____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
111. g__k enthusiast *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
112. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
113. ni_____ub entertainment *n.* (also "nightspot") a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks
114. an am_____r magician *adj.* engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional
115. pe_____n to the case *v.* to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something
116. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
117. di_____te metric space *adj.* separate and distinct; not continuous; individually distinguishable
118. s__g little house *adj.* comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design
119. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
120. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location

ANSWERS: 110. conclude, 111. geek, 112. improve, 113. nightclub, 114. amateur, 115. pertain, 116. statistics, 117. discrete, 118. snug, 119. transport, 120. population

121. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
122. the ar_____ry rule of a dictator *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
123. 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
124. 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
125. 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
126. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
127. an ed_____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
128. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
129. cha_____ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

ANSWERS: 121. instance, 122. arbitrary, 123. needle, 124. decide, 125. process, 126. responsible, 127. editorial, 128. writ, 129. charismatic

130. wh____e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
131. super c__e dress *adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way
132. lose ent_____sm *n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it
133. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
134. am__e a baby with a rattle *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
135. re___e collection *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
136. lu__y mattress *adj.* having many small bumps, irregularities, or unevenness; forming or consisting of small lumps
137. p__ks for repeat guests *n.* an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job
138. gr___y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
139. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

ANSWERS: 130. whistle, 131. cute, 132. enthusiasm, 133. visual, 134. amuse, 135. recipe, 136. lumpy, 137. perk, 138. greedy, 139. sight

140. ele_____ate a metal surface *v.* to coat or cover an object with a layer of metal, typically by using an electric current; to apply a thin metallic layer onto a surface for decorative or protective purposes
141. bu___w through the forest *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
142. art_____al flowers *adj.* not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something
143. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
144. me__e those systems into a new one *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
145. pro_____on technology *n.* the act or process of propelling or driving something forward, often using a motor, engine, or other mechanical means
146. computational lex_____phy *n.* the practice, study, or skill of compiling dictionaries; the art, process, or profession of writing, editing, or compiling dictionaries
147. ey_____l motion *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
148. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 140. electroplate, 141. burrow, 142. artificial, 143. judgment, 144. merge, 145. propulsion, 146. lexicography, 147. eyeball, 148. spot

149. unflagging ent_____sm *n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it
150. ba___y finished *adv.* just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort
151. gr___y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
152. to_____d-hearted audience *adj.* affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
153. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
154. ab_____e a speech *v.* to shorten or condense a book, a play, a speech, etc., while maintaining its essence
155. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
156. dic_____ry definition *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
157. cha_____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
158. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 149. enthusiasm, 150. barely, 151. greedy, 152. touched, 153. congress, 154. abridge, 155. technological, 156. dictionary, 157. charismatic, 158. technological

159. data pro_____ce
- n.* the origin, source, or history of something, particularly relating to an object or work of art; the documentation or record of the ownership and history of a valuable item
160. h_p on one foot
- v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
161. fi_____y management
- n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
162. access to public tr_____rt
- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
163. visual me_____or
- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
164. do_____nt force
- adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
165. labor pop_____on
- n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
166. the def_____on of a word
- n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
167. the mi_____on of birds
- n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

ANSWERS: 159. provenance, 160. hop, 161. fishery, 162. transport, 163. metaphor, 164. dominant, 165. population, 166. definition, 167. migration

168. me____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
169. da___l pattern *n.* a metrical foot in poetry consisting of one stressed syllable followed by two unstressed syllables; (of Greek and Latin poetry) a long syllable followed by two short syllables
170. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
171. cell and molecular bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
172. ab____e a biography *v.* to shorten or condense a book, a play, a speech, etc., while maintaining its essence
173. coin co____or *n.* a person who collects or gathers objects as a hobby or for personal interest; someone who accumulates or acquires a specific type of item
174. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
175. ba___r him with questions *n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
176. draw a dis____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people

ANSWERS: 168. metaphor, 169. dactyl, 170. carve, 171. biology, 172. abridge, 173. collector, 174. visual, 175. badger, 176. distinction

177. exp_____on of interest *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
178. occ_____on of a building *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
179. go on a h__e *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
180. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
181. single l__p sum *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
182. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
183. achieve a do_____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
184. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
185. our school un_____m *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
186. detailed exp_____on *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

