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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### recite

*v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

*synonym* : repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article  
He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

### poem

*n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

*synonym* : ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

### beloved

*adj.* loved very much

*synonym* : adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people

I am here to save my **beloved**.

### dentist

*n.* a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth

*synonym* : oral surgeon, orthodontist, periodontist

(1) a **dentist's** office, (2) consult a **dentist**

I am going to the family **dentist** to get my teeth cleaned.

- rub** v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure  
*synonym*: scrub, massage, stroke  
(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window  
She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.
- muffle** v. to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something  
*synonym*: mute, stifle, embower  
(1) **muffle** the sound, (2) **muffle** my cries  
He tried to **muffle** his coughs during the movie not to disturb the other viewers.
- 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.
- 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.
- brain** n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling  
*synonym*: intellect, mind, encephalon  
(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage  
X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.
- 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.

## workout

*n.* a session of physical exercise or training

*synonym* : exercise, training, physical activity

(1) **workout** at the health club, (2) boxing **workout**

He does a different **workout** every day to keep things interesting.

## imagery

*n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

*synonym* : metaphors, symbolism, imaging

(1) visual **imagery**, (2) satellite **imagery**

This movie is famous for its romantic **imagery**.

## split

*v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

*synonym* : break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

## transform

*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

*synonym* : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

## graphic

*adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

*synonym* : illustrative, picturesque, visual

(1) **graphic** design, (2) a **graphic** description of an accident

The **graphic** novel was a masterpiece with stunning

illustrations that brought the story to life.

## 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.

## 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.

## humble

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

*synonym* : modest, unpretentious, abject

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

The nobler, the more **humble**.

## attempt

*n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

*synonym* : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

## weird

*adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

*synonym* : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

## bizarre

*adj.* very strange or unusual

*synonym* : abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior  
The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

## resonate

*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

*synonym*: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

## frequent

*adj.* happening constantly

*synonym*: periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

## hell

*n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

*synonym*: inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

## appeal

*n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

*synonym*: request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

## strategy

*n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

*synonym*: approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

## guidance

*n.* advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making

*synonym*: advice, direction, support

(1) vocational **guidance**, (2) **guidance** counselor

The mentor provided **guidance** to the young entrepreneur, helping her navigate the business world.

## ego

*n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

*synonym*: self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

## mutual

*adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties

*synonym*: shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

## beneficial

*adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

*synonym*: useful, advantageous, fruitful

(1) a **beneficial** result, (2) **beneficial** to all countries

Laughing is **beneficial** to our health.

## heresy

*n.* an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion

*synonym*: dissent, apostasy, unorthodoxy

(1) the suppression of **heresy**, (2) persecution for **heresy**

The doctrine was considered **heresy** by the mainstream church.

## suppose

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

*synonym*: guess, assume, presume

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

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

## 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.

## exception

*n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

*synonym*: anomaly, rarity, exemption

(1) make an **exception**, (2) without **exception**

She was the **exception** to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

## compelling

*adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

*synonym*: tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

## sustain

*v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

*synonym*: maintain, nurture, support

(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle

She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.

## mainstream

*n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

*synonym*: prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs

His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

## measurable

*adj.* able to be measured, quantified, or assessed in some way

*synonym* : quantifiable, assessable, calculable

(1) **measurable** data, (2) **measurable** achievement

The company sets **measurable** goals to track progress and ensure success.

## ethereal

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

*synonym* : airy, delicate, celestial

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

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

## doe

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

*synonym* : rabbit, bunny, hare

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

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

## invoke

*v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

*synonym* : evoke, summon, call forth

(1) **invoke** memories, (2) **invoke** the right to remain silent

The politician **invoked** the name of the founding fathers in his speech.

## curiosity

*n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something

*synonym* : interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

## diagram

*n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something

*synonym* : chart, figure, graph



(1) 3D **diagram**, (2) in a **diagram**

He is drawing a **diagram** illustrating how the equipment operates.

## imaginative

*adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

*synonym*: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

## 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.

## structure

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

*synonym*: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

## puzzle

*n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

*synonym*: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

## puzzling

*adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

*synonym*: baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

### 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.

### abstract

*adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

*synonym*: conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

### flip

*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

*synonym*: throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

### rotate

*v.* to turn around a central point or axis; to move in a circular path around something

*synonym*: turn, revolve, spin

(1) **rotate** crops, (2) **rotate** about the origin

The Earth **rotates** on its axis once every 24 hours.

### 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## background

*n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem  
*synonym*: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**  
The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand  
*synonym*: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**  
There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

## innate

*adj.* existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience  
*synonym*: natural, inherent, inborn

(1) **innate** ability, (2) **innate** quality  
The belief in **innate** human goodness is a common philosophical concept.

## ultimate

*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order  
*synonym*: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury  
Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the

accident.

## unexpected

*adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

*synonym* : surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events  
The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

## essentially

*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

*synonym* : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

**Essentially**, a society is an organism.

## cereal

*n.* a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals

*synonym* : grain, oatmeal, breakfast food

(1) **cereal** grain, (2) cold **cereal**

I always start my morning with a bowl of **cereal**.

## spill

*v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

*synonym* : slop, drop, scatter

(1) **spill** a bit of wine, (2) **spill** my heart

He was determined to **spill** everything.

## eventually

*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

*synonym* : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

## technique

*n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

*synonym* : approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to

construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

## 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.

## sketch

*n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

*synonym*: drawing, outline, blueprint

(1) a penciled **sketch**, (2) first design **sketches**

Yesterday, I created a rough **sketch** of the plan.

## freehand

*adj.* done or created without the use of aids, tools, or guidelines; drawn, sketched, or created by hand without the use of stencils or other mechanical methods

*synonym*: hand-drawn, sketchy

(1) **freehand** drawing, (2) **freehand** signature

She drew a **freehand** sketch of the landscape, accurately capturing the mountains and rivers.

## manipulate

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

*synonym*: control, exploit, abuse

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

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

## highbrow

*adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas

*synonym*: intellectual, cultured, refined

(1) **highbrow** conversation, (2) **highbrow** music

She only reads **highbrow** literature, such as classic novels

and philosophical essays.

## baroque

*adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama

*synonym* : ornate, elaborate, decorative

(1) **baroque** music, (2) **baroque** architecture

The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the **baroque** style.

## chapter

*n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

*synonym* : section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party

The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.

## honor

*n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;  
(verb) to show respect towards someone

*synonym* : integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

## refer

*v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

*synonym* : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

## macaroni

*n.* a type of pasta in the form of small tubes often served with a cheese sauce; a popular dish in the United States, particularly in the form of mac and cheese

*synonym* : pasta, noodles, spaghetti

(1) **macaroni** salad, (2) **macaroni** dish

The children delighted in doing **macaroni** art projects at

school.

