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Session 1: Word List

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

atomic

adj. of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)

synonym: tiny, microscopic, nuclear

(1) **atomic** nucleus, (2) **atomic** bomb

Carbon has an **atomic** mass of 12.

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

synonym: accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and

advanced technology.

laboratory

n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

synonym: lab, workshop, testing room

(1) **laboratory** accident, (2) anthropology **laboratory**

Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a **laboratory**.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

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.

clarify

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

synonym: explain, ascribe, purify

(1) **clarify** a goal, (2) **clarify** his feelings

The police tried to **clarify** the facts concerning her death.

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

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?

saucer

n. a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings

synonym: dish, plate, salver

(1) tea **saucer**, (2) flying **saucer**

She sipped her tea from a delicate **saucer**.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

balloon

n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

synonym: aerostat, blimp, (verb) billow out

(1) **balloon** ride, (2) **balloon** into a severe political problem

The satellite **balloon** slowly ascended into the sky.

pilot

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

synonym: aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

slit *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

synonym : slash, incision, cut

(1) **slit** pocket, (2) **slit** the fabric

He made a small **slit** in the paper to fit it in the envelope.

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

synonym : crazy, insane, furious

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

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

paraphrase *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

synonym : rephrase, reword, reinterpret

(1) **paraphrase** a poem into prose, (2) **paraphrase** the meaning

He **paraphrased** the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

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

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

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

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

vast *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

intelligent *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

civilization

n. a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

synonym: society, culture, community

(1) **civilization** decline, (2) lost **civilization**

The rise and fall of **civilizations** can be studied through history and archaeology.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

existence

n. the state or fact of someone or something existing

synonym: fact, being, reality

(1) the biggest tree in **existence**, (2) the struggle for **existence**

He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the **existence** of heaven or hell.

blunt

adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

synonym: dull, obtuse, insensitive

(1) **blunt** criticism, (2) **blunt** force

The **blunt** knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym: reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**
There's no **logic** in his description.

disprove

v. to show that something is not true or correct

synonym: refute, discredit, invalidate

(1) **disprove** global warming, (2) **disprove** the conjecture
The researchers were unable to **disprove** the theory.

fairy

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

synonym: sprite, pixie, elf

(1) **fairy** tale, (2) a water **fairy**

The mischievous **fairy** flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

thereafter

adv. after that; subsequently

synonym: subsequently, afterward, henceforth

(1) not long **thereafter**, (2) for several weeks **thereafter**

He was promoted to manager, and **thereafter**, he began to make changes in the company.

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

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.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

convenient

adj. useful, helpful, or quick to do

synonym: timely, fortunate, suitable

(1) **convenient** way, (2) **convenient** location

The airport offers five **convenient** access routes.

midst

n. the middle part of people or things

synonym: middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal

He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

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.

sperm

n. the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal

synonym: seed, semen, seminal fluid

(1) man with a low **sperm** count, (2) production of **sperm**

The male **sperm** fertilizes the female egg.

whale

n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

synonym: porpoise, giant

(1) a bull **whale**, (2) **whale** watching

Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a **whale**.

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent

I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

fellow

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

synonym: buddy, mate, affiliate

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

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

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

ape

n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

synonym: monkey, primate, simian

(1) jungle **ape**, (2) play the **ape**

The scientist studied the behavior of **apes** in the wild.

occasionally

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

synonym: periodically, sometimes, from time to time

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

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

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym: abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

pyramid

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

synonym: monument, edifice, tomb

(1) **pyramid** architecture, (2) a truncated **pyramid**

The Egyptian **pyramids** consist of a vast number of blocks.

discount

n. a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

synonym: sale, reduction, (verb) lower

(1) **discount** a draft, (2) **discount** store

I got a massive **discount** on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym: strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

unaccountable

adj. not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on;

not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior

synonym: unexplainable, inexplicable, mysterious

(1) **unaccountable** behavior, (2) **unaccountable** decision

The **unaccountable** disappearance of funds led to an investigation.

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.

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym: extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

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

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

jersey

n. a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

synonym: shirt, sweater, top

(1) **jersey** material, (2) fabric of the **jersey**

I always wear my favorite basketball player's **jersey** to the games.

edition

n. a particular form or version in which a text, especially a printed book, magazine, or newspaper, is published;

synonym: version, release, volume

(1) a paper **edition**, (2) **edition** deluxe

They issued a limited **edition** of the artist's recordings.

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.

vacation

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

synonym: leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

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.

shore

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

synonym : coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

sunburn

n. a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays

synonym : burn, tan, redness

(1) get a **sunburn**, (2) **sunburn** cream

I forgot to put on sunscreen, and now I have a painful **sunburn** on my back.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

rental

n. the act or process of renting or leasing something, usually for a fixed period of time and in exchange for payment; the property or item that is rented or leased

synonym : lease, hire, tenancy

(1) **rental** agreement, (2) **rental** fee

The movie **rental** store had a great selection of classic films.

satellite

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

synonym : orbiter, asteroid, moon

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

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

blink

v. to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

synonym: twinkle, flash, flicker

(1) **blink** his eyes, (2) **blink** in astonishment

He **blinked** in the dazzling sunlight.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

junk

n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

synonym: trash, debris, waste

(1) **junk** mail, (2) hunk of **junk**

I need to clear out some of the **junk** in my garage.

sore

adj. painful or sensitive to the touch; inflamed or irritated; feeling deep distress, grief, or regret

synonym: aching, tender, angered

(1) **sore** throat, (2) **sore** back

After the workout, my muscles were **sore** and achy.

boardwalk

n. a path or walkway, usually raised and made of wood, along or near a beach, boardwalk, or waterfront area, often used for recreation or pedestrian traffic

synonym: promenade, walkway, pier

(1) **boardwalk** trail, (2) oceanfront **boardwalk**

Walking along the seaside **boardwalk**, I enjoyed the sound of the waves crashing on the shore.

mingle

v. to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner

synonym: mix, blend, merge

(1) **mingle** with colleagues, (2) **mingle** with the locals
I decided to **mingle** with the crowd and converse with some new people.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

cosmos

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

synonym: universe, macrocosm

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

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

elderly

adj. (a polite word for) old

synonym: aged, old, senior

(1) a home for the **elderly**, (2) **elderly** woman

The **elderly** woman is quite energetic.

