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Session 1: Word List

studio

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

synonym : workshop, atelier, room

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

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

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

experiment

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

synonym : experimentation, investigation

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

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym : achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations

Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

energetic

adj. possessing or exerting or displaying energy

synonym : active, animated, lively

(1) **energetic** density, (2) **energetic** dog

This process caused an **energetic** chemical reaction.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym : root, source, ancestor

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

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

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym : coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

packaging

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

synonym : wrapping, packing, boxing

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

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

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

bore

v. to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

synonym : bear, tire, weary

(1) **bore** diameter, (2) **bore** him with his stories
The lecture on quantum physics **bored** me to tears.

perfume

n. a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin

synonym: scent, aroma, bouquet

(1) a subtle **perfume**, (2) **perfume** every day

He sniffed the **perfume** voluptuously.

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.

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

synonym: keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

tack

n. a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place

synonym: course, direction, approach

(1) change **tack**, (2) **tack** to the refrigerator door

I need to change the **tack** of the sailboat to avoid hitting the rocks.

retirement

n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job

synonym: resignation, withdrawal, retreat

(1) **retirement** from politics, (2) impending **retirement**

This fund is responsible for disability and **retirement** benefits.

intersperse

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

synonym: scatter, distribute, insert

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

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

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

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

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

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym: buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

mechanism

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

synonym : means, method, system

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

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

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

fin

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

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

compensate

v. to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value

synonym : reimburse, pay, recompense

(1) **compensate** a loss, (2) **compensate** for a car accident

The company offered to **compensate** the employees for the overtime they worked.

religion

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

synonym : faith, creed, belief

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

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

sabbatical

n. a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

synonym : leave, vacation, break

(1) **sabbatical** leave, (2) **sabbatical** year

After ten years of teaching, she took a **sabbatical** to travel the world.

entice

v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting

synonym : lure, tempt, attract

(1) **entice** foreign investment, (2) **entice** shoppers

The salesperson tried to **entice** the customer into buying a new car.

landscape

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

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

craft

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

synonym : art, skill, workmanship

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

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

oriented

adj. referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach

synonym : aligned, directed, focused

(1) **oriented** graph, (2) technology- **oriented**

The company is very customer- **oriented** and strives to provide excellent service.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym : insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

repellent

adj. serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust

synonym : disgusting, repulsive, offensive

(1) **repellent** odor, (2) **repellent** properties

She avoided the used car salesman because she found his pushy behavior **repellent**.

typography

n. the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images

synonym : printing, typesetting, font design

(1) **typography** skills, (2) **typography** layout

I love the bold **typography** used in this book's chapter heading.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace
On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym: illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure

A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

retaliation

n. the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act

synonym: retribution, revenge, vengeance

(1) **retaliation** tactics, (2) **retaliation** against discrimination

The company faced heavy **retaliation** from its competitors after releasing a controversial product.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

menace

n. a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat

synonym: threat, danger, hazard

(1) invisible **menace**, (2) potential **menace**

The reckless driver was a **menace** to other drivers on the road.

renovate

v. to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair

synonym: renew, restore, revamp

(1) **renovate** a house, (2) **renovate** an office

We need to **renovate** the kitchen before moving into the new house.

afford v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

compass n. a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability

synonym: guideline, borderline, ambit

(1) read a **compass**, (2) sailing without a **compass**

The results were beyond our **compass** of imagination.

espresso n. a strong, concentrated, and finely ground coffee beverage, typically served in a small cup or demitasse originating in Italy, which is characterized by its rich, dark flavor and thick, foamy crema on top

synonym: coffee, java, cappuccino

(1) double **espresso**, (2) **espresso** machine

I ordered an **espresso** shot to add to my latte.

magnet n. an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel

synonym: magnetite, lodestone, attracting substance

(1) **magnet** attraction, (2) permanent **magnet**

The MRI machine uses **magnets** to produce images of the body's internal organs.

crazy *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

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

synonym: moderately, reasonably, pretty

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

He deals **fairly** with his employees.

verbose

adj. using or containing more words than necessary; excessively talkative or wordy

synonym: wordy, long-winded, pleonastic

(1) **verbose** language, (2) **verbose** explanation

The author's **verbose** writing style made the book difficult to read.

meditation

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

synonym: contemplation, reflection, introspection

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

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

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym: dull, tedious, monotonous

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

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

chef

n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel

synonym: cook, culinary artist, gastronomer

(1) **chef** knife, (2) master **chef**

The **chef** at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

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**.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym : revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

scotch

v. to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom

synonym : halt, stop, block

(1) **scotch** any further debate, (2) **scotch** the deal

I need to **scotch** these rumors before they spread any further.