- 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.
- tinfoil** *n.* metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food  
*synonym*: aluminum foil  
(1) **tinfoil** hat, (2) a sheet of **tinfoil**  
To make roast beef, you need to wrap it in **tinfoil** and roast the meat in the oven for several minutes.
- impetus** *n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change  
*synonym*: stimulus, momentum, drive  
(1) political **impetus**, (2) technological **impetus**  
Getting a raise at work was the **impetus** to start looking for a new place to live.
- inquire** *v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding  
*synonym*: ask, question, query  
(1) **inquire** at reception, (2) **inquire** into the matter  
I need to **inquire** about the details of the job interview.
- awe** *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired  
*synonym*: wonder, amazement, reverence  
(1) a feeling of **awe**, (2) in **awe** of the situation  
The **awe-inspiring** mountains dominate the landscape.
- explore** *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility

to learn more about it

*synonym* : analyze, delve into, examine

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

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

## **inquiry**

*n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

*synonym* : question, research, exploration

(1) **inquiry** about the product, (2) launch an **inquiry**

Our tech support responds to the first **inquiry** exceptionally promptly.

## **display**

*v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

*synonym* : show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

## **peacock**

*n.* a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family

(1) as proud as a **peacock**, (2) male **peacock**

The vibrant feathers of the **peacock** made it stand out in the garden.

## **grandeur**

*n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring

*synonym* : splendor, majesty, greatness

(1) natural **grandeur**, (2) lost in **grandeur**

The castle's **grandeur** was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.



- 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.
- interdependent** *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected  
*synonym*: interconnected, interrelated, mutual  
(1) **interdependent** systems, (2) develop **interdependent** skills  
In nature, all living things are **interdependent** and rely on each other for survival.
- seductive** *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief  
*synonym*: alluring, tempting, enticing  
(1) a **seductive** smile, (2) **seductive** behavior  
The actor's **seductive** gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.
- 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.
- woe** *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness  
*synonym*: anguish, despair, suffering  
(1) economic **woe**, (2) full of **woe**  
Recurrent financial **woes** hampered his subsequent career.
- literature** *n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual

## value

*synonym* : writing, prose, fiction

(1) popular **literature**, (2) review of the **literature**

The **literature** of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.

## mystification

*n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

*synonym* : puzzle, perplexity, confusion

(1) **mystification** of the public, (2) **mystification** of the subject

The magician's tricks were a source of **mystification** for the audience.

## wealth

*n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

*synonym* : affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

## enhance

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

*synonym* : improve, enrich, refine

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

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

## intellect

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym* : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## associate

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

*synonym* : tie in, link, consociate

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

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

## implication

*n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

*synonym* : suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word  
His poem has a very significant **implication**.

## 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.

## graphics

*n.* images, designs, or drawings used in websites, books, magazines, etc.

*synonym* : drawings, illustrations, pictures

(1) computer **graphics**, (2) **graphics** engine

My dream is to become a great **graphics** designer like her.

## detract

*v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance

*synonym* : take away, draw away, diminish

(1) **detract** from quality of life, (2) **detract** from his fame

His terrible manners **detract** from his good character.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## perception

*n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to

see, hear, or notice something through the senses

*synonym* : understanding, idea, awareness

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

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

## intermission

*n.* a break or pause in performance, play, or event

*synonym* : break, pause, hiatus

(1) short **intermission**, (2) without **intermission**

During **intermission**, the audience could stretch their legs and grab a drink.

## valentine

*n.* a person who is loved or dearly admired; a card or message, typically anonymous, sent on Valentine's Day (February 14th) to a person one loves or is attracted to; (uppercase "Valentine") a priest in Rome who was martyred around AD 269

*synonym* : lover, sweetheart, beloved

(1) **valentine** gift, (2) **valentine's** bouquet

She wrote a heartfelt message in the **valentine** card for her best friend.

## unique

*adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

*synonym* : one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

## 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**.

## devise

*v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

*synonym* : create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

### piecemeal

*adv.* gradually or in small increments, usually referring to a process or action that is done in stages or bit by bit;  
(adjective) consisting of many small parts or pieces;  
done gradually or bit by bit

*synonym* : gradually, incrementally, (adjective) bit by bit

(1) **piecemeal** approach, (2) **piecemeal** changes

The building was constructed **piecemeal** over several years.

### 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.

### mysterious

*adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

*synonym* : enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

### fragment

*n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached

*synonym* : piece, shard, segment

(1) **fragment** of a text, (2) a broken **fragment**

The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny **fragments** of pottery found at the dig site.

### universal

*adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

*synonym* : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

### specific

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

*synonym* : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations  
The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

## assure

*v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true

*synonym*: ensure, guarantee, promise

(1) **assure** safety, (2) **assure** quality

I want to **assure** you that you have my full support.

## quirk

*n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

*synonym*: eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity

(1) personality **quirk**, (2) a **quirk** of fate

One of her **quirks** is that she always wears mismatched socks.

## conscious

*adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

*synonym*: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

## intense

*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

*synonym*: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

## endear

*v.* to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something

*synonym*: fondle, cherish, love

(1) **endear** a character to young readers, (2) **endear** to everyone

The baby's smile **endeared** her to everyone who saw her.

## passee

*adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

*synonym* : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

## chase

*v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

*synonym* : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

## catching

*adj.* attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling

*synonym* : contagious, alluring, captivating

(1) **catching** fire, (2) **catching** disease

The **catching** scent of freshly baked bread made my mouth water.

## scratch

*v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

*synonym* : claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

## flit

*v.* to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect

*synonym* : flutter, dart, skim

(1) **flit** away into the darkness, (2) **flit** from place to place

The butterfly would **flit** from flower to flower, collecting nectar.

## dart

*n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly

*synonym*: arrow, (verb) dash

(1) blow **dart**, (2) **dart** here and there

A poison **dart** hit him.

## disconcert

*v.* to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain

*synonym*: unsettle, perturb, discomfit

(1) **disconcert** his plans, (2) **disconcert** the enthusiast

His sudden departure **disconcerted** the team.

## elusive

*adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

*synonym*: mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

## examine

*v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

*synonym*: study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

## delight

*n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

*synonym*: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

## reward

*n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

*synonym*: compensation, gratuity, bonus



(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards  
Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

## preservation

*n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

*synonym*: conserving, protection, conservancy

(1) wildlife **preservation**, (2) the **preservation** of food

The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable **preservation**.

## release

*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

*synonym*: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

## embarrass

*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

*synonym*: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

## blush

*v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

*synonym*: flush, redden, glow

(1) **blush** bright red, (2) **blush** for my mistake

She **blushed** when the boy complimented her.

## self-doubt

*n.* lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself

*synonym*: insecurity, uncertainty, diffident

(1) overcome **self-doubt**, (2) spiral of **self-doubt**

I was filled with **self-doubt**.

## crush

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

*synonym*: destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt  
The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

## inspiring

*adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something  
*synonym*: exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe- **inspiring** sight  
An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

## brilliant

*adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive  
*synonym*: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance  
The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

## laser

*n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification  
*synonym*: beam, bar, ray

(1) **laser** printer, (2) pulse **laser**  
The company holds patents on core components of **laser** jet printers.