neat

adj. clean or tidy, with everything in its place

synonym: tidy, uncluttered, refined

(1) a **neat** piece of work, (2) **neat** idea

She has **neat** habits.

suit

n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

synonym: clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

cardigan

n. a knitted sweater or jacket that opens in the front and often has buttons or a zipper, typically made of wool or a similar material

synonym : sweater, jumper, knitwear

(1) knit **cardigan**, (2) cozy **cardigan**

She wore a **cardigan** sweater to keep warm in the chilly office.

chill

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

synonym : coldness, coolness, (verb) freeze

(1) the **chill** of autumn, (2) feel a slight **chill**

His swear words cast a **chill** on the party.

detective

n. a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them

synonym : gumshoe, investigator, hawkshaw

(1) **detective** work, (2) **detective** movie

The **detective** diligently pursued his cases.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym : disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

moonlight

n. the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer

synonym : moonshine, moonbeam, moon glow

(1) **moonlight** as a bartender, (2) **moonlight** serenade

The garden looked magical in the **moonlight**, with the flowers and trees casting eerie shadows.

stroll

v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

synonym: amble, roam, mope

(1) **stroll** across a street, (2) **stroll** through the countryside

We could **stroll** into town if you like.

sweetheart

n. an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished

synonym: darling, beloved, love

(1) **sweetheart** deal, (2) **sweetheart** romance

I can always rely on my **sweetheart** to lift my mood when feeling down.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

tease

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

synonym: bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

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.

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.

giant

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

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

almond

n. a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes

synonym: nut, kernel, seed

(1) **almond** milk, (2) **almond** butter

I love snacking on **almonds** for a healthy and delicious snack.

unblinkingly

adv. without blinking or looking away; with unwavering focus or attentiveness

synonym: steadfastly, unwaveringly, resolutely

(1) gazed **unblinkingly**, (2) watch **unblinkingly**

The child stared **unblinkingly** at the magician's every move, completely captivated by the performance.

crooked

adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

synonym: bent, curved, twisted

(1) **crooked** smile, (2) **crooked** line

The table leg was **crooked**, causing all the cups to slide to one side.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym: pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

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.

knob

n. a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet

synonym: handle, lever

(1) handy **knob**, (2) **knob** closure

The **knob** on the drawer was loose and needed to be tightened.

claw

n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

synonym: paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

swamp

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

synonym: marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

dune

n. a hill or ridge of sand that is formed by the wind and found in deserts, coastal areas, or other locations with loose, sandy soil

synonym: hillock, mound

(1) **dune** ecosystem, (2) coastal **dune**

We climbed the sandy **dune** to get a better view of the ocean.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym: by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

curl

v. to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles

synonym: coil, curve, spiral

(1) **curl** around street corners, (2) a **curl** of smoke

The cat **curled** into a ball and went to sleep.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym: denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

injury

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

synonym : wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

ankle

n. the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg

synonym : mortise joint

(1) **ankle** injury, (2) pair of **ankle** boots

He accidentally sprained his **ankle** playing squash.

ace

n. a playing card with a single symbol or mark that is typically the highest in value or rank in a particular card game; a person who is very skilled or successful in a specific activity or field

synonym : expert, master, champion

(1) tennis **ace**, (2) **ace** in the hole

He was an **ace** at playing poker and often won the game.

crutch

n. a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility

synonym : brace, support, prop

(1) **crutch** support, (2) emotional **crutch**

He walked with the aid of a **crutch** after breaking his leg in a skiing accident.

presume

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

synonym : assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

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.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym: lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

sandworm

n. a type of burrowing worm found in sandy or muddy areas, widely used as bait in fishing

(1) **sandworm** bait, (2) **sandworm** fishing

During our trip to the beach, we discovered numerous **sandworm** burrows near the water's edge.

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.

connoisseur

n. a person who is knowledgeable and discerning about a particular subject, particularly the arts, food, or drink; an expert with refined tastes and opinions

synonym: expert, specialist, aficionado

(1) **connoisseur** of art, (2) **connoisseur** of wine

He's a **connoisseur** of fine wine and can tell you all about the various regions and vintages.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

apropos

adj. concerning a particular topic; fitting or appropriate in a given situation; (adverb) at the right time; incidentally or by the way

synonym: concerning, relevant, (adverb) timely

(1) **apropos** expression, (2) arrived **apropos**

His **apropos-of-nothing** comment about the weather caught everyone off guard during the business meeting.

lynch

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

synonym: hang, execute, mob

(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

deformity

n. a physical abnormality or distortion

synonym: abnormality, malformation, disfigurement

(1) **deformity** of character, (2) physical **deformity**

The **deformity** in the steel beam caused the bridge to collapse.

guild

n. an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective

interests

synonym: association, union, society

(1) a purchase **guild**, (2) a **guild** system

The blacksmith was a local **guild** member and often participated in their events and workshops.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym: guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

fetus

n. an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

(1) development of the **fetus**, (2) an aborted **fetus**

The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a **fetus**.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym: being, animal, organism

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

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

mist

n. a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water

synonym: fog, murk, haze

(1) **mist** in the morning, (2) fine **mist**

The sun has risen, and the **mist** has faded.

psychedelic

adj. relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs

synonym: trippy, hallucinogenic, mind-bending

(1) **psychedelic** therapy, (2) **psychedelic** art
The Beatles' **psychedelic** music was a hallmark of the 1960s counterculture movement.

spice

n. a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food

synonym: seasoning, flavoring, condiment

(1) **spice** recipe, (2) **spice** flavor

He added a pinch of **spice** to the stew to flavor it.

swirl

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym: spin, whirl, turn

(1) **swirl** the wine, (2) **swirl** up dirt and dust

The chef expertly **swirled** the sauce onto the plate.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

synonym: aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym: gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

abduct

v. to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

synonym : kidnap, seize, snatch

(1) **abduct** a girl, (2) **abduct** at gunpoint

The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was **abducted**.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

recollection

n. the act of remembering or the state of being remembered

synonym : memory, reminiscence, remembrance

(1) a vague **recollection**, (2) **recollection** of a traumatic event

The older man's **recollections** of his youth were filled with stories of adventure and romance.