ANSWERS: 177. expression, 178. occupation, 179. hike, 180. sight, 181. lump, 182. specific, 183. dominant, 184. symbol, 185. uniform, 186. explanation

187. ser_____ty discovery *n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
188. worker p__k *n.* an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job
189. busy int_____ion *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
190. re_____te data *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
191. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
192. a h__e in prices *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
193. amateur orn_____ist *n.* a person who studies, observes or is an expert in the scientific field of ornithology, which is the study of birds
194. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
195. black gr_____e *n.* a tough, durable, and coarse-grained igneous rock often used in construction for buildings, monuments, and sculptures

ANSWERS: 187. serendipity, 188. perk, 189. intersection, 190. replicate, 191. traffic, 192. hike, 193. ornithologist, 194. tap, 195. granite

196. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
197. co__t Halley *n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
198. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
199. ba___y noticeable *adv.* just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort
200. complete a pr_____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
201. m_r a proper relationship *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
202. an air-cooled en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
203. re__n of a dictator *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
204. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
205. lu__y sugar *adj.* having many small bumps, irregularities, or unevenness; forming or consisting of small lumps

ANSWERS: 196. tap, 197. comet, 198. modern, 199. barely, 200. prototype, 201. mar, 202. engine, 203. reign, 204. responsible, 205. lumpy

206. the exp_____on for the failure *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
207. religious to _____ce *n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
208. variety of de_____us foods *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
209. he _____og habitat *n.* a small, spiny mammal that rolls itself into a ball for protection when threatened; a person who is solitary, introverted, and lacks social skills, often displaying sharp or prickly behavior
210. vi_____ly all countries *adv.* almost completely
211. sle _____mer workout *n.* a large, heavy hammer typically used for breaking up rock, concrete, or other hard materials
212. tr _____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
213. dictionary lex _____phy *n.* the practice, study, or skill of compiling dictionaries; the art, process, or profession of writing, editing, or compiling dictionaries
214. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
215. re _____te the cell *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results

ANSWERS: 206. explanation, 207. tolerance, 208. delicious, 209. hedgehog, 210. virtually, 211. sledgehammer, 212. transcend, 213. lexicography, 214. doe, 215. replicate

216. art co_____or *n.* a person who collects or gathers objects as a hobby or for personal interest; someone who accumulates or acquires a specific type of item
217. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
218. hu___r pangs *n.* a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition
219. re__n as sovereign *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
220. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
221. the int_____ion of coordinate axes *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
222. ma_____us power *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
223. academic lex_____her *n.* a person who compiles or edits dictionaries, often by studying and documenting the meanings, origins, and usage of words and phrases
224. Peruvian ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
225. me_____na fossils *n.* a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct

ANSWERS: 216. collector, 217. worldview, 218. hunger, 219. reign, 220. specific, 221. intersection, 222. marvelous, 223. lexicographer, 224. artifact, 225. megafauna

226. co_____e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
227. artistic exp_____on *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
228. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
229. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
230. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
231. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
232. online dic_____ry *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
233. chronic hu____r *n.* a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition
234. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 226. connote, 227. expression, 228. worldview, 229. archaeology, 230. equivalent, 231. numb, 232. dictionary, 233. hunger, 234. excuse

235. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
236. do_____ad files from the Internet *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
237. art_____al environment *adj.* not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something
238. path toward mo_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
239. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
240. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
241. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
242. the a__h of a person's foot *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
243. occ_____on disease *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
244. ele_____ate jewelry *v.* to coat or cover an object with a layer of metal, typically by using an electric current; to apply a thin metallic layer onto a surface for decorative or protective purposes

ANSWERS: 235. creature, 236. download, 237. artificial, 238. modernity, 239. editorial, 240. creature, 241. drag, 242. arch, 243. occupation, 244. electroplate

245. a fully in_____ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
246. ser_____ty moment *n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
247. de_____us breeze *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
248. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
249. Eli_____an theatre *n.* pertaining to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England (1558-1603); relating to the culture, literature, and history of that time period
250. 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
251. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
252. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

ANSWERS: 245. inclusive, 246. serendipity, 247. delicious, 248. strike, 249. Elizabethan, 250. process, 251. structure, 252. carve