## solicit

*v.* to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty  
*synonym*: request, seek, ask

(1) **solicit** advice, (2) **solicit** patronage  
The company **solicited** donations from its employees for the charity event.

## thrill

*n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion  
*synonym*: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**  
Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

## commerce

*n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

*synonym*: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

## struggle

*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

*synonym*: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

## sway

*v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

*synonym*: swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

## 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.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## unbelievable

*adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising  
*synonym* : unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage  
He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

## big-picture

*adj.* relating to or considering the overall perspective or larger context of a situation or issue; (noun) the overall or general significance or importance of something

*synonym* : holistic, comprehensive, panoramic

(1) **big-picture** thinking, (2) **big-picture** strategy  
Climate change is a complex issue that requires a **big-picture** perspective to understand fully.

## contribute

*v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

*synonym* : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,  
(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

## landfill

*n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials

*synonym* : dump, trash-yard, waste-yard

(1) disposal in a **landfill**, (2) **landfill** sites

This country faces problems in finding enough suitable **landfill** sites.

## aesthetic

*adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

*synonym* : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

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

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

## inspire

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

*synonym* : boost, encourage, enlighten

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

novel

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

## conversation

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

*synonym*: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

## mass

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

*synonym*: abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

## intriguing

*adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

*synonym*: fascinating, captivating, arresting

(1) **intriguing** concept, (2) **intriguing** character

The novel's plot was **intriguing** and kept readers in their seats.

## seed

*n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant

*synonym*: germ, kernel, ovule

(1) a **seed** coat, (2) **seed** money

He planted the **seed** in the soil and waited for it to sprout.

## imaginary

*adj.* existing only in someone's mind

*synonym*: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

## populace

*n.* the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large

*synonym* : public, citizens, community

(1) **populace** distribution, (2) urban **populace**

The politician's speech resonated with the poor **populace** who felt neglected by the authorities.

## 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.

## pollinate

*v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others

*synonym* : fertilize, propagate

(1) **pollinate** plants, (2) **pollinate** fruit trees

Without bees to **pollinate** the flowers, many crops would not exist.

## playwright

*n.* a person who writes plays

*synonym* : dramatist, scribe, librettist

(1) acclaimed **playwright**, (2) a **playwright** attached to the theatre

The **playwright's** work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

## novel

*n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

*synonym* : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

## philanthropy

*n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

*synonym*: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

## babysitter

*n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

*synonym*: childcare provider, nanny, nurse

(1) need a trustworthy **babysitter**, (2) experienced **babysitter**

Our regular **babysitter** was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.

## quantify

*v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms

*synonym*: measure, express, determine

(1) **quantify** the results, (2) **quantify** blood flow

He tried to **quantify** the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

## undervalue

*v.* to assign too low a value to something

*synonym*: underrate, underestimate, devalue

(1) **undervalue** his contribution, (2) **undervalue** the potential

He **undervalued** the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.

## operate

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

*synonym*: work, use, employ

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

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

## discipline

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

*synonym* : training, restraint, field

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

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

## gear

*n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

*synonym* : equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever

She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

## 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**.

## sphere

*n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

*synonym* : ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

## opposed

*adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

*synonym* : anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.



## isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

*synonym*: separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. co\_\_\_\_\_us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
2. hu\_\_\_e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
3. en\_\_\_\_\_e the flavor of the vanilla *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
4. la\_\_r printer *n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
5. ex\_\_\_\_\_e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
6. absolutely op\_\_\_\_\_d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
7. ex\_\_\_\_\_e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
8. a tremor of de\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
9. et\_\_\_\_\_al light *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
10. pu\_\_\_\_\_ng questions *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
11. deeply re\_\_\_\_\_te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

ANSWERS: 1. conscious, 2. humble, 3. enhance, 4. laser, 5. extreme, 6. opposed, 7. explore, 8. delight, 9. ethereal, 10. puzzling, 11. resonate

12. a hu\_\_\_e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
13. re\_\_\_e a charm *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
14. pu\_\_\_e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
15. re\_\_r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
16. sp\_\_l a bit of wine *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
17. ex\_\_\_\_\_e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
18. satellite im\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
19. economic w\_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
20. f\_\_t from place to place *v.* to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect

ANSWERS: 12. humble, 13. recite, 14. pursue, 15. refer, 16. spill, 17. explore, 18. imagery, 19. woe, 20. flit

21. mys\_\_\_\_\_us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
22. su\_\_\_\_\_n a good relationship with him *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
23. mu\_\_\_\_\_e the sound *v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something
24. technological im\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change
25. a gr\_\_\_\_\_c description of an accident *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
26. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
27. national e\_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
28. su\_\_\_\_\_e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
29. develop a st\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
30. mys\_\_\_\_\_ion of the subject *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

ANSWERS: 21. mysterious, 22. sustain, 23. muffle, 24. impetus, 25. graphic, 26. transform, 27. ego, 28. suppose, 29. strategy, 30. mystification

31. a ben\_\_\_\_\_al result *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
32. f\_\_p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
33. de\_\_\_\_\_t from quality of life *v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance
34. br\_\_\_\_\_nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
35. new and com\_\_\_\_\_ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
36. po\_\_\_\_\_te fruit trees *v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
37. pi\_\_\_\_\_al changes *adv.* gradually or in small increments, usually referring to a process or action that is done in stages or bit by bit; (adjective) consisting of many small parts or pieces; done gradually or bit by bit
38. fr\_\_\_\_\_nt use *adj.* happening constantly
39. dis\_\_\_\_\_rt his plans *v.* to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain
40. d\_\_t here and there *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly

ANSWERS: 31. beneficial, 32. flip, 33. detract, 34. brilliant, 35. compelling, 36. pollinate, 37. piecemeal, 38. frequent, 39. disconcert, 40. dart

41. br\_\_\_\_\_nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
42. a n\_\_b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
43. freedom of re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
44. s\_\_y back and forth *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
45. phi\_\_\_\_\_opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
46. co\_\_\_\_\_e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
47. h\_\_l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
48. un\_\_\_e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
49. a g\_\_r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
50. as\_\_\_e quality *v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true

ANSWERS: 41. brilliant, 42. numb, 43. religion, 44. sway, 45. philanthropy, 46. combine, 47. hell, 48. unique, 49. gear, 50. assure

51. cause unb\_\_\_\_\_ble damage      *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
52. bl\_\_h bright red      *v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
53. sports g\_\_r      *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
54. fr\_\_\_\_\_nt of a text      *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
55. in\_\_\_\_\_e a lot of paperwork      *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
56. lost in gr\_\_\_\_\_ur      *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
57. per\_\_\_\_\_on of a stimulus      *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
58. in a di\_\_\_\_\_m      *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
59. gr\_\_\_\_\_cs engine      *n.* images, designs, or drawings used in websites, books, magazines, etc.
60. a feeling of a\_e      *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired

ANSWERS: 51. unbelievable, 52. blush, 53. gear, 54. fragment, 55. involve, 56. grandeur, 57. perception, 58. diagram, 59. graphics, 60. awe

61. satisfy my intellectual cu\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
62. interstate co\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
63. the story is bi\_\_\_\_\_e      *adj.* very strange or unusual
64. make an ex\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
65. gu\_\_\_\_\_ce counselor      *n.* advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
66. ess\_\_\_\_\_ly correct      *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
67. int\_\_\_\_\_ng concept      *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
68. su\_\_\_\_\_e beforehand      *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
69. vocational gu\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
70. vulnerable to man\_\_\_\_\_te      *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
71. as\_\_\_e safety      *v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true

ANSWERS: 61. curiosity, 62. commerce, 63. bizarre, 64. exception, 65. guidance, 66. essentially, 67. intriguing, 68. suppose, 69. guidance, 70. manipulate, 71. assure



72. an une\_\_\_\_\_ed visitor      *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
73. hi\_\_\_\_\_ow music      *adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas
74. ex\_\_\_\_\_e the issue      *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
75. personality qu\_\_k      *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
76. in\_\_\_e ability      *adj.* existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience
77. wild goose ch\_\_e      *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
78. above p\_r performance      *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
79. have a fa\_\_\_y clear view      *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
80. ar\_\_\_\_\_k conservation      *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.

ANSWERS: 72. unexpected, 73. highbrow, 74. examine, 75. quirk, 76. innate, 77. chase, 78. par, 79. fairly, 80. artwork

81. in\_\_\_e the right to remain silent      *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
82. sp\_\_t a reward equally      *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
83. re\_\_\_\_e a prisoner      *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
84. source of ins\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
85. without int\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* a break or pause in performance, play, or event
86. go to the workplace by cy\_\_e      *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
87. womanly ho\_\_r      *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
88. the suppression of he\_\_\_y      *n.* an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion
89. an ab\_\_\_\_\_ct noun      *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

ANSWERS: 81. invoke, 82. split, 83. release, 84. inspiration, 85. intermission, 86. cycle, 87. honor, 88. heresy, 89. abstract

90. buck and d\_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
91. a penciled sk\_\_\_h *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
92. mathematical pu\_\_\_e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
93. et\_\_\_\_al beauty *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
94. bi\_\_\_\_e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
95. p\_\_m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
96. ro\_\_\_e crops *v.* to turn around a central point or axis; to move in a circular path around something
97. first design sk\_\_\_hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
98. is\_\_\_\_e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

ANSWERS: 90. doe, 91. sketch, 92. puzzle, 93. ethereal, 94. bizarre, 95. poem, 96. rotate, 97. sketch, 98. isolate

99. review of the lit\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
100. some une\_\_\_\_\_ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
101. ho\_\_r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
102. the th\_\_\_l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
103. basic br\_\_n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
104. se\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
105. sp\_\_\_\_\_ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
106. the te\_\_\_\_\_ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
107. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 99. literature, 100. unexpected, 101. honor, 102. thrill, 103. brain, 104. seductive, 105. specific, 106. technique, 107. eventually

108. a bac\_\_\_\_\_nd color      *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
109. sur\_\_\_\_\_ng areas      *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
110. mys\_\_\_\_\_us stranger      *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
111. the imp\_\_\_\_\_on of a word      *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
112. new con\_\_\_\_\_al framework      *adj.* related to or founded on ideas, principles
113. co\_\_\_\_\_e augmented reality      *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
114. co\_\_\_\_r honor      *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
115. di\_\_\_\_\_y artwork      *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
116. in\_\_\_\_e memories      *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
117. political im\_\_\_\_\_s      *n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change

ANSWERS: 108. background, 109. surrounding, 110. mysterious, 111. implication, 112. conceptual, 113. combine, 114. confer, 115. display, 116. invoke, 117. impetus

118. cr\_\_h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
119. und\_\_\_\_\_ue the potential *v.* to assign too low a value to something
120. blow d\_\_t *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
121. a reckless at\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
122. majority of his we\_\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
123. d\_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
124. in\_\_\_\_\_e into the matter *v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding
125. the local chamber of co\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
126. fr\_\_\_\_\_nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
127. en\_\_\_\_r to everyone *v.* to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something
128. male pe\_\_\_\_\_k *n.* a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family

ANSWERS: 118. crush, 119. undervalue, 120. dart, 121. attempt, 122. wealth, 123. doe, 124. inquire, 125. commerce, 126. frequent, 127. endear, 128. peacock

129. keen per\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
130. con\_\_\_\_\_al art *adj.* related to or founded on ideas, principles
131. critical m\_\_s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
132. incredible th\_\_\_l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
133. develop int\_\_\_\_\_ent skills *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
134. pi\_\_\_\_\_al approach *adv.* gradually or in small increments, usually referring to a process or action that is done in stages or bit by bit; (adjective) consisting of many small parts or pieces; done gradually or bit by bit
135. sp\_\_l my heart *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
136. m\_\_k body odor *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
137. mys\_\_\_\_\_ion of the public *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

ANSWERS: 129. perception, 130. conceptual, 131. mass, 132. thrill, 133. interdependent, 134. piecemeal, 135. spill, 136. mask, 137. mystification

138. cold ce\_\_\_l *n.* a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals
139. sp\_\_t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
140. cr\_\_h coffee beans *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
141. is\_\_\_\_\_e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
142. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
143. ben\_\_\_\_\_al to all countries *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
144. sp\_\_\_e of influence *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
145. an oxygen m\_\_k *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
146. a te\_\_\_\_\_ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
147. a broken fr\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
148. shopping re\_\_\_ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

ANSWERS: 138. cereal, 139. split, 140. crush, 141. isolate, 142. opportune, 143. beneficial, 144. sphere, 145. mask, 146. technique, 147. fragment, 148. reward



149. without ex\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
150. bl\_\_h for my mistake *v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
151. ma\_\_\_\_\_ni dish *n.* a type of pasta in the form of small tubes often served with a cheese sauce; a popular dish in the United States, particularly in the form of mac and cheese
152. so\_\_\_\_\_t advice *v.* to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
153. as\_\_\_\_\_te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
154. und\_\_\_\_\_ue his contribution *v.* to assign too low a value to something
155. re\_\_r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
156. a s\_\_d coat *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
157. a fence sur\_\_\_\_\_ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
158. for spe\_\_\_\_\_lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

ANSWERS: 149. exception, 150. blush, 151. macaroni, 152. solicit, 153. associate, 154. undervalue, 155. refer, 156. seed, 157. surrounding, 158. specifically

159. material we\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
160. crossword pu\_\_\_e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
161. vi\_\_\_l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
162. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
163. consult a de\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth
164. r\_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
165. po\_\_\_\_ce distribution *n.* the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large
166. launch an in\_\_\_\_y *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
167. an el\_\_\_\_e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
168. in\_\_\_\_y about the product *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