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**.

trauma

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

synonym: agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

communion

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

synonym: affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

lifelong

adj. lasting for the whole of someone's life

synonym: enduring, eternal, permanent

(1) **lifelong** career, (2) **lifelong** commitment

He had a **lifelong** love of reading and spent hours daily with a book.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

rectum

n. the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body

synonym: anal canal, proctum

(1) **rectum** cancer, (2) inflammation of the **rectum**

Hemorrhoids can cause discomfort and bleeding in the **rectum**.

probe

n. a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

synonym: investigation, inquiry, examination

(1) a lunar **probe**, (2) **probe** for inside information

NASA sent a **probe** to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

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.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

puppet

n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

synonym: marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym: exceptionally, notably, unusually

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

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

sequence

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

synonym: arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**

We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next week.

ponder

v. to think deeply or carefully about something

synonym: think about, consider, reflect on

(1) **ponder** divine matters, (2) **ponder** life's meaning

She sat quietly, **pondering** the difficult decision.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

synonym: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

topless

adj. lacking a top or covering, typically used to refer to clothing, vehicles, or establishments that do not have an upper part

synonym: sleeveless, bare-chested

(1) **topless** car, (2) **topless** pool

The beachgoers were surprised to see a **topless** sunbather on the otherwise family-friendly beach.

excuse

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

synonym : apology, justification, reason

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

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

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.

feral

adj. wild, untamed, or having returned to a wild or untamed state after being domesticated; characteristic of an animal that lives and reproduces freely in its natural habitat

synonym : untamed, savage, wild

(1) **feral** cat, (2) **feral** behavior

The teenagers vandalized the abandoned building and turned it into a **feral** hangout spot.

dock

n. a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained

synonym : harbor, pier, quay

(1) fishing **dock**, (2) loading **dock**

The ship pulled to the **dock**, and we disembarked to start our adventure.

clinic

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

synonym : hospital, infirmary

(1) visit to the veterinary **clinic**, (2) a dental **clinic**

She holds a **clinic** on Tuesday mornings.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym : territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

bustle

v. to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion

synonym : hurry, rush, flurry

(1) **bustle** around a kitchen, (2) hustle- **bustle** lifestyle

The city **bustled** with activity as people rushed to work.

exhausted

adj. extremely tired

synonym : drowsy, depleted, fatigued

(1) the **exhausted** food sources, (2) **exhausted** parents

The **exhausted** runner fell to the ground and gasped.

freckle

n. a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight

synonym : spot, speck, beauty mark

(1) tiny **freckle**, (2) **freckle** cream

I have a **freckle** on my nose that gets darker in the summertime.

multiply

v. to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

synonym : boost, amplify, reproduce

(1) **multiply** 5 and 6, (2) **multiply** about hundredfold

Multiply a number by itself twice.

cluster

n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

synonym: group, aggregation, array

(1) live in a **cluster**, (2) a **cluster** of stars

A **cluster** of grapes hung from the vine.

tan

v. to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun

synonym: brown, sunburn

(1) **tan** after sun exposure, (2) **tan** poorly

She spent the whole summer **tanning** on the beach.

nervous

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

synonym: neural, anxious, uneasy

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

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

pedestrian

n. a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go

synonym: walker, footer

(1) **pedestrian** accident, (2) **pedestrian** safety

A **pedestrian** is an uncommon sight in this area.

scoot

v. to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device

synonym: glide, slide, scurry

(1) **scoot** out of my room, (2) **scoot** over

I have to **scoot** over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.

moving

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

synonym: emotional, poignant, touching

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

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

constellation

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

synonym: asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

hop

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

synonym: jump, bounce, skip

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

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

vastness

n. the extent or size of something, often describing an ample space or area; the quality of being immense or immense in scale

synonym: immensity, enormity, vastitude

(1) limitless **vastness**, (2) scenic **vastness**

The **vastness** of the ocean was awe-inspiring and humbling.

distract

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

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

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

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

twilight

n. the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

synonym: dusk, sunset, gloaming

(1) **twilight** sky, (2) **twilight** of an era

The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at **twilight**.

align

v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

synonym: coordinate, regulate, adjust

(1) **align** the economic interest of each other, (2) **align** with a historical trend

Both parties are now entirely ideologically **aligned**.

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym: remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

laughter

n. the act or sound of laughing

synonym: laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**

Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

insert

v. to put something inside something else

synonym : introduce, add, embed

(1) **insert** coin, (2) **insert** a graphic

She **inserted** a new chapter into her manuscript.

buttock

n. either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal

synonym : cheek, rear end, behind

(1) **buttock** muscles, (2) painful **buttock**

I fell and bruised my **buttock** on the hard pavement.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

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

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

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym : substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

clone

n. a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation

synonym : duplicate, imitation, reproduction

(1) **clone** embryo, (2) recombinant **clone**

He is like an exact **clone** of his brother.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. exploration of co____s | <i>n.</i> another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system |
| 2. he was en____ly to blame | <i>adv.</i> completely |
| 3. fairly ty____l symptoms | <i>adj.</i> having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things |
| 4. wh__e watching | <i>n.</i> a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities |
| 5. a short va____on | <i>n.</i> a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure |
| 6. ab____t a girl | <i>v.</i> to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom |
| 7. m__k body odor | <i>v.</i> to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it |
| 8. not up to p_r | <i>n.</i> a state of being equal to someone or something |
| 9. na____te the Pacific | <i>v.</i> to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map |
| 10. a desirable ou____e | <i>n.</i> the result or effect of an action, event, etc. |

ANSWERS: 1. cosmos, 2. entirely, 3. typical, 4. whale, 5. vacation, 6. abduct, 7. mask, 8. par, 9. navigate, 10. outcome

11. first design sk___hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
12. scenic va_____ss *n.* the extent or size of something, often describing an ample space or area; the quality of being immense or immense in scale
13. mil_____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
14. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
15. a bull wh___e *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
16. a cl_____r of stars *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
17. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
18. mu_____ly 5 and 6 *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
19. a purchase gu__d *n.* an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective interests