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.

fry

v. to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil
synonym: cook, roast, bake

(1) **fry** an egg, (2) **fry** over low heat

She devoted herself to **frying** the chicken in a pan until it was crispy and golden brown.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

sticky

adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

synonym: adhesive, gluey, clingy

(1) **sticky** weather, (2) **sticky** situation

A peculiar **sticky** material coated the foliage.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym: program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

envision

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

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success
We cannot **envision** her as President.

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.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**
She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

disastrous

adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

synonym: catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

vacuum

n. a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

synonym: void, emptiness, gap

(1) **vacuum** cleaner, (2) **vacuum** packing

Please use the **vacuum** to clean up the mess on the floor.

generation

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

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity
The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

hierarchy

n. a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

synonym: ranking, order, scale

(1) top of the **hierarchy**, (2) **hierarchy** of folders

She has taken a step up in the organizational **hierarchy**.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

chunk

n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something

synonym: block, lump, piece

(1) a **chunk** of money, (2) a tiny **chunk** of meat

The new start-up company carved out a large **chunk** of the market within a year.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels
Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

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.

forth

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

synonym : forward, onwards, ahead

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

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

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym : especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

strand

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

synonym : fiber, filament, string

(1) a **strand** of fine hair, (2) double- **strand** DNA
I heard several melodic **strands** simultaneously.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

REM

n. (abbreviation for rapid eye movement) a stage of sleep characterized by rapid eye movements, increased brain activity, and dreaming

(1) **REM** sleep cycle, (2) **REM** sleep behavior disorder

REM sleep deprivation has been linked to various adverse effects on mood, memory, and cognitive function.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

presentation

n. the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise

synonym: exhibition, display, speech

(1) **presentation** skills, (2) **presentation** slides

She gave a fantastic **presentation** at the conference and received a standing ovation.

conglomerate

n. a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole

synonym: aggregate, mixture, combination

(1) multinational **conglomerate**, (2) media **conglomerate**

The **conglomerate** of companies managed to dominate the market.

layer

n. a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas

synonym: stratum, sheet, coating

(1) **layer** cake, (2) **layer** of paint

The **layer** of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to walk on.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

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

Translate the text from Italian into English.

logo

n. a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

synonym: emblem, symbol, crest

(1) **logo** design, (2) brand **logo**

The company's **logo** was on the side of the building.

mask

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

synonym: disguise, camouflage, conceal

(1) **mask** body odor, (2) an oxygen **mask**

The politician tried to **mask** the corruption.

generator

n. a machine that produces electricity

synonym: dynamo, alternator, creator

(1) random number **generator**, (2) major revenue

generator

Most data centers have emergency **generators** on standby at all times.

scan

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

synonym: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF

She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

poster

n. a large sheet or picture that is placed either on a public space to promote or announce something or on a wall to decorate it

synonym: banner, billboard, sign

(1) eye-catching **posters**, (2) a wanted **poster**

We noticed a **poster** advertising a bargain.

handy

adj. valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use
synonym : clever, accessible, available

(1) a **handy-sized** bag, (2) **handy** tool

They found a **handy** place to play catch.

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.

conceptual

adj. related to or founded on ideas, principles

synonym : theoretical, abstract, ideational

(1) **conceptual** art, (2) new **conceptual** framework

He has absolutely no **conceptual** comprehension of maths.

reed

n. a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone

synonym : cane, grass

(1) **reed** instrument, (2) a young bud of **reed**

The **reed** in the wind instrument needs to be replaced.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

synonym : interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

full-blown

adj. fully developed or manifesting in its complete form, often used to describe a difficult situation or condition

synonym: complete, total, absolute

(1) **full-blown** crisis, (2) **full-blown** epidemic

The hurricane hit the coast at **full-blown** force, causing widespread destruction.

orchestra

n. a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

synonym: ensemble, symphony, band

(1) full **orchestra**, (2) **orchestra** conductor

The accomplished **orchestra** will give two more performances this week.

transparent

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

synonym: translucent, evident, diaphanous

(1) a **transparent** lie, (2) **transparent** crystal

The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more **transparent**.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym: modern, stylish, coetaneous

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

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

remix

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

synonym : recreate, recompose, alter

(1) **remix** a couple of tracks, (2) **remix** the album

He **remixed** the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym : publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

donna

n. (also used as "prima donna") a title of respect given in Italy to a woman of rank or nobility; a woman of distinction or importance

synonym : woman, lady, female

(1) prima **donna** attitude, (2) prima **donna** personality

Her prima **donna** behavior on the movie set was well known, making it difficult for directors to work with her.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