ANSWERS: 159. wealth, 160. puzzle, 161. visual, 162. numb, 163. dentist, 164. rub, 165. populace, 166. inquiry, 167. elusive, 168. inquiry

169. s\_\_d money *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
170. private phi\_\_\_\_\_opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
171. run like h\_\_l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
172. a narrative p\_\_m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
173. co\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
174. st\_\_\_\_\_re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
175. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
176. so\_\_\_\_\_t patronage *v.* to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
177. f\_\_t away into the darkness *v.* to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect

ANSWERS: 169. seed, 170. philanthropy, 171. hell, 172. poem, 173. confer, 174. structure, 175. eventually, 176. solicit, 177. flit

178. ob\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
179. int\_\_\_\_\_ent systems *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
180. e\_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
181. wor\_\_\_\_\_le investment *adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration
182. sc\_\_\_\_\_h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
183. overcome sel\_\_\_\_\_bt *n.* lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself
184. r\_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
185. two op\_\_\_\_\_d characters *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
186. 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
187. the ul\_\_\_\_\_te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
188. big\_\_\_\_\_re thinking *adj.* relating to or considering the overall perspective or larger context of a situation or issue; (noun) the overall or general significance or importance of something

ANSWERS: 178. obvious, 179. interdependent, 180. ego, 181. worthwhile, 182. scratch, 183. self-doubt, 184. rub, 185. opposed, 186. presentation, 187. ultimate, 188. big-picture

189. ba\_\_\_\_e architecture *adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
190. mu\_\_\_\_e my cries *v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something
191. orn\_\_\_\_al design *adj.* describing something that is intended to be decorative or add beauty; serving as a decoration or adornment
192. ab\_\_\_\_ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
193. a un\_\_\_\_e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
194. a qu\_\_k of fate *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
195. re\_\_\_\_on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
196. experienced bab\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
197. ae\_\_\_\_ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

ANSWERS: 189. baroque, 190. muffle, 191. ornamental, 192. abstract, 193. unique, 194. quirk, 195. religion, 196. babysitter, 197. aesthetic

198. fa\_\_\_y accurate *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
199. the at\_\_\_\_\_t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
200. boundless cu\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
201. issue a w\_\_t *n.* a written legal order or command
202. mai\_\_\_\_\_am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
203. track down an el\_\_\_\_\_e fact *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
204. the re\_\_\_d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
205. qu\_\_\_\_\_fy blood flow *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
206. gr\_\_\_\_\_c design *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
207. wo\_\_\_\_\_t at the health club *n.* a session of physical exercise or training
208. re\_\_\_\_\_te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
209. di\_\_\_\_\_y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
210. permanent br\_\_n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 198. fairly, 199. attempt, 200. curiosity, 201. writ, 202. mainstream, 203. elusive, 204. reward, 205. quantify, 206. graphic, 207. workout, 208. resonate, 209. display, 210. brain

211. the imp\_\_\_\_\_on in a crime *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
212. su\_\_\_\_\_n a wellness lifestyle *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
213. ca\_\_\_\_\_ng disease *adj.* attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling
214. a criminal bac\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
215. a de\_\_\_\_\_t's office *n.* a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth
216. boxing wo\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a session of physical exercise or training
217. pa\_\_e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
218. ch\_\_e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
219. unb\_\_\_\_\_ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

ANSWERS: 211. implication, 212. sustain, 213. catching, 214. background, 215. dentist, 216. workout, 217. passe, 218. chase, 219. unbelievable

220. a m\_\_s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
221. the cy\_\_e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
222. fr\_\_\_\_nd signature *adj.* done or created without the use of aids, tools, or guidelines; drawn, sketched, or created by hand without the use of stencils or other mechanical methods
223. ch\_\_\_\_r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
224. st\_\_\_\_le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
225. de\_\_\_\_t from his fame *v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance
226. ex\_\_\_\_e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
227. a sheet of ti\_\_\_\_l *n.* metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food
228. in\_\_\_\_e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
229. in\_\_\_\_e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
230. tell a com\_\_\_\_ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

ANSWERS: 220. mass, 221. cycle, 222. freehand, 223. chapter, 224. struggle, 225. detract, 226. extreme, 227. tinfoil, 228. intense, 229. inspire, 230. compelling



231. im\_\_\_\_\_ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
232. f\_\_p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
233. full of w\_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
234. in\_\_\_e quality *adj.* existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience
235. fr\_\_\_\_\_nd drawing *adj.* done or created without the use of aids, tools, or guidelines; drawn, sketched, or created by hand without the use of stencils or other mechanical methods
236. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
237. en\_\_\_r a character to young readers *v.* to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something
238. mu\_\_\_l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
239. en\_\_\_\_\_e value *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
240. co\_\_\_\_\_us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
241. a se\_\_\_\_\_ve smile *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

ANSWERS: 231. imaginary, 232. flip, 233. woe, 234. innate, 235. freehand, 236. obvious, 237. endear, 238. mutual, 239. enhance, 240. conscious, 241. seductive

242. va\_\_\_\_\_ne's bouquet *n.* a person who is loved or dearly admired; a card or message, typically anonymous, sent on Valentine's Day (February 14th) to a person one loves or is attracted to; (uppercase "Valentine") a priest in Rome who was martyred around AD 269
243. historical no\_\_l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
244. va\_\_\_\_\_ne gift *n.* a person who is loved or dearly admired; a card or message, typically anonymous, sent on Valentine's Day (February 14th) to a person one loves or is attracted to; (uppercase "Valentine") a priest in Rome who was martyred around AD 269
245. st\_\_\_\_\_le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
246. get ins\_\_\_\_\_on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
247. ex\_\_\_\_\_e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
248. con\_\_\_\_\_te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 242. valentine, 243. novel, 244. valentine, 245. struggle, 246. inspiration, 247. examine, 248. contribute

249. not up to p\_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
250. the state of being we\_\_d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
251. pu\_\_\_\_\_ng behavior *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
252. qu\_\_\_\_\_fy the results *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
253. pulse la\_\_r *n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
254. computer gr\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* images, designs, or drawings used in websites, books, magazines, etc.
255. ba\_\_\_\_\_e music *adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
256. in\_\_\_\_\_e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
257. short int\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a break or pause in performance, play, or event
258. become ess\_\_\_\_\_ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
259. con\_\_\_\_\_ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 249. par, 250. weird, 251. puzzling, 252. quantify, 253. laser, 254. graphics, 255. baroque, 256. involve, 257. intermission, 258. essentially, 259. conversation

260. popular lit\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
261. int\_\_\_\_\_ng character *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
262. military st\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
263. as proud as a pe\_\_\_\_\_k *n.* a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family
264. mea\_\_\_\_\_le data *adj.* able to be measured, quantified, or assessed in some way
265. de\_\_\_e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
266. field of vi\_\_\_l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
267. in\_\_\_\_\_ng stories *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
268. a pla\_\_\_\_\_ht attached to the theatre *n.* a person who writes plays
269. an ap\_\_\_l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
270. disposal in a la\_\_\_\_\_ll *n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials
271. be\_\_\_\_\_d by many people *adj.* loved very much