ANSWERS: 11. sketch, 12. vastness, 13. millennium, 14. evolution, 15. whale, 16. cluster, 17. mad, 18. multiply, 19. guild

20. a dental cl___c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
21. mo___g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
22. knit ca_____an *n.* a knitted sweater or jacket that opens in the front and often has buttons or a zipper, typically made of wool or a similar material
23. is_____on booth *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
24. na_____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
25. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
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27. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
28. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
29. the country's is_____on *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
30. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

ANSWERS: 20. clinic, 21. moving, 22. cardigan, 23. isolation, 24. navigate, 25. humming, 26. crumble, 27. probable, 28. ridiculous, 29. isolation, 30. nervous

31. a water fa__y *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
32. bl__k in astonishment *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
33. ap____s expression *adj.* concerning a particular topic; fitting or appropriate in a given situation; (adverb) at the right time; incidentally or by the way
34. bring la____er *n.* the act or sound of laughing
35. ho____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
36. occ____lly change the routine *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
37. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
38. in____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
39. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
40. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
41. sp__e recipe *n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
42. ped____an accident *n.* a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go

ANSWERS: 31. fairy, 32. blink, 33. apropos, 34. laughter, 35. horrible, 36. occasionally, 37. suddenly, 38. interrupt, 39. communal, 40. scar, 41. spice, 42. pedestrian

43. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
44. bl__t criticism *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
45. swe_____rt deal *n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
46. psy_____ic art *adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs
47. cr___h support *n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
48. t_n after sun exposure *v.* to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun
49. st___l across a street *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
50. the biggest tree in ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
51. an oxygen m__k *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

ANSWERS: 43. fellow, 44. blunt, 45. sweetheart, 46. psychedelic, 47. crutch, 48. tan, 49. stroll, 50. existence, 51. mask

52. lost civ_____ion *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
53. psychic tr___a *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
54. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
55. co_____on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
56. mi___e with the locals *v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
57. without in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
58. par_____se the meaning *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
59. al___d milk *n.* a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes

ANSWERS: 52. civilization, 53. trauma, 54. release, 55. communion, 56. mingle, 57. injury, 58. paraphrase, 59. almond

60. li_____ng commitment *adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life
61. s__e throat *adj.* painful or sensitive to the touch; inflamed or irritated; feeling deep distress, grief, or regret
62. tw_____ht of an era *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
63. pr_____e on his tolerance *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
64. the ch__l of autumn *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
65. ba_____n ride *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
66. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
67. spiritual co_____on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
68. re___l fee *n.* the act or process of renting or leasing something, usually for a fixed period of time and in exchange for payment; the property or item that is rented or leased

ANSWERS: 60. lifelong, 61. sore, 62. twilight, 63. presume, 64. chill, 65. balloon, 66. giant, 67. communion, 68. rental

69. re___m cancer *n.* the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body
70. con_____ur of wine *n.* a person who is knowledgeable and discerning about a particular subject, particularly the arts, food, or drink; an expert with refined tastes and opinions
71. fine m__t *n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
72. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
73. di_____nt store *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
74. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
75. tennis a_e *n.* a playing card with a single symbol or mark that is typically the highest in value or rank in a particular card game; a person who is very skilled or successful in a specific activity or field
76. cr_____d line *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

ANSWERS: 69. rectum, 70. connoisseur, 71. mist, 72. communal, 73. discount, 74. argue, 75. ace, 76. crooked

77. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
78. origin of the co___s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
79. for several weeks the_____er *adv.* after that; subsequently
80. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
81. ab___t at gunpoint *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
82. hustle-bu___e lifestyle *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
83. physical de_____ty *n.* a physical abnormality or distortion
84. de_____ty of character *n.* a physical abnormality or distortion
85. jungle a_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
86. handy k__b *n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet
87. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
88. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
89. a meteorological sa_____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.

ANSWERS: 77. odd, 78. cosmos, 79. thereafter, 80. suppose, 81. abduct, 82. bustle, 83. deformity, 84. deformity, 85. ape, 86. knob, 87. shift, 88. possibility, 89. satellite

90. con_____ur of art *n.* a person who is knowledgeable and discerning about a particular subject, particularly the arts, food, or drink; an expert with refined tastes and opinions
91. corporate pu____t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
92. cr_____d smile *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
93. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
94. de_____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
95. get ne_____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
96. a c____l of smoke *v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
97. loading d__k *n.* a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained

ANSWERS: 90. connoisseur, 91. puppet, 92. crooked, 93. enormous, 94. decide, 95. nervous, 96. curl, 97. dock

98. ob____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
99. live in a cl____r *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
100. cr____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
101. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
102. pr____g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
103. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
104. li____ng career *adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life
105. northern con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
106. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
107. n__t idea *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place

ANSWERS: 98. observe, 99. cluster, 100. creature, 101. alien, 102. prolong, 103. brain, 104. lifelong, 105. constellation, 106. pile, 107. neat

108. sa_____rm fishing *n.* a type of burrowing worm found in sandy or muddy areas, widely used as bait in fishing
109. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
110. limitless va_____ss *n.* the extent or size of something, often describing an ample space or area; the quality of being immense or immense in scale
111. fabric of the je____y *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
112. oasis in the de____t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
113. flying sa____r *n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
114. the se_____ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
115. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
116. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
117. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
118. a home for the el____y *adj.* (a polite word for) old

ANSWERS: 108. sandworm, 109. nation, 110. vastness, 111. jersey, 112. desert, 113. saucer, 114. sequence, 115. kidnapping, 116. nowhere, 117. millennium, 118. elderly

119. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
120. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
121. oceanfront bo_____lk *n.* a path or walkway, usually raised and made of wood, along or near a beach, boardwalk, or waterfront area, often used for recreation or pedestrian traffic
122. 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
123. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
124. in___t a graphic *v.* to put something inside something else
125. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
126. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
127. cl_____y a goal *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
128. summer va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
129. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 119. evolution, 120. dare, 121. boardwalk, 122. laser, 123. suppose, 124. insert, 125. conclude, 126. encounter, 127. clarify, 128. vacation, 129. obvious