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

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

rave

v. to talk in a noisy, excited, or uncontrolled manner; to praise someone or something enthusiastically

synonym : babble, freak out, be enthusiastic

(1) **rave** against the politician, (2) **rave** myself hoarse

You can rant and **rave** at the arrest, but you'll still have to accept it.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym : instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym : equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

salesperson

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

synonym : dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

ripe

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

synonym : mature, ready, developed

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

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

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym : self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

plaza

n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

synonym : park, square, center

(1) main **plaza**, (2) memorial **plaza**

Three young men were busking in the shopping **plaza**.

plat

n. a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes

synonym : map, chart, diagram

(1) **plat** book, (2) a former **plat** of farmland

The city planning department keeps detailed **plats** of all the local properties.

grid

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

synonym : gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**

Grid pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

shiny

adj. reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface

synonym: polished, glossy, lustrous

(1) **shiny** surface, (2) **shiny** object

The **shiny** new car drew everyone's attention as it drove by.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym: average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

floral

adj. relating to or resembling flowers

synonym: flowery, blooming

(1) **floral** kingdom, (2) **floral** design

The **floral** arrangements at the wedding were breathtakingly beautiful.

obsession

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

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

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

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually

lost everything.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym : adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

intact

adj. undamaged and complete

synonym : flawless, unchanged, entire

(1) **intact** brain, (2) **intact** forestland

Despite the scandals, his reputation remained **intact**.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym : circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

scoop

n. a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else

synonym : ladle, spoon, dipper

(1) a **scoop** of ice cream, (2) **scoop** of news

The company's marketing team worked hard to get the **scoop** on what their target audience wanted.

wisdom

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

synonym : sagacity, discernment, insight

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

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

artwork

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

synonym : painting, picture, graphics

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

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

sweep

v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

synonym: clean, clear, brush off

(1) **sweep** up dead leaves, (2) **sweep** a room with a glance

The politician tried to **sweep** the embarrassing incident under the rug.

custody

n. the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time

synonym: guardianship, care, detention

(1) take a person into **custody**, (2) **custody** arrangement

After a lengthy court battle, the child's **custody** was granted to the father.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency

headquarter

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

sweeping

adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

synonym: broad, extensive, vast

(1) **sweeping** changes, (2) **sweeping** landscapes

The **sweeping** views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products
We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

slick

adj. smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient

synonym : smooth, polished, shiny

(1) a **slick** operation, (2) **slick** design

The politician gave a **slick** speech, but it was full of empty promises.

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.

elegant

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

synonym : refined, sophisticated, graceful

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

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

overdo

v. to exaggerate or exceed limits of something; to do or use something to such an excessive or exaggerated extent that it causes harm or becomes unpleasant; to overexert

synonym : overwork, exaggerate, hyperbolize

(1) **overdo** exercise, (2) **overdo** caffeine

If you **overdo** the laundry detergent, it can damage your clothes.

ornamental

adj. describing something that is intended to be decorative or add beauty; serving as a decoration or adornment

synonym : decorative, embellished, fancy

(1) **ornamental** ironwork, (2) **ornamental** design

The garden is filled with **ornamental** plants and flowers.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

worthwhile

adj. having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration

synonym: valuable, rewarding, significant

(1) **worthwhile** investment, (2) **worthwhile** endeavor

Volunteering for a **worthwhile** cause is important for building a sense of community.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. el____t design | <i>adj.</i> pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement |
| 2. go to the workplace by cy__e | <i>n.</i> an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle |
| 3. f_y an egg | <i>v.</i> to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil |
| 4. pu____e freedoms | <i>v.</i> to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them |
| 5. an emergency hea_____er | <i>n.</i> the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed |
| 6. create a br__d logo | <i>n.</i> a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning |
| 7. typ_____hy layout | <i>n.</i> the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images |
| 8. en___e in environmental protection activities | <i>v.</i> to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something |
| 9. pe_____e every day | <i>n.</i> a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin |

ANSWERS: 1. elegant, 2. cycle, 3. fry, 4. pursue, 5. headquarter, 6. brand, 7. typography, 8. engage, 9. perfume

10. r__e myself hoarse *v.* to talk in a noisy, excited, or uncontrolled manner; to praise someone or something enthusiastically
11. pa_____ng materials *n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
12. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
13. en_____ic density *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
14. med_____on training *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
15. change t__k *n.* a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place
16. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
17. va___m cleaner *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

ANSWERS: 10. rave, 11. packaging, 12. prop, 13. energetic, 14. meditation, 15. tack, 16. slightly, 17. vacuum

18. medical in___n v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
19. 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.
20. 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
21. or_____ra conductor n. a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
22. int_____se his speech v. to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals
23. boost my con_____ce n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
24. religious med_____on n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
25. a wanted po___r n. a large sheet or picture that is placed either on a public space to promote or announce something or on a wall to decorate it