ANSWERS: 260. literature, 261. intriguing, 262. strategy, 263. peacock, 264. measurable, 265. devise, 266. visual, 267. inspiring, 268. playwright, 269. appeal, 270. landfill, 271. beloved

272. con\_\_\_\_\_te to society      *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
273. manually op\_\_\_\_\_e a machine      *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
274. draw out your ap\_\_\_\_l      *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
275. sc\_\_\_\_\_h my signature      *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
276. as\_\_\_\_\_te alcohol with gambling      *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
277. ancient ar\_\_\_\_\_k      *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
278. the st\_\_\_\_\_re of a machine      *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
279. ro\_\_\_\_e about the origin      *v.* to turn around a central point or axis; to move in a circular path around something
280. ima\_\_\_\_\_ve as a child      *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
281. share of a mu\_\_\_\_l fund      *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties

ANSWERS: 272. contribute, 273. operate, 274. appeal, 275. scratch, 276. associate, 277. artwork, 278. structure, 279. rotate, 280. imaginative, 281. mutual

282. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
283. man\_\_\_\_\_te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
284. capable of ima\_\_\_\_\_ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
285. a we\_\_d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
286. hi\_\_\_\_\_ow conversation *adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas
287. im\_\_\_\_\_ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
288. pa\_\_e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
289. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
290. in\_\_\_\_\_e at reception *v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding
291. ma\_\_\_\_\_ni salad *n.* a type of pasta in the form of small tubes often served with a cheese sauce; a popular dish in the United States, particularly in the form of mac and cheese

ANSWERS: 282. intellect, 283. manipulate, 284. imaginative, 285. weird, 286. highbrow, 287. imaginary, 288. passe, 289. opportune, 290. inquire, 291. macaroni

292. 3D di\_\_\_\_m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
293. typ\_\_\_\_\_hy skills *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
294. break dis\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
295. need a trustworthy bab\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
296. with de\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
297. ce\_\_\_l grain *n.* a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals
298. business sp\_\_\_\_e *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
299. em\_\_\_\_\_ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 292. diagram, 293. typography, 294. discipline, 295. babysitter, 296. delight, 297. cereal, 298. sphere, 299. embarrass

300. ca\_\_\_\_\_ng fire *adj.* attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling
301. mea\_\_\_\_\_le achievement *adj.* able to be measured, quantified, or assessed in some way
302. op\_\_\_\_\_e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
303. typ\_\_\_\_\_hy layout *n.* the art or process of printing with type; the design, layout, and arrangement of printed material, including text and images
304. po\_\_\_\_\_te plants *v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
305. orn\_\_\_\_\_al ironwork *adj.* describing something that is intended to be decorative or add beauty; serving as a decoration or adornment
306. la\_\_\_\_\_ll sites *n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials
307. big\_\_\_\_\_re strategy *adj.* relating to or considering the overall perspective or larger context of a situation or issue; (noun) the overall or general significance or importance of something
308. em\_\_\_\_\_ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
309. develop in\_\_\_\_\_e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 300. catching, 301. measurable, 302. operate, 303. typography, 304. pollinate, 305. ornamental, 306. landfill, 307. big-picture, 308. embarrass, 309. intense



310. no\_\_l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
311. re\_\_\_\_e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
312. urban po\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large
313. natural gr\_\_\_\_ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
314. in\_\_\_\_e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
315. 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
316. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
317. persecution for he\_\_\_\_y *n.* an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion
318. re\_\_\_e a long list of the article *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
319. visual im\_\_\_\_y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

ANSWERS: 310. novel, 311. release, 312. populace, 313. grandeur, 314. inspire, 315. presentation, 316. writ, 317. heresy, 318. recite, 319. imagery

320. 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
321. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
322. an introductory ch\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
323. wildlife pre\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
324. industry-sp\_\_\_\_\_ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
325. acclaimed pla\_\_\_\_\_ht *n.* a person who writes plays
326. dis\_\_\_\_\_rt the enthusiast *v.* to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain
327. the ul\_\_\_\_\_te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
328. un\_\_\_\_\_al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
329. be\_\_\_\_\_d author *adj.* loved very much
330. the pre\_\_\_\_\_ion of food *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
331. rigid dis\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

ANSWERS: 320. pursue, 321. intellect, 322. chapter, 323. preservation, 324. specific, 325. playwright, 326. disconcert, 327. ultimate, 328. universal, 329. beloved, 330. preservation, 331. discipline

332. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm heat into power      *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
333. spiral of sel\_\_\_\_\_bt      *n.* lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself
334. wor\_\_\_\_\_le endeavor      *adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration
335. a friendly con\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
336. ae\_\_\_\_\_ic value      *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
337. designed spe\_\_\_\_\_lly for men      *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
338. join the mai\_\_\_\_\_am      *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
339. de\_\_\_e a plan      *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
340. in a\_e of the situation      *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
341. s\_\_y to the rhythm      *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

ANSWERS: 332. transform, 333. self-doubt, 334. worthwhile, 335. conversation, 336. aesthetic, 337. specifically, 338. mainstream, 339. devise, 340. awe, 341. sway

342. awe-in\_\_\_\_\_ng sight

*adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

343. ti\_\_\_\_\_l hat

*n.* metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food

344. principles of un\_\_\_\_\_al design

*adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

ANSWERS: 342. inspiring, 343. tinfoil, 344. universal

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.  
*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
2. Laughing is \_\_\_\_\_ to our health.  
*adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
3. This movie is famous for its romantic \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
4. He drinks an \_\_\_\_\_ amount of beer.  
*adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.  
*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
6. She drew a \_\_\_\_\_ sketch of the landscape, accurately capturing the mountains and rivers.  
*adj.* done or created without the use of aids, tools, or guidelines; drawn, sketched, or created by hand without the use of stencils or other mechanical methods
7. Hunters use a whistle that makes the \_\_\_\_ sound to lure stags.  
*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 1. confer, 2. beneficial, 3. imagery, 4. unbelievable, 5. flipped, 6. freehand, 7. doe

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.  
*n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
9. The company sets \_\_\_\_\_ goals to track progress and ensure success.  
*adj.* able to be measured, quantified, or assessed in some way
10. She is a hard worker but not very \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
11. The car was completely \_\_\_\_\_ in the accident.  
*v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
12. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.  
*v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
13. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ them from the community.  
*v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
14. I always start my morning with a bowl of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals
15. The mentor provided \_\_\_\_\_ to the young entrepreneur, helping her navigate the business world.  
*n.* advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making

ANSWERS: 8. mass, 9. measurable, 10. imaginative, 11. crushed, 12. quantify, 13. isolate, 14. cereal, 15. guidance

16. She was constantly trying to boost her \_\_\_\_ by talking about her accomplishments.
- n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
17. The vibrant feathers of the \_\_\_\_\_ made it stand out in the garden.
- n.* a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family
18. The police officer \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
- v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
20. My left arm became \_\_\_\_.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
21. Yesterday, I created a rough \_\_\_\_\_ of the plan.
- n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
22. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ about the details of the job interview.
- v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding

ANSWERS: 16. ego, 17. peacock, 18. chased, 19. wealth, 20. numb, 21. sketch, 22. inquire

23. I am here to save my \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* loved very much

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ scent of freshly baked bread made my mouth water.