130. di____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
131. tea sa____r *n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
132. sw__l up dirt and dust *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
133. coastal d__e *n.* a hill or ridge of sand that is formed by the wind and found in deserts, coastal areas, or other locations with loose, sandy soil
134. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
135. sa____rm bait *n.* a type of burrowing worm found in sandy or muddy areas, widely used as bait in fishing
136. 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
137. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
138. fr____e cream *n.* a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight
139. come out of no____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
140. lab____ry accident *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
141. re____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something

ANSWERS: 130. distract, 131. saucer, 132. swirl, 133. dune, 134. obvious, 135. sandworm, 136. novel, 137. humming, 138. freckle, 139. nowhere, 140. laboratory, 141. replace

142. par_____se a poem into prose *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
143. muddy sw__p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
144. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
145. sw__p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
146. t_n poorly *v.* to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun
147. k__b closure *n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet
148. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
149. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
150. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
151. the DNA se_____ce *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
152. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

ANSWERS: 142. paraphrase, 143. swamp, 144. embarrass, 145. swamp, 146. tan, 147. knob, 148. misunderstand, 149. vast, 150. suit, 151. sequence, 152. colleague

153. a n__t piece of work *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
154. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
155. emotional cr___h *n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
156. a gu__d system *n.* an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective interests
157. al__n the economic interest of each other *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
158. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
159. ly__h him to death *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
160. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
161. a truncated py_____d *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 153. neat, 154. technique, 155. crutch, 156. guild, 157. align, 158. quest, 159. lynch, 160. suddenly, 161. pyramid

162. tax re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
163. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
164. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
165. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
166. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
167. ed_____n deluxe *n.* a particular form or version in which a text, especially a printed book, magazine, or newspaper, is published;
168. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
169. 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
170. the ex_____ed food sources *adj.* extremely tired
171. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
172. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 162. relief, 163. par, 164. feat, 165. weird, 166. rub, 167. edition, 168. absolutely, 169. chase, 170. exhausted, 171. mere, 172. transform

173. sur_____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
174. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
175. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
176. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
177. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
178. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
179. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
180. sh__e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
181. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
182. di_____ve the conjecture *v.* to show that something is not true or correct
183. po____r divine matters *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
184. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 173. surprisingly, 174. precise, 175. release, 176. appreciate, 177. quest, 178. mad, 179. fir, 180. shore, 181. technique, 182. disprove, 183. ponder, 184. conclude

185. in the mi__t of a scandal *n.* the middle part of people or things
186. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
187. mo___g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
188. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
189. to_____s car *adj.* lacking a top or covering, typically used to refer to clothing, vehicles, or establishments that do not have an upper part
190. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
191. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
192. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
193. get a su_____n *n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
194. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
195. pair of an__e boots *n.* the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg
196. abruptly in_____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

ANSWERS: 185. midst, 186. decide, 187. moving, 188. distract, 189. topless, 190. misunderstand, 191. creature, 192. possibility, 193. sunburn, 194. jean, 195. ankle, 196. interrupt

197. man with a low sp__m count *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
198. py____d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
199. la____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
200. la____er all around *n.* the act or sound of laughing
201. tw____ht sky *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
202. em____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
203. bo____lk trail *n.* a path or walkway, usually raised and made of wood, along or near a beach, boardwalk, or waterfront area, often used for recreation or pedestrian traffic
204. in____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
205. una____ble behavior *adj.* not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior
206. di____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

ANSWERS: 197. sperm, 198. pyramid, 199. largely, 200. laughter, 201. twilight, 202. embarrass, 203. boardwalk, 204. interact, 205. unaccountable, 206. disguise

207. in the mi__t of the crowd *n.* the middle part of people or things
208. fr____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
209. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
210. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
211. a GPS sa_____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
212. pu___t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
213. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
214. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
215. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
216. di_____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
217. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 207. midst, 208. frequent, 209. evolve, 210. feat, 211. satellite, 212. puppet, 213. naturally, 214. vast, 215. nation, 216. disguise, 217. argue

218. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
219. j__k mail *n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
220. civ_____ion decline *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
221. a_e in the hole *n.* a playing card with a single symbol or mark that is typically the highest in value or rank in a particular card game; a person who is very skilled or successful in a specific activity or field
222. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
223. st___l through the countryside *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
224. a test pi__t *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
225. play the a_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

ANSWERS: 218. clap, 219. junk, 220. civilization, 221. ace, 222. appreciate, 223. stroll, 224. pilot, 225. ape

226. psy_____ic therapy *adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs
227. te__e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
228. pr_____e innocence *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
229. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
230. talented ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
231. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
232. a penciled sk____h *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
233. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 226. psychedelic, 227. tease, 228. presume, 229. amazing, 230. physicist, 231. logic, 232. sketch, 233. confuse

243. in___t coin *v.* to put something inside something else
244. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
245. sigh of re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
246. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
247. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
248. bl__t force *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
249. recombinant cl___e *n.* a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation
250. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
251. mi___e with colleagues *v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
252. c__l around street corners *v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles

ANSWERS: 243. insert, 244. frequent, 245. relief, 246. fan, 247. interact, 248. blunt, 249. clone, 250. odd, 251. mingle, 252. curl

263. ty____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
264. je___y material *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
265. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
266. sw__l the wine *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
267. m__t in the morning *n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
268. una_____ble decision *adj.* not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior
269. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
270. fishing d__k *n.* a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained
271. pi__t production *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
272. measures to pr_____g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

ANSWERS: 263. typical, 264. jersey, 265. phenomenon, 266. swirl, 267. mist, 268. unaccountable, 269. mere, 270. dock, 271. pilot, 272. prolong

273. production of sp__m *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
274. tr___a care *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
275. tiny fr_____e *n.* a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight
276. arrived ap_____s *adj.* concerning a particular topic; fitting or appropriate in a given situation; (adverb) at the right time; incidentally or by the way
277. de_____ve work *n.* a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them
278. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
279. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
280. gazed unb_____gly *adv.* without blinking or looking away; with unwavering focus or attentiveness
281. watch unb_____gly *adv.* without blinking or looking away; with unwavering focus or attentiveness
282. de_____ve movie *n.* a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them