ANSWERS: 18. intern, 19. hop, 20. decide, 21. orchestra, 22. intersperse, 23. confidence, 24. meditation, 25. poster

26. po____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
27. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
28. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
29. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
30. pu____e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
31. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
32. in____t forestland *adj.* undamaged and complete
33. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
34. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
35. major revenue ge_____or *n.* a machine that produces electricity
36. biodegradable pa_____ng *n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
37. ma____t attraction *n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel

ANSWERS: 26. portrait, 27. surrounding, 28. president, 29. decision, 30. pursue, 31. crazy, 32. intact, 33. grandchild, 34. combine, 35. generator, 36. packaging, 37. magnet

38. pre_____ion skills *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
39. l__o design *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
40. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
41. sab_____al leave *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
42. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
43. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
44. R_M sleep cycle *n.* (abbreviation for rapid eye movement) a stage of sleep characterized by rapid eye movements, increased brain activity, and dreaming
45. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
46. st___y weather *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

ANSWERS: 38. presentation, 39. logo, 40. advertise, 41. sabbatical, 42. translate, 43. rid, 44. REM, 45. experiment, 46. sticky

47. an oxygen m__k *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
48. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
49. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
50. 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.
51. ret_____on against discrimination *n.* the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
52. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
53. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
54. prima do__a personality *n.* (also used as "prima donna") a title of respect given in Italy to a woman of rank or nobility; a woman of distinction or importance
55. orn_____al ironwork *adj.* describing something that is intended to be decorative or add beauty; serving as a decoration or adornment
56. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 47. mask, 48. broth, 49. divide, 50. tap, 51. retaliation, 52. confidence, 53. craft, 54. donna, 55. ornamental, 56. develop

57. bo___g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
58. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
59. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
60. write el_____t sentences *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
61. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
62. r__e tomato *adj.* (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested
63. a ch__k of money *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
64. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
65. racial or___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
66. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
67. top of the hi_____hy *n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest
68. an advertising me___m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

ANSWERS: 57. boring, 58. promote, 59. par, 60. elegant, 61. surround, 62. ripe, 63. chunk, 64. translate, 65. origin, 66. rid, 67. hierarchy, 68. medium

69. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
70. pr____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
71. ful_____wn epidemic *adj.* fully developed or manifesting in its complete form, often used to describe a difficult situation or condition
72. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
73. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
74. mo_____to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
75. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
76. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
77. con_____al art *adj.* related to or founded on ideas, principles
78. ful_____wn crisis *adj.* fully developed or manifesting in its complete form, often used to describe a difficult situation or condition
79. take a person into cu_____y *n.* the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time
80. orn_____al design *adj.* describing something that is intended to be decorative or add beauty; serving as a decoration or adornment

ANSWERS: 69. desire, 70. precious, 71. full-blown, 72. adapt, 73. extreme, 74. mosquito, 75. specifically, 76. define, 77. conceptual, 78. full-blown, 79. custody, 80. ornamental

81. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
82. re_____te an office *v.* to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair
83. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
84. me_____m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
85. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
86. en_____e shoppers *v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
87. ret_____on tactics *n.* the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
88. acc_____sh a goal *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
89. en_____ic dog *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
90. fl___l kingdom *adj.* relating to or resembling flowers

ANSWERS: 81. involve, 82. renovate, 83. forth, 84. medium, 85. conduct, 86. entice, 87. retaliation, 88. accomplish, 89. energetic, 90. floral

91. potential me___e *n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
92. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
93. invisible me___e *n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
94. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
95. ve_____e explanation *adj.* using or containing more words than necessary; excessively talkative or wordy
96. sc___h the deal *v.* to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom
97. double es_____so *n.* a strong, concentrated, and finely ground coffee beverage, typically served in a small cup or demitasse originating in Italy, which is characterized by its rich, dark flavor and thick, foamy crema on top
98. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
99. 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

ANSWERS: 91. menace, 92. fin, 93. menace, 94. surround, 95. verbose, 96. scotch,

97. espresso, 98. writ, 99. process

100. cu____y arrangement *n.* the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time
101. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
102. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
103. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
104. a tiny ch__k of meat *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
105. typ_____hy skills *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
106. re_____nt properties *adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
107. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
108. f_y over low heat *v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil

ANSWERS: 100. custody, 101. definitely, 102. underneath, 103. develop, 104. chunk, 105. typography, 106. repellent, 107. landscape, 108. fry

109. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
110. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
111. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
112. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
113. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
114. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
115. impending ret_____nt *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
116. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
117. R_M sleep behavior disorder *n.* (abbreviation for rapid eye movement) a stage of sleep characterized by rapid eye movements, increased brain activity, and dreaming
118. a po_____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
119. t__k to the refrigerator door *n.* a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place