253. break dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
254. vi_____ly identical *adv.* almost completely
255. an a__h-shaped stone structure *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
256. famous lex_____her *n.* a person who compiles or edits dictionaries, often by studying and documenting the meanings, origins, and usage of words and phrases
257. wh_____e a tune *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
258. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
259. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
260. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

ANSWERS: 253. discipline, 254. virtually, 255. arch, 256. lexicographer, 257. whistle, 258. excuse, 259. curve, 260. advantage

261. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
262. a binocular te_____pe *n.* a device like a tube in shape containing lenses used to magnify and observe distant objects
263. a steam en____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
264. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
265. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
266. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
267. con_____nt on business activity *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
268. rigid dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
269. paleolithic ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
270. important dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
271. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 261. aesthetic, 262. telescope, 263. engine, 264. gap, 265. humble, 266. blame, 267. constraint, 268. discipline, 269. artifact, 270. distinction, 271. spot

272. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
273. cou_____ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
274. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
275. at a un_____m temperature *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
276. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
277. m_r the reputation *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
278. fu__y logic *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
279. look through a te_____pe *n.* a device like a tube in shape containing lenses used to magnify and observe distant objects
280. am__e guests *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

ANSWERS: 272. definition, 273. counterintuitive, 274. prototype, 275. uniform, 276. hop, 277. mar, 278. fuzzy, 279. telescope, 280. amuse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The goats often _____ heads when they are fighting for dominance.
 - v. to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the remaining end of a smoked cigarette

2. The jewelry manufacturer will _____ the silver necklace with a thin layer of gold.
 - v. to coat or cover an object with a layer of metal, typically by using an electric current; to apply a thin metallic layer onto a surface for decorative or protective purposes

3. _____ all the parties signed the contract.
 - adv. almost completely

4. The spacecraft's _____ system helped it travel through space.
 - n. the act or process of propelling or driving something forward, often using a motor, engine, or other mechanical means

5. The experiment was _____ several times to ensure accuracy.
 - v. to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results

6. He's working on a project involving comparative _____ to analyze the evolution of words across different languages.
 - n. the practice, study, or skill of compiling dictionaries; the art, process, or profession of writing, editing, or compiling dictionaries

7. Political corruption was common throughout the postwar _____.
 - n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

ANSWERS: 1. butt, 2. electroplate, 3. Virtually, 4. propulsion, 5. replicated, 6. lexicography, 7. era

8. I need to purchase a new English _____.
- n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
9. The _____ era is known for its rich literature and theatrical productions.
- n.* pertaining to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England (1558-1603); relating to the culture, literature, and history of that time period
10. The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and _____.
- n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
11. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing _____.
- n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
12. The majority of the people on the island are _____ folk.
- n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
13. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
14. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
15. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

ANSWERS: 8. dictionary, 9. Elizabethan, 10. occupation, 11. worldviews, 12. fishery, 13. writ, 14. spot, 15. instances

16. The word "light" is a classic example of _____ in English.
- n.* the condition of having multiple meanings or interpretations, often referring to words or symbols that can have different associated meanings in different contexts or situations
17. She teaches _____ at the local university.
- n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
18. 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
19. Increased _____ pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.
- n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
20. We could grill the meat in a _____ way.
- adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
21. We are tackling the development for updates with _____.
- n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it
22. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
23. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 16. polysemy, 17. archaeology, 18. process, 19. eyeball, 20. delicious,

21. enthusiasm, 22. doe, 23. traffic

24. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
25. The _____ intelligence system has revolutionized the way we live and work.
- adj.* not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something
26. This facility has the largest astronomical _____ in the country.
- n.* a device like a tube in shape containing lenses used to magnify and observe distant objects
27. The _____ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.
- adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
28. The word 'home' _____ a sense of warmth and comfort.
- v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
29. His facial _____ showed a mix of surprise and confusion.
- n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
30. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
- n.* a living being, especially an animal

ANSWERS: 24. excuse, 25. artificial, 26. telescope, 27. counterintuitive, 28. connotes, 29. expression, 30. creature

31. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
32. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.
n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
33. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
34. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.
adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
35. Her company soon won a _____ market share.
adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
36. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.
n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
37. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 31. structure, 32. engine, 33. responsible, 34. inclusive, 35. dominant, 36. curve, 37. confused