ANSWERS: 273. sperm, 274. trauma, 275. freckle, 276. apropos, 277. detective, 278. planet, 279. universe, 280. unblinkingly, 281. unblinkingly, 282. detective

283. have sur_____gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
284. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
285. pr__e for inside information *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
286. hunk of j__k *n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
287. s__t the fabric *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
288. sp__e flavor *n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
289. cozy ca_____an *n.* a knitted sweater or jacket that opens in the front and often has buttons or a zipper, typically made of wool or a similar material
290. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 283. surprisingly, 284. colleague, 285. probe, 286. junk, 287. slit, 288. spice, 289. cardigan, 290. brain

291. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
292. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
293. rec_____ion of a traumatic event *n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered
294. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
295. co_____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
296. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
297. the stars of the Scorpion
con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
298. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
299. sc__t over *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
300. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
301. c__w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

ANSWERS: 291. phenomenon, 292. hop, 293. recollection, 294. horrible, 295. convince, 296. scar, 297. constellation, 298. enormous, 299. scoot, 300. desert, 301. claw

302. 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
303. re___l agreement *n.* the act or process of renting or leasing something, usually for a fixed period of time and in exchange for payment; the property or item that is rented or leased
304. not long the_____er *adv.* after that; subsequently
305. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
306. di_____nt a draft *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
307. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
308. the runner's p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
309. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

ANSWERS: 302. laser, 303. rental, 304. thereafter, 305. fan, 306. discount, 307. fir, 308. pace, 309. suit

310. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
311. cl__e embryo *n.* a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation
312. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
313. sc__t out of my room *v.* to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device
314. al__n with a historical trend *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
315. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
316. ped_____an safety *n.* a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go
317. s__t pocket *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
318. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
319. d__e ecosystem *n.* a hill or ridge of sand that is formed by the wind and found in deserts, coastal areas, or other locations with loose, sandy soil

ANSWERS: 310. shift, 311. clone, 312. weird, 313. scoot, 314. align, 315. encounter, 316. pedestrian, 317. slit, 318. entirely, 319. dune

320. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
321. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
322. an__e injury *n.* the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg
323. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
324. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
325. 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
326. painful bu_____k *n.* either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal
327. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
328. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 320. intelligent, 321. outcome, 322. ankle, 323. clap, 324. amazing, 325. chase, 326. buttock, 327. planet, 328. confuse

329. mo_____ht serenade
n. the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer
330. ex___e for inaction
n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
331. el_____y woman
adj. (a polite word for) old
332. fe__l cat
adj. wild, untamed, or having returned to a wild or untamed state after being domesticated; characteristic of an animal that lives and reproduces freely in its natural habitat
333. con_____nt way
adj. useful, helpful, or quick to do
334. an int_____nt person
adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
335. h_p from one place to another
v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
336. bl__k his eyes
v. to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
337. su_____n cream
n. a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays

ANSWERS: 329. moonlight, 330. excuse, 331. elderly, 332. feral, 333. convenient, 334. intelligent, 335. hop, 336. blink, 337. sunburn

convenient, 344. topless, 345. district, 346. probable, 347. sore, 348. physicist, 349.
almond

350. swe_____rt romance *n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished
351. visit to the veterinary cl____c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
352. bu____e around a kitchen *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
353. an aborted fe__s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
354. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
355. ob____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
356. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
357. ba____n into a severe political problem *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
358. mo_____ht as a bartender *n.* the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer

ANSWERS: 350. sweetheart, 351. clinic, 352. bustle, 353. fetus, 354. absolutely, 355. observe, 356. pace, 357. balloon, 358. moonlight

359. r_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
360. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
361. mass kid_____ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
362. a vague rec_____ion *n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered
363. began to cr_____e under financial pressure *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
364. po___r life's meaning *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
365. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
366. a paper ed_____n *n.* a particular form or version in which a text, especially a printed book, magazine, or newspaper, is published;
367. d__e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
368. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
369. c__w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

ANSWERS: 359. rub, 360. ridiculous, 361. kidnapping, 362. recollection, 363. crumble, 364. ponder, 365. largely, 366. edition, 367. dare, 368. logic, 369. claw

370. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
371. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
372. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
373. di_____ve global warming *v.* to show that something is not true or correct
374. anthropology lab_____ry *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
375. ex_____ed parents *adj.* extremely tired
376. development of the fe__s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
377. at___c nucleus *adj.* of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)
378. bu_____k muscles *n.* either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal
379. at___c bomb *adj.* of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)
380. mu_____ly about hundredfold *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

ANSWERS: 370. universe, 371. pile, 372. precise, 373. disprove, 374. laboratory, 375. exhausted, 376. fetus, 377. atomic, 378. buttock, 379. atomic, 380. multiply

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Both parties are now entirely ideologically _____.
v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
2. The chef expertly _____ the sauce onto the plate.
v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern
3. The lowland _____ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.
n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
4. Hemorrhoids can cause discomfort and bleeding in the _____.
n. the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body
5. The child stared _____ at the magician's every move, completely captivated by the performance.
adv. without blinking or looking away; with unwavering focus or attentiveness
6. A rainbow is a natural _____.
n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
7. The ship pulled to the _____ and we disembarked to start our adventure.
n. a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained

ANSWERS: 1. aligned, 2. swirled, 3. swamp, 4. rectum, 5. unblinkingly, 6. phenomenon, 7. dock,

8. The beachgoers were surprised to see a _____ sunbather on the otherwise family-friendly beach.
adj. lacking a top or covering, typically used to refer to clothing, vehicles, or establishments that do not have an upper part
9. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
10. I fell and bruised my _____ on the hard pavement.
n. either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal
11. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
12. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
13. A _____ of grapes hung from the vine.
n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
14. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
15. The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at _____.
n. the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

ANSWERS: 8. topless, 9. largely, 10. buttock, 11. ridiculous, 12. universe, 13. cluster, 14. argue, 15. twilight

16. I need to clear out some of the _____ in my garage.

- n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

17. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

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

18. The rise and fall of _____ can be studied through history and archaeology.

- n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

19. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

- n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

20. They issued a limited _____ of the artist's recordings.

- n.* a particular form or version in which a text, especially a printed book, magazine, or newspaper, is published;

21. Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the _____.