ANSWERS: 109. incredibly, 110. president, 111. engage, 112. impressive, 113.

architecture, 114. identity, 115. retirement, 116. scan, 117. REM, 118. portrait, 119.
tack

120. sh__y object *adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface
121. ha__y tool *adj.* valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use
122. media con_____ate *n.* a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole
123. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
124. a st___d of fine hair *n.* a very thin natural or synthetic thread, wire, hair, etc.; (verb) to leave or drive a vessel, fish, etc., aground or ashore
125. r__e against the politician *v.* to talk in a noisy, excited, or uncontrolled manner; to praise someone or something enthusiastically
126. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
127. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
128. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

ANSWERS: 120. shiny, 121. handy, 122. conglomerate, 123. studio, 124. strand, 125. rave, 126. afford, 127. numb, 128. prop

129. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
130. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
131. int_____se exclamation marks *v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals
132. va___m packing *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
133. boys in the twelfth gr___e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
134. 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.
135. the in_____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
136. re__x the album *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
137. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
138. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
139. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

ANSWERS: 129. volunteer, 130. decide, 131. intersperse, 132. vacuum, 133. grade, 134. tap, 135. internal, 136. remix, 137. origin, 138. generation, 139. mechanism

140. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
141. a subtle pe_____e *n.* a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin
142. re_____nt odor *adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
143. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
144. full or_____ra *n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
145. en___e foreign investment *v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
146. a young bud of r__d *n.* a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone
147. sw_____ng landscapes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
148. a fountain of wi___m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

ANSWERS: 140. obsession, 141. perfume, 142. repellent, 143. aft, 144. orchestra, 145. entice, 146. reed, 147. sweeping, 148. wisdom

149. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
150. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
151. memorial pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
152. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
153. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
154. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
155. brand l__o *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
156. ret_____nt from politics *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
157. acc_____sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
158. sab_____al year *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
159. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something

ANSWERS: 149. definitely, 150. architecture, 151. plaza, 152. volunteer, 153. inspiration, 154. craft, 155. logo, 156. retirement, 157. accomplish, 158. sabbatical, 159. react

160. hi_____hy of folders *n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest
161. fa___y accurate *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
162. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
163. permanent ma___t *n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel
164. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
165. ov___o exercise *v.* to exaggerate or exceed limits of something; to do or use something to such an excessive or exaggerated extent that it causes harm or becomes unpleasant; to overexert
166. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
167. wor_____le endeavor *adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration
168. pre_____ion slides *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise

ANSWERS: 160. hierarchy, 161. fairly, 162. contemporary, 163. magnet, 164. insight, 165. overdo, 166. fin, 167. worthwhile, 168. presentation

169. sailing without a co____s *n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability
170. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
171. a former p__t of farmland *n.* a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes
172. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
173. eye-catching po____rs *n.* a large sheet or picture that is placed either on a public space to promote or announce something or on a wall to decorate it
174. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
175. sc____h any further debate *v.* to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom
176. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
177. a drapery sal_____on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

ANSWERS: 169. compass, 170. specifically, 171. plat, 172. par, 173. poster, 174. mechanism, 175. scotch, 176. probable, 177. salesperson

178. id____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
179. r__d instrument *n.* a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone
180. sw__p up dead leaves *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
181. co____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
182. in____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
183. b__e him with his stories *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
184. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
185. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
186. en____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

ANSWERS: 178. identity, 179. reed, 180. sweep, 181. conduct, 182. internal, 183. bore, 184. numb, 185. adapt, 186. envision

187. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
188. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
189. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
190. chicken br___h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
191. la___r cake *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
192. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
193. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
194. ov___o caffeine *v.* to exaggerate or exceed limits of something; to do or use something to such an excessive or exaggerated extent that it causes harm or becomes unpleasant; to overexert
195. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 187. divide, 188. educational, 189. desire, 190. broth, 191. layer, 192. software, 193. generation, 194. overdo, 195. intern

196. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
197. re__x a couple of tracks *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
198. ve____e language *adj.* using or containing more words than necessary; excessively talkative or wordy
199. p__t book *n.* a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes
200. new con____al framework *adj.* related to or founded on ideas, principles
201. a sl__k operation *adj.* smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient
202. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
203. have a fa____y clear view *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
204. read a co____s *n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability

ANSWERS: 196. aft, 197. remix, 198. verbose, 199. plat, 200. conceptual, 201. slick, 202. scan, 203. fairly, 204. compass