38. The budget _____ forced them to make difficult decisions.
n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
39. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
40. We are attempting to _____ a list of qualified candidates for the position.
v. to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
41. A yacht cruise is our company's ultimate _____.
n. an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job
42. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
n. the ability to see; anything that is seen
43. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.
v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
44. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
45. Use a singular _____ if the subject is singular.
n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

ANSWERS: 38. constraint, 39. transportation, 40. compile, 41. perk, 42. sights, 43. blamed, 44. secondly, 45. verb

46. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.
- n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
47. The _____ thick fur and tough skin make it well-suited for digging and burrowing in rough terrain.
- n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
48. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
49. The employee decided to _____ on the company's illegal activities.
- v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
50. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
51. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.
- adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
52. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
- n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

ANSWERS: 46. rocket, 47. badger's, 48. advantages, 49. whistle-blow, 50. statistics, 51. editorial, 52. Congress

53. The _____ of the artwork was carefully researched before it was purchased.
- n.* the origin, source, or history of something, particularly relating to an object or work of art; the documentation or record of the ownership and history of a valuable item
54. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.
- n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
55. His _____ determination to succeed made him a force to be reckoned with.
- adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
56. The _____ spines provide an effective defense mechanism against predators.
- n.* a small, spiny mammal that rolls itself into a ball for protection when threatened; a person who is solitary, introverted, and lacks social skills, often displaying sharp or prickly behavior
57. Many people in the world suffer from _____ and malnourishment every day.
- n.* a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition
58. The countertop was polished _____ giving it a sleek and modern look.
- n.* a tough, durable, and coarse-grained igneous rock often used in construction for buildings, monuments, and sculptures
59. The _____ bright tail could be seen in the night sky.
- n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun

ANSWERS: 53. provenance, 54. artifacts, 55. inexorable, 56. hedgehog's, 57. hunger, 58. granite, 59. comet's

60. The company divided the tasks into _____ segments to increase efficiency.
adj. separate and distinct; not continuous; individually distinguishable
61. He gave a _____ smile as he read the heartfelt message in the card from his daughter.
adj. affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
62. I need to _____ these pictures to my computer to edit them.
v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
63. The scratches on the car _____ its otherwise perfect appearance.
v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
64. He collected data to avoid _____ decisions.
adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
65. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
66. My grandfather is an avid stamp _____ and he has a collection of rare stamps from all over the world.
n. a person who collects or gathers objects as a hobby or for personal interest; someone who accumulates or acquires a specific type of item
67. They decided to go to the _____ to dance the night away.
n. (also "nightspot") a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks

ANSWERS: 60. discrete, 61. touched, 62. upload, 63. marred, 64. arbitrary, 65. transcended, 66. collector, 67. nightclub

68. I need to _____ the latest update for my computer's operating system.
- v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
69. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
- v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
70. There was a _____ of impoverished farmers into the towns.
- n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
71. He _____ himself by playing video games during his free time.
- v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
72. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
- v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
73. The song began with a haunting _____ rhythm that captivated the audience.
- n. a metrical foot in poetry consisting of one stressed syllable followed by two unstressed syllables; (of Greek and Latin poetry) a long syllable followed by two short syllables
74. The dress had a _____ in the front that added some elegant detail.
- n. a fold or crease made in cloth or paper by doubling or bending over one part of it and pressing it down; a ridge or a raised line on a surface
75. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.
- adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

ANSWERS: 68. download, 69. tap, 70. migration, 71. amused, 72. expand, 73. dactyl, 74. pleat, 75. aesthetic

76. The new regulations _____ to all employees, regardless of their position.
v. to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something
77. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
78. The _____ photographer captured some stunning shots during the sunset.
adj. engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional
79. This pie _____ represents our market share.
n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
80. Launching an artificial _____ contributed to the technological development of our country.
n. an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
81. The _____ genre combines Victorian-era design with futuristic technology.
n. a subgenre of science fiction or fantasy that incorporates technology and aesthetic designs inspired by 19th-century industrial steam-powered machinery and Victorian fashion
82. We _____ a cease-fire.
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
83. The picture was _____ because it was taken with an old camera.
adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

ANSWERS: 76. pertain, 77. equivalent, 78. amateur, 79. chart, 80. satellite, 81. steampunk, 82. concluded, 83. fuzzy

84. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

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

85. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

- adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

86. The dictator's _____ was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.

- n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen

87. I _____ made it to the meeting on time, rushing from another appointment across town.

- adv.* just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort

88. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

- adj.* relating to seeing or sight

89. My left arm became _____.

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

90. The construction worker violently swung the _____ demolishing the old wall.

- n.* a large, heavy hammer typically used for breaking up rock, concrete, or other hard materials

91. The results of the poll are _____ because it only surveyed a small group of people.

- v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

ANSWERS: 84. hopped, 85. charismatic, 86. reign, 87. barely, 88. visual, 89. numb, 90. sledgehammer, 91. skewed

92. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
- v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
93. The _____ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.
- n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
94. 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
95. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
- v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
96. He _____ his life to helping others.
- v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
97. There is a small _____ on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.
- n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
98. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
99. The character's name became a _____ for all lawyers in the movie.
- n.* a figure of speech in which a part is used to represent the whole or vice versa; using a specific word or phrase to refer to a larger concept or group

ANSWERS: 92. damn, 93. recipe, 94. decide, 95. carved, 96. dedicated, 97. lump, 98. context, 99. synecdoche

100. Take a right turn at the next _____.

n. a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

101. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

102. The _____ bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

103. You can't _____ through solid metal.

v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

104. This country has a nationally _____ culture.

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

105. The well-respected _____ published an innovative new dictionary that redefined the way words are defined

n. a person who compiles or edits dictionaries, often by studying and documenting the meanings, origins, and usage of words and phrases

106. He was a computer _____ and spent all his free time coding.

n. a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed

107. The family decided to _____ in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

n. a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost

ANSWERS: 100. intersection, 101. prototype, 102. arch, 103. burrow, 104. uniform, 105. lexicographer, 106. geek, 107. hike

108. The baby was fast asleep in his _____ cot, swaddled in soft, warm blankets.
adj. comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design
109. The view from the top of the mountain was _____.
adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
110. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
111. He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's _____.
n. the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
112. The discovery of penicillin was a result of _____.
n. the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
113. This consulting firm decided to _____ the two companies into one.
v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
114. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
v. to pull or haul with force
115. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 108. snug, 109. marvelous, 110. label, 111. modernity, 112. serendipity, 113. merge, 114. dragged, 115. Technological

116. The _____ items in the box included some old toys, a few books, and some decorative items.

adj. consisting of various types or elements that are not easily categorized or organized; having no specific purpose or theme

117. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

118. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

119. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

120. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

121. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

122. I had to _____ the novel to fit it into the time allotted for the movie.

v. to shorten or condense a book, a play, a speech, etc., while maintaining its essence

123. The documentary featured interviews with several renowned _____ discussing the bird population decline.

n. a person who studies, observes or is an expert in the scientific field of ornithology, which is the study of birds

ANSWERS: 116. miscellaneous, 117. judgments, 118. symbol, 119. specific, 120. greedy, 121. improve, 122. abridge, 123. ornithologists

124. 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

125. He quickly learned the military _____.

n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

126. The baby's chubby cheeks and big eyes made her look so _____.

adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

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

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

128. The nobler, the more _____.

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

129. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

130. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

131. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

132. I can't see any _____ between these two concepts.

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

ANSWERS: 124. needles, 125. discipline, 126. cute, 127. gap, 128. humble, 129. biology, 130. definition, 131. modern, 132. distinction

133. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
134. The following _____ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.
- n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
135. I need a flathead _____ to tighten the loose screws on this cabinet.
- n.* a tool used for turning screws, typically consisting of a handle and a metal rod with a flattened tip that fits into the slot on the head of a screw; a popular cocktail made with vodka and orange juice
136. Many prehistoric _____ such as mammoths and saber-toothed tigers, are now extinct.
- n.* a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct
137. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
- n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
138. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.
- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
139. The batter for the cake was _____ and needed to be smoothed out.
- adj.* having many small bumps, irregularities, or unevenness; forming or consisting of small lumps

ANSWERS: 133. strike, 134. explanation, 135. screwdriver, 136. megafaunas, 137. population, 138. metaphors, 139. lumpy

140. The school's diversity program aimed to promote _____ and understanding among the students.

- n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 140. tolerance