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

22. The teenagers vandalized the abandoned building and turned it into a _____ hangout spot.

- adj.* wild, untamed, or having returned to a wild or untamed state after being domesticated; characteristic of an animal that lives and reproduces freely in its natural habitat

ANSWERS: 16. junk, 17. hopped, 18. civilizations, 19. shift, 20. edition, 21. cosmos, 22. feral

23. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.

- n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

24. He had a _____ love of reading and spent hours daily with a book.

- adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life

25. I love snacking on _____ for a healthy and delicious snack.

- n.* a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes

26. The politician was merely a _____ for the wealthy elite.

- n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

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

- n.* a state of being equal to someone or something

28. We do move forward with those tasks in _____ next week.

- n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

29. I'm a big ____ of French food.

- n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

30. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

- adv.* completely

ANSWERS: 23. suits, 24. lifelong, 25. almonds, 26. puppet, 27. par, 28. sequence, 29. fan, 30. entirely

31. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

32. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

33. They study the _____ of the universe.

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

34. He's a _____ of fine wine and can tell you all about the various regions and vintages.

n. a person who is knowledgeable and discerning about a particular subject, particularly the arts, food, or drink; an expert with refined tastes and opinions

35. He is like an exact _____ of his brother.

n. a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation

36. He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the _____ of heaven or hell.

n. the state or fact of someone or something existing

37. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

38. The smell of fresh ____ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

ANSWERS: 31. nowhere, 32. surprisingly, 33. evolution, 34. connoisseur, 35. clone, 36. existence, 37. evolved, 38. fir

39. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

40. I have to _____ over to the next desk because there's not enough room for me to sit comfortably.

v. to move or glide along quickly and smoothly on a surface, especially on a scooter or similar device

41. The Beatles' _____ music was a hallmark of the 1960s counterculture movement.

adj. relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs

42. 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

43. This region is predominantly _____.

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

44. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

45. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 39. amazing, 40. scoot, 41. psychedelic, 42. sketch, 43. desert, 44. release, 45. navigate, 46. probable

47. During our trip to the beach, we discovered numerous _____ burrows near the water's edge.
- n.* a type of burrowing worm found in sandy or muddy areas, widely used as bait in fishing
48. He was _____ gifted.
- adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
49. I forgot to put on sunscreen, and now I have a painful _____ on my back.
- n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
50. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
51. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
52. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
- n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
53. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
54. There's no _____ in his description.
- n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

ANSWERS: 47. sandworm, 48. naturally, 49. sunburn, 50. excuse, 51. decide, 52. colleague, 53. suppose, 54. logic

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

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

56. I always wear my favorite basketball player's _____ to the games.

n. a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

57. The _____ of the ocean was awe-inspiring and humbling.

n. the extent or size of something, often describing an ample space or area; the quality of being immense or immense in scale

58. She sat quietly, _____ the difficult decision.

v. to think deeply or carefully about something

59. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

60. He was promoted to manager, and _____ he began to make changes in the company.

adv. after that; subsequently

61. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

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

62. She wore a _____ sweater to keep warm in the chilly office.

n. a knitted sweater or jacket that opens in the front and often has buttons or a zipper, typically made of wool or a similar material

63. Our world is in the third _____.

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

ANSWERS: 55. fellow, 56. jersey, 57. vastness, 58. pondering, 59. Communal, 60. thereafter, 61. technique, 62. cardigan, 63. millennium

64. The sun has risen, and the _____ has faded.
- n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
65. Walking along the seaside _____ I enjoyed the sound of the waves crashing on the shore.
- n.* a path or walkway, usually raised and made of wood, along or near a beach, boardwalk, or waterfront area, often used for recreation or pedestrian traffic
66. The movie _____ store had a great selection of classic films.
- n.* the act or process of renting or leasing something, usually for a fixed period of time and in exchange for payment; the property or item that is rented or leased
67. 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
68. We use this tableware in a _____ service.
- n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
69. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
- n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
70. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.
- n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

ANSWERS: 64. mist, 65. boardwalk, 66. rental, 67. chased, 68. communion, 69. possibility, 70. Alien

71. 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
72. I got a massive _____ on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.
- n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
73. 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
74. She sipped her tea from a delicate _____.
- n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
75. He walked with the aid of a _____ after breaking his leg in a skiing accident.
- n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
76. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
- v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 71. laser, 72. discount, 73. novel, 74. saucer, 75. crutch, 76. observe

77. The _____ in the steel beam caused the bridge to collapse.
n. a physical abnormality or distortion
78. The content is _____ and informative for me.
adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited
79. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
80. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
n. a long or challenging search for something
81. The researchers were unable to _____ the theory.
v. to show that something is not true or correct
82. The scientist studied the behavior of _____ in the wild.
n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
83. He lost the election by _____ votes.
adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
84. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.
n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
85. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.
n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

ANSWERS: 77. deformity, 78. precise, 79. distract, 80. quest, 81. disprove, 82. apes, 83. mere, 84. relief, 85. jeans

86. He _____ in the dazzling sunlight.

- v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

87. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

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. The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a _____.