205. sl__k design *adj.* smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient
206. b__e diameter *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
207. price of pr____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
208. a sc__p of ice cream *n.* a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else
209. es____so machine *n.* a strong, concentrated, and finely ground coffee beverage, typically served in a small cup or demitasse originating in Italy, which is characterized by its rich, dark flavor and thick, foamy crema on top
210. com____te for a car accident *v.* to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
211. national ob____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
212. in____t brain *adj.* undamaged and complete

ANSWERS: 205. slick, 206. bore, 207. precious, 208. scoop, 209. espresso, 210. compensate, 211. obsession, 212. intact

213. re_____te a house *v.* to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair
214. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
215. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
216. technology-or_____ed *adj.* referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
217. tra_____nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
218. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
219. a fence sur_____ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
220. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
221. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
222. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
223. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
224. mo_____to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

ANSWERS: 213. renovate, 214. engineer, 215. religion, 216. oriented, 217. transparent, 218. incredibly, 219. surrounding, 220. slightly, 221. impressive, 222. religion, 223. experiment, 224. mosquito

225. vi___l navigation	<i>adj.</i> relating to seeing or sight
226. c__f knife	<i>n.</i> a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
227. prima do__a attitude	<i>n.</i> (also used as "prima donna") a title of respect given in Italy to a woman of rank or nobility; a woman of distinction or importance
228. imp_____ion on stage	<i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
229. de___e my position	<i>v.</i> to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
230. a ha__y-sized bag	<i>adj.</i> valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use
231. ad_____se on social media	<i>v.</i> to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
232. elevate edu_____al standards	<i>adj.</i> relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
233. in_____e a high degree of risk	<i>v.</i> to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
234. jazz imp_____ion	<i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
235. sc__p of news	<i>n.</i> a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else

ANSWERS: 225. visual, 226. chef, 227. donna, 228. improvisation, 229. define, 230. handy, 231. advertise, 232. educational, 233. involve, 234. improvisation, 235. scoop

236. ar____k conservation *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
237. wi___m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
238. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
239. a g__d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
240. 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.
241. sw__p a room with a glance *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
242. fl___l design *adj.* relating to or resembling flowers
243. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
244. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
245. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

ANSWERS: 236. artwork, 237. wisdom, 238. promote, 239. grid, 240. hop, 241. sweep, 242. floral, 243. fellow, 244. fellow, 245. studio

246. a wire g__d *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
247. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
248. sh__y surface *adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface
249. have dis_____us consequences *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
250. m__k body odor *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
251. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
252. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
253. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
254. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
255. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

ANSWERS: 246. grid, 247. reserve, 248. shiny, 249. disastrous, 250. mask, 251. insight, 252. landscape, 253. decision, 254. contemporary, 255. grade

256. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
257. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
258. a r__e old age *adj.* (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested
259. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
260. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
261. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
262. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
263. st__y situation *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
264. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
265. ancient ar____k *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
266. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
267. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

ANSWERS: 256. probable, 257. grandchild, 258. ripe, 259. crazy, 260. underneath, 261. cycle, 262. brand, 263. sticky, 264. headquarter, 265. artwork, 266. afford, 267. reserve

268. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
269. random number ge_____or *n.* a machine that produces electricity
270. wor_____le investment *adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration
271. or_____ed graph *adj.* referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
272. 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
273. en_____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
274. main pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
275. toxic ch_____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
276. absolutely dis_____us effect *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
277. sw_____ng changes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

ANSWERS: 268. software, 269. generator, 270. worthwhile, 271. oriented, 272. process, 273. envision, 274. plaza, 275. chemical, 276. disastrous, 277. sweeping

278. a ch____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
279. master c__f *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
280. co____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
281. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
282. a civil en____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
283. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
284. double-st____d DNA *n.* a very thin natural or synthetic thread, wire, hair, etc.; (verb) to leave or drive a vessel, fish, etc., aground or ashore
285. get ins____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
286. a tra____nt lie *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
287. multinational con____ate *n.* a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole

ANSWERS: 278. chemical, 279. chef, 280. combine, 281. react, 282. engineer, 283. forth, 284. strand, 285. inspiration, 286. transparent, 287. conglomerate

288. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
289. la__r of paint *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
290. com_____te a loss *v.* to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
291. bo___g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
292. a sal_____on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
293. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
294. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 288. extreme, 289. layer, 290. compensate, 291. boring, 292. salesperson, 293. writ, 294. visual

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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.