*adj.* attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling

25. The scientist conducted a study that provided \_\_\_\_\_ details about the species' behavior.

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

26. My dream is to become a great \_\_\_\_\_ designer like her.

*n.* images, designs, or drawings used in websites, books, magazines, etc.

27. The castle's \_\_\_\_\_ was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.

*n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring

28. Solar gravity creates \_\_\_\_\_ pressures and temperatures.

*adj.* very great in amount or degree

29. She was the \_\_\_\_\_ to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

*n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

30. Our regular \_\_\_\_\_ was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.

*n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

ANSWERS: 23. beloved, 24. catching, 25. specific, 26. graphics, 27. grandeur, 28. extreme, 29. exception, 30. babysitter



31. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.
- n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
32. Companies often \_\_\_\_\_ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
- v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
33. The new strategy will \_\_\_\_\_ the profitability of our company.
- v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
34. \_\_\_\_\_ a society is an organism.
- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
35. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your mosquito bites.
- v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
36. We are motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ rather than necessity.
- n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
38. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 31. literature, 32. split, 33. enhance, 34. Essentially, 35. scratch, 36. curiosity, 37. novel, 38. struggle

39. The \_\_\_\_\_ novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.  
*adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
40. He was determined to \_\_\_\_\_ everything.  
*v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
41. The magician's tricks were a source of \_\_\_\_\_ for the audience.  
*n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
42. I am going to the family \_\_\_\_\_ to get my teeth cleaned.  
*n.* a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth
43. My \_\_\_\_\_ standards are quite different from hers.  
*adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
44. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.  
*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
45. Our tech support responds to the first \_\_\_\_\_ exceptionally promptly.  
*n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
46. Initially, we must \_\_\_\_\_ all project-related expenses.  
*v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

ANSWERS: 39. graphic, 40. spill, 41. mystification, 42. dentist, 43. aesthetic, 44. obvious, 45. inquiry, 46. examine

47. His thinking is \_\_\_\_\_ in the country's culture.

- n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

48. His heartaches are less \_\_\_\_\_ now.

- adj.* happening constantly

49. She struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ the children's reading habits.

- v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

50. The \_\_\_\_\_ music created a dreamlike atmosphere in the concert hall.

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

51. I claim on my \_\_\_\_\_ that it is true.

- n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

52. In nature, all living things are \_\_\_\_\_ and rely on each other for survival.

- adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

53. The third \_\_\_\_\_ was far more successful.

- n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

54. The politician \_\_\_\_\_ the name of the founding fathers in his speech.

- v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

ANSWERS: 47. mainstream, 48. frequent, 49. sustain, 50. ethereal, 51. honor, 52. interdependent, 53. attempt, 54. invoked

55. Please \_\_\_\_\_ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

56. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

- v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

57. 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

58. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

59. His poem has a very significant \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

60. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

61. The \_\_\_\_\_ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

- adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

62. My father's death \_\_\_\_\_ my life completely.

- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 55. refer, 56. display, 57. inspiration, 58. philanthropy, 59. implication, 60. intellect, 61. unexpected, 62. transformed

63. She wrote a heartfelt message in the \_\_\_\_\_ card for her best friend.
- n.* a person who is loved or dearly admired; a card or message, typically anonymous, sent on Valentine's Day (February 14th) to a person one loves or is attracted to; (uppercase "Valentine") a priest in Rome who was martyred around AD 269
64. 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
65. The more \_\_\_\_\_ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.
- adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
66. He quickly learned the military \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
67. 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.
68. Government workers cannot \_\_\_\_\_ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
69. He planted the \_\_\_\_\_ in the soil and waited for it to sprout.
- n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant

ANSWERS: 63. valentine, 64. presentation, 65. brilliant, 66. discipline, 67. artwork, 68. contribute, 69. seed

70. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered \_\_\_\_\_ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

*adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

71. The organizational \_\_\_\_\_ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

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

72. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

73. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

74. This ad campaign is aimed \_\_\_\_\_ at young women.

*adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

75. The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

76. 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

77. The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the \_\_\_\_\_ style.

*adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama

ANSWERS: 70. passe, 71. structure, 72. opportune, 73. strategy, 74. specifically, 75. preservation, 76. ornamental, 77. baroque

78. During \_\_\_\_\_ the audience could stretch their legs and grab a drink.  
*n.* a break or pause in performance, play, or event
79. His terrible manners \_\_\_\_\_ from his good character.  
*v.* to diminish the value or worth of a quality or performance
80. Night fishing has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
81. He \_\_\_\_\_ the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.  
*v.* to assign too low a value to something
82. The politician tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the corruption.  
*v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
83. He is a man admired for the depth of his \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
84. The food chain causes a material \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
85. This jigsaw \_\_\_\_\_ is challenging because there are no pictures.  
*n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 78. intermission, 79. detract, 80. rewards, 81. undervalued, 82. mask, 83. perception, 84. cycle, 85. puzzle

86. Jockey's superior \_\_\_\_\_ brought him victory.  
*n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
87. 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
88. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
89. Getting a raise at work was the \_\_\_\_\_ to start looking for a new place to live.  
*n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change
90. Their \_\_\_\_\_ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.  
*n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
91. The baby's smile \_\_\_\_\_ her to everyone who saw her.  
*v.* to make someone loved or appreciated or to cause someone to feel fondness or affection for someone or something
92. They had to \_\_\_\_\_ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.  
*v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
93. A great \_\_\_\_\_ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.  
*n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

ANSWERS: 86. technique, 87. typography, 88. brain, 89. impetus, 90. religion, 91. endeared, 92. devise, 93. poem



94. Please tell me how to \_\_\_\_\_ this computer.

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

95. I'm strongly \_\_\_\_\_ to that plan.

- adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

96. This country faces problems in finding enough suitable \_\_\_\_\_ sites.

- n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials

97. The picture earned near-\_\_\_\_\_ acclaim from critics.

- adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

98. Little children tend to have \_\_\_\_\_ friends.

- adj.* existing only in someone's mind

99. The butterfly would \_\_\_\_\_ from flower to flower, collecting nectar.

- v.* to move quickly and lightly from place to place, often without purpose or direction; to flutter or dart quickly, like a bird or insect

100. Hydrogen and oxygen \_\_\_\_\_ to form water.

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

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

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

102. An \_\_\_\_\_ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

- adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

ANSWERS: 94. manipulate, 95. opposed, 96. landfill, 97. universal, 98. imaginary, 99. flit, 100. combine, 101. suppose, 102. inspiring