- n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

90. The waves are beating against the _____.

- n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

91. He added a pinch of _____ to the stew to flavor it.

- n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food

92. She holds a _____ on Tuesday mornings.

- n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

93. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

- adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

ANSWERS: 86. blinked, 87. obvious, 88. brain, 89. fetus, 90. shore, 91. spice, 92. clinic, 93. horrible

94. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
95. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.
n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
96. She _____ a new chapter into her manuscript.
v. to put something inside something else
97. The city _____ with activity as people rushed to work.
v. to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
98. We climbed the sandy _____ to get a better view of the ocean.
n. a hill or ridge of sand that is formed by the wind and found in deserts, coastal areas, or other locations with loose, sandy soil
99. His heartaches are less _____ now.
adj. happening constantly
100. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
101. The _____ disappearance of funds led to an investigation.
adj. not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior
102. He remained serene in the _____ of turbulence.
n. the middle part of people or things

ANSWERS: 94. misunderstand, 95. kidnapping, 96. inserted, 97. bustled, 98. dune, 99. frequent, 100. replace, 101. unaccountable, 102. midst

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

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

104. The table leg was _____ causing all the cups to slide to one side.

adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

105. We need to _____ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

106. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

107. My accidental _____ got better right away.

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

108. He was an ____ at playing poker and often won the game.

n. a playing card with a single symbol or mark that is typically the highest in value or rank in a particular card game; a person who is very skilled or successful in a specific activity or field

109. The ____ on the drawer was loose and needed to be tightened.

n. a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet

110. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 103. mad, 104. crooked, 105. prolong, 106. humming, 107. injury, 108. ace, 109. knob, 110. weird

111. The satellite _____ slowly ascended into the sky.

n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

112. The mischievous _____ flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

113. The _____ woman is quite energetic.

adj. (a polite word for) old

114. A _____ is an uncommon sight in this area.

n. a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go

115. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

116. _____ a number by itself twice.

v. to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

117. She still _____ writes a short romance novel.

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

118. He _____ the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

v. to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

ANSWERS: 111. balloon, 112. fairy, 113. elderly, 114. pedestrian, 115. pace, 116. Multiply, 117. occasionally, 118. paraphrased

119. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

120. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

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

121. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

122. I have a _____ on my nose that gets darker in the summertime.

n. a small, pigmented spot on the skin, typically of the face that is caused by exposure to sunlight

123. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

124. He made a small _____ in the paper to fit it in the envelope.

n. a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

125. The mob wanted to _____ the suspect before he could be tried in court.

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

126. Do you have a plan for a long _____

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

ANSWERS: 119. confused, 120. nervous, 121. scar, 122. freckle, 123. enormous, 124. slit, 125. lynch, 126. vacation?

127. I can always rely on my _____ to lift my mood when feeling down.

- n.* an affectionate term for a person, often a romantic partner, who is loved or cherished

128. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

129. This ad is intended to _____ a competing product.

- v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

130. We would _____ an early reply.

- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

131. The _____ diligently pursued his cases.

- n.* a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them

132. This artwork is _____ of her work.

- adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

133. The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was _____.

- v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

134. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

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

ANSWERS: 127. sweetheart, 128. nation, 129. tease, 130. appreciate, 131. detective, 132. typical, 133. abducted, 134. embarrass

135. After the workout, my muscles were _____ and achy.

adj. painful or sensitive to the touch; inflamed or irritated; feeling deep distress, grief, or regret

136. His _____ comment about the weather caught everyone off guard during the business meeting.

adj. concerning a particular topic; fitting or appropriate in a given situation; (adverb) at the right time; incidentally or by the way

137. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

138. The airport offers five _____ access routes.

adj. useful, helpful, or quick to do

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

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

140. The old building was starting to _____ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

141. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

142. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 135. sore, 136. apropos-of-nothing, 137. piles, 138. convenient, 139. giant, 140. crumble, 141. outcome, 142. encounter

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

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

144. The cat _____ into a ball and went to sleep.

v. to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles

145. Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a _____.

n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

146. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

147. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

148. Einstein was an outstanding and famous _____ of the 20th century.

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

149. I _____ you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

150. The Egyptian _____ consist of a vast number of blocks.

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 143. moving, 144. curled, 145. laboratory, 146. Intelligent, 147. vast, 148. physicist, 149. presume, 150. pyramids

151. Carbon has an _____ mass of 12.

adj. of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)

152. The _____ runner fell to the ground and gasped.

adj. extremely tired

153. His grandfather was an ____ man.

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

154. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.

v. to have the courage to do something

155. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

n. a living being, especially an animal

156. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

v. to communicate or react with somebody

157. She spent the whole summer _____ on the beach.

v. to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun

158. I decided to _____ with the crowd and converse with some new people.

v. to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner

159. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

ANSWERS: 151. atomic, 152. exhausted, 153. odd, 154. dare, 155. creature, 156. interact, 157. tanning, 158. mingle, 159. interrupted

160. The bear used its _____ to catch a fish in the river.

- n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

161. Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a _____.

- n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

162. Navigators still use the Little Bear _____ at sea.

- n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

163. NASA sent a _____ to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

- n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

164. My father's death _____ my life completely.

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

165. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

166. We _____ a cease-fire.

- v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 160. claw, 161. whale, 162. constellation, 163. probe, 164. transformed, 165. feat, 166. concluded

167. The male _____ fertilizes the female egg.

n. the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal

168. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

169. The blacksmith was a local _____ member and often participated in their events and workshops.

n. an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective interests

170. Many civilians have suffered _____ as a result of the war.

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

171. 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

172. The _____ knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

173. The garden looked magical in the _____ with the flowers and trees casting eerie shadows.

n. the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer

174. Launching an artificial _____ contributed to the technological development of our country.

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

ANSWERS: 167. sperm, 168. convince, 169. guild, 170. trauma, 171. rubbed, 172.

blunt, 173. moonlight, 174. satellite

175. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

176. The politician tried to _____ the corruption.

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

177. He accidentally sprained his _____ playing squash.

n. the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg

178. Some doctor says _____ is the best medicine.

n. the act or sound of laughing

179. She has _____ habits.

adj. clean or tidy, with everything in its place

180. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

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

181. The older man's _____ of his youth were filled with stories of adventure and romance.

n. the act of remembering or the state of being remembered

182. We could _____ into town if you like.

v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

183. The _____ exercised great care in landing.

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

ANSWERS: 175. disguised, 176. mask, 177. ankle, 178. laughter, 179. neat, 180. planet, 181. recollections, 182. stroll, 183. pilot

184. That incident led to his _____.

- n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

185. His swear words cast a _____ on the party.

- n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

186. We _____ along with the singer's song.

- v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

187. Who answers _____ knows little.

- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

188. The police tried to _____ the facts concerning her death.

- v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

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

- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

190. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

- n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

ANSWERS: 184. isolation, 185. chill, 186. clapped, 187. suddenly, 188. clarify, 189. absolutely, 190. district