2. After ten years of teaching, she took a _____ to travel the world.
 - n. a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

3. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
 - n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

4. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.
 - n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

5. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's _____.
 - n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

6. The politician tried to _____ the embarrassing incident under the rug.
 - v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

7. The company's _____ was on the side of the building.
 - n. a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

8. The salesperson tried to _____ the customer into buying a new car.
 - v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting

ANSWERS: 1. hopped, 2. sabbatical, 3. architecture, 4. mechanisms, 5. portrait, 6. sweep, 7. logo, 8. entice

9. Her prima _____ behavior on the movie set was well known, making it difficult for directors to work with her.
- n.* (also used as "prima donna") a title of respect given in Italy to a woman of rank or nobility; a woman of distinction or importance
10. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
- adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
11. This process caused an _____ chemical reaction.
- adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
12. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more _____.
- adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
13. The accomplished _____ will give two more performances this week.
- n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
14. The MRI machine uses _____ to produce images of the body's internal organs.
- n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel
15. We must ___ ourselves of pollution.
- v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
16. The company is very customer-_____ and strives to provide excellent service.
- adj.* referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach

ANSWERS: 9. donna, 10. specifically, 11. energetic, 12. transparent, 13. orchestra, 14. magnets, 15. rid, 16. oriented

17. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
v. to organize and carry out a particular activity
18. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
19. You can rant and _____ at the arrest, but you'll still have to accept it.
v. to talk in a noisy, excited, or uncontrolled manner; to praise someone or something enthusiastically
20. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
21. We need to _____ the kitchen before moving into the new house.
v. to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair
22. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
adj. relating to seeing or sight
23. He _____ the tracks to give them a jazz feel.
v. to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
24. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
25. The _____ of companies managed to dominate the market.
n. a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole

ANSWERS: 17. conduct, 18. engaged, 19. rave, 20. religion, 21. renovate, 22. visual, 23. remixed, 24. define, 25. conglomerate

26. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.
adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something
27. The company faced heavy _____ from its competitors after releasing a controversial product.
n. the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
28. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.
n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
29. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.
n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
30. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
31. We want to _____ our company through your media.
v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
32. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
33. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 26. surrounding, 27. retaliation, 28. wisdom, 29. studio, 30. impressive, 31. advertise, 32. fins, 33. combine

34. My left arm became _____.

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

35. The _____ arrangements at the wedding were breathtakingly beautiful.

adj. relating to or resembling flowers

36. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

37. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

38. He has absolutely no _____ comprehension of maths.

adj. related to or founded on ideas, principles

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

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

40. He received the title of the best _____ in all our branches worldwide.

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

41. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 34. numb, 35. floral, 36. engineer, 37. origin, 38. conceptual, 39. landscape, 40. salesperson, 41. insights

42. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
43. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.
adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
44. The results were beyond our _____ of imagination.
n. a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability
45. The company offered to _____ the employees for the overtime they worked.
v. to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
46. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
47. She intends to _____ a political career.
v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
48. We cannot _____ her as President.
v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
49. She wore an _____ evening gown to the gala.
adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
50. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.
adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

ANSWERS: 42. desire, 43. boring, 44. compass, 45. compensate, 46. experiments, 47. pursue, 48. envision, 49. elegant, 50. precious

51. The city planning department keeps detailed _____ of all the local properties.
n. a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes
52. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
53. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
54. The penny fell _____ the piano.
adv. under or below something else
55. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.
v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
56. The author's _____ writing style made the book difficult to read.
adj. using or containing more words than necessary; excessively talkative or wordy
57. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
58. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

ANSWERS: 51. plats, 52. president, 53. inspiration, 54. underneath, 55. reserve, 56. verbose, 57. divide, 58. generation

59. The _____ in the wind instrument needs to be replaced.

- n.* a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone

60. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.

- n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

61. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

62. The emission of hazardous substances has _____ effects on the ecology of a region.

- adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

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

- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

64. I heard several melodic _____ simultaneously.

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

65. The _____ new car drew everyone's attention as it drove by.

- adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface

66. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

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

ANSWERS: 59. reed, 60. grandchild, 61. identity, 62. disastrous, 63. probable, 64. strands, 65. shiny, 66. decision

67. This fund is responsible for disability and _____ benefits.

n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job

68. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

69. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

70. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.

adj. belonging to the same or present time

71. The food chain causes a material _____.

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

72. The hurricane hit the coast at _____ force, causing widespread destruction.

adj. fully developed or manifesting in its complete form, often used to describe a difficult situation or condition

73. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

74. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 67. retirement, 68. interned, 69. internal, 70. Contemporary, 71. cycle, 72. full-blown, 73. crazy, 74. brand

75. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

76. The fruit was _____ and ready to eat.

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

77. I need to change the _____ of the sailboat to avoid hitting the rocks.

n. a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place

78. She gave a fantastic _____ at the conference and received a standing ovation.

n. the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise

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

n. a written legal order or command

80. The new start-up company carved out a large _____ of the market within a year.

n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something

81. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

82. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

ANSWERS: 75. definitely, 76. ripe, 77. tack, 78. presentation, 79. writ, 80. chunk, 81. confidence, 82. accomplish

83. If you _____ the laundry detergent, it can damage your clothes.

- v.* to exaggerate or exceed limits of something; to do or use something to such an excessive or exaggerated extent that it causes harm or becomes unpleasant; to overexert

84. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.

- adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

85. I love the bold _____ used in this book's chapter heading.

- n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images

86. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for _____.

- n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

87. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.

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

88. The _____ views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

- adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

89. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.

- n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

90. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.

- n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

ANSWERS: 83. overdo, 84. medium, 85. typography, 86. mosquitos, 87. obsession, 88. sweeping, 89. broth, 90. headquarters

91. Despite the scandals, his reputation remained _____.

adj. undamaged and complete

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

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

93. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

94. ___ sleep deprivation has been linked to various adverse effects on mood, memory, and cognitive function.

n. (abbreviation for rapid eye movement) a stage of sleep characterized by rapid eye movements, increased brain activity, and dreaming

95. Volunteering for a _____ cause is important for building a sense of community.

adj. having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration

96. Please use the _____ to clean up the mess on the floor.

n. a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

97. How did he _____ to your idea?

v. to take action in response to something

ANSWERS: 91. intact, 92. interspersed, 93. develop, 94. REM, 95. worthwhile, 96. vacuum, 97. react

98. The _____ for the fragile items was made of sturdy materials and could withstand rough handling during shipping.
- n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
99. I pushed _____ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.
- adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
100. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.
- adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
101. The garden is filled with _____ plants and flowers.
- adj.* describing something that is intended to be decorative or add beauty; serving as a decoration or adornment
102. _____ the text from Italian into English.
- v.* to convert or change words into another language
103. After a lengthy court battle, the child's _____ was granted to the father.
- n.* the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time
104. 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
105. 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.

ANSWERS: 98. packaging, 99. forth, 100. chemical, 101. ornamental, 102. Translate, 103. custody, 104. decide, 105. tap

106. The politician tried to _____ the corruption.

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

107. I ordered an _____ shot to add to my latte.

n. a strong, concentrated, and finely ground coffee beverage, typically served in a small cup or demitasse originating in Italy, which is characterized by its rich, dark flavor and thick, foamy crema on top

108. The ___ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

109. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

110. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

111. Most data centers have emergency _____ on standby at all times.

n. a machine that produces electricity

112. He deals _____ with his employees.

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

113. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 106. mask, 107. espresso, 108. aft, 109. involves, 110. volunteer, 111. generators, 112. fairly, 113. incredibly

114. I need to _____ these rumors before they spread any further.

- v.* to put an end to or stop something from happening or continuing; to prevent, hinder or restrain something or someone from doing or achieving something; (noun, Scotch) things or people from Scotland, which is a country located in the United Kingdom

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

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

116. The _____ of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to walk on.

- n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas

117. _____ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

- n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

118. The _____ at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

- n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel

119. He moved his body _____ to the left.

- adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

120. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.

- adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

121. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.

- n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

ANSWERS: 114. scotch, 115. meditation, 116. layer, 117. Grid, 118. chef, 119. slightly, 120. fellow, 121. software

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

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

123. 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

124. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

125. She avoided the used car salesman because she found his pushy behavior _____.

adj. serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust

126. The lecture on quantum physics _____ me to tears.

v. to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

127. She devoted herself to _____ the chicken in a pan until it was crispy and golden brown.

v. to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil

128. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

ANSWERS: 122. craft, 123. process, 124. surround, 125. repellent, 126. bored, 127. frying, 128. adapt

129. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

130. The politician gave a _____ speech, but it was full of empty promises.

adj. smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient

131. We have finally lost our last _____.

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

132. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

133. She has taken a step up in the organizational _____.

n. a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

134. He cannot _____ a holiday.

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

135. He sniffed the _____ voluptuously.

n. a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin

136. We noticed a _____ advertising a bargain.

n. a large sheet or picture that is placed either on a public space to promote or announce something or on a wall to decorate it

ANSWERS: 129. extreme, 130. slick, 131. prop, 132. grade, 133. hierarchy, 134. afford, 135. perfume, 136. poster

137. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

138. The company's marketing team worked hard to get the _____ on what their target audience wanted.

n. a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else

139. A peculiar _____ material coated the foliage.

adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

140. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

141. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

142. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

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

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

144. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 137. par, 138. scoop, 139. sticky, 140. promote, 141. scanned, 142. educational, 143. artwork, 144. improvisation

145. They found a _____ place to play catch.

adj. valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use

146. The reckless driver was a _____ to other drivers on the road.

n. a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat

147. Three young men were busking in the shopping _____.

n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

ANSWERS: 145. handy, 146. menace, 147. plaza