103. The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny \_\_\_\_\_ of pottery found at the dig site.  
*n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
104. The corporation \_\_\_\_\_ dominated the entire tobacco business.  
*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
105. He does a different \_\_\_\_\_ every day to keep things interesting.  
*n.* a session of physical exercise or training
106. The belief in \_\_\_\_\_ human goodness is a common philosophical concept.  
*adj.* existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience
107. 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
108. The \_\_\_\_\_ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.  
*adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
109. Shares in the company finally fell below their \_\_\_\_ value.  
*n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
110. 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

ANSWERS: 103. fragments, 104. eventually, 105. workout, 106. innate, 107. worthwhile, 108. mysterious, 109. par, 110. involves

111. The \_\_\_\_\_ mountains dominate the landscape.  
*n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
112. The management must \_\_\_\_\_ strategies to increase office security.  
*v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
113. Without bees to \_\_\_\_\_ the flowers, many crops would not exist.  
*v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
114. The detective found the clues \_\_\_\_\_ and couldn't solve the case immediately.  
*adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
115. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an \_\_\_\_\_ directly.  
*n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
116. That statement by the prime minister drew \_\_\_\_\_ international criticism.  
*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
117. She \_\_\_\_\_ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.  
*v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
118. The actor's \_\_\_\_\_ gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.  
*adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

ANSWERS: 111. awe-inspiring, 112. explore, 113. pollinate, 114. puzzling, 115. appeal, 116. intense, 117. rubbed, 118. seductive

119. 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

120. The company \_\_\_\_\_ donations from its employees for the charity event.

- v. to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty

121. The unique style of this martial arts \_\_\_\_\_ many action film producers.

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

122. She checked her \_\_\_\_\_ before embarking on the hike.

- n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

123. This machine is too difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ for me.

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

124. To make roast beef, you need to wrap it in \_\_\_\_\_ and roast the meat in the oven for several minutes.

- n. metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food

125. She \_\_\_\_\_ when the boy complimented her.

- v. to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

126. The politician tried to \_\_\_\_\_ public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

- v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

ANSWERS: 119. pursue, 120. solicited, 121. inspired, 122. gear, 123. operate, 124. tinfoil, 125. blushed, 126. sway

127. His \_\_\_\_\_ presentation deeply moved everyone.

*adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

128. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

*n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

129. He looked for an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ that actor in public.

*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

130. He became \_\_\_\_\_ that he was being followed.

*adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

131. A poison \_\_\_\_\_ hit him.

*n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly

132. The physicist who found the \_\_\_\_\_ particle won the Nobel Prize.

*adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

133. One of her \_\_\_\_\_ is that she always wears mismatched socks.

*n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

134. Recurrent financial \_\_\_\_\_ hampered his subsequent career.

*n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

135. His sudden departure \_\_\_\_\_ the team.

*v.* to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain

ANSWERS: 127. compelling, 128. delight, 129. embarrass, 130. conscious, 131. dart, 132. elusive, 133. quirks, 134. woes, 135. disconcerted

136. He could \_\_\_\_\_ all of Shakespeare's works.

*v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

137. Skydiving is an overwhelming \_\_\_\_\_ for many people.

*n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

138. The Earth \_\_\_\_\_ on its axis once every 24 hours.

*v.* to turn around a central point or axis; to move in a circular path around something

139. The politician's speech resonated with the poor \_\_\_\_\_ who felt neglected by the authorities.

*n.* the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large

140. The building makes a remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ impact.

*adj.* relating to seeing or sight

141. Your \_\_\_\_\_ reflects your thoughts.

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

142. The battlefield became \_\_\_\_\_ on earth.

*n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

143. The building was constructed \_\_\_\_\_ over several years.

*adv.* gradually or in small increments, usually referring to a process or action that is done in stages or bit by bit; (adjective) consisting of many small parts or pieces; done gradually or bit by bit

ANSWERS: 136. recite, 137. thrill, 138. rotates, 139. populace, 140. visual, 141. conversation, 142. hell, 143. piecemeal

144. Management must take \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for the accident.

*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

145. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ you that you have my full support.

*v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true

146. The company holds patents on core components of \_\_\_\_\_ jet printers.

*n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification

147. The nobler, the more \_\_\_\_\_.

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

148. My computer has been acting \_\_\_\_\_ recently.

*adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

149. The \_\_\_\_\_ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

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

150. The final \_\_\_\_\_ provides a summary of the discussion.

*n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

151. The children delighted in doing \_\_\_\_\_ art projects at school.

*n.* a type of pasta in the form of small tubes often served with a cheese sauce; a popular dish in the United States, particularly in the form of mac and cheese

152. He is drawing a \_\_\_\_\_ illustrating how the equipment operates.

*n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something

ANSWERS: 144. ultimate, 145. assure, 146. laser, 147. humble, 148. weird, 149. surrounding, 150. chapter, 151. macaroni, 152. diagram

153. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

*n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

154. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

155. The novel's plot was \_\_\_\_\_ and kept readers in their seats.

*adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

156. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his coughs during the movie not to disturb the other viewers.

*v.* to wrap or cover something to deaden sound or prevent others from hearing it; to suppress or soften the sound of something; to decrease the intensity or impact of something

157. The truth was more \_\_\_\_\_ than expected.

*adj.* very strange or unusual

158. Climate change is a complex issue that requires a \_\_\_\_\_ perspective to understand fully.

*adj.* relating to or considering the overall perspective or larger context of a situation or issue; (noun) the overall or general significance or importance of something

159. I was filled with \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself

ANSWERS: 153. sphere, 154. background, 155. intriguing, 156. muffle, 157. bizarre, 158. big-picture, 159. self-doubt



160. They cooperated for their \_\_\_\_\_ benefit.

*adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties

161. The doctrine was considered \_\_\_\_\_ by the mainstream church.

*n.* an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion

162. The majority of consumers \_\_\_\_\_ this brand with quality.

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

163. He was served with a \_\_\_\_\_ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

*n.* a written legal order or command

164. She only reads \_\_\_\_\_ literature, such as classic novels and philosophical essays.

*adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas

165. The \_\_\_\_\_ work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

*n.* a person who writes plays

166. He deals \_\_\_\_\_ with his employees.

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

167. He has absolutely no \_\_\_\_\_ comprehension of maths.

*adj.* related to or founded on ideas, principles

ANSWERS: 160. mutual, 161. heresy, 162. associate, 163. writ, 164. highbrow, 165. playwright's, 166. fairly, 167. conceptual

168. The painting is \_\_\_\_\_ and there is no other like it.

*adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

169. The animal rights group worked to \_\_\_\_\_ the dolphins back into the wild.

*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

170. This company has invested heavily in Internet \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

171. The sound \_\_\_\_\_ well in this theater.

*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

172. The invention of the camera triggered the development of \_\_\_\_\_ painting.

*adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

ANSWERS: 168. unique, 169. release, 170. commerce, 171. resonates, 172. abstract