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Session 1: Word List

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?

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym: shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

excruciating

adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering

synonym : agonizing, unbearable, torturous

(1) **excruciating** ordeal, (2) **excruciating** embarrassment

The **excruciating** pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.

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.

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.

multimillionaire

n. a person whose net worth is in millions of dollars

synonym : billionaire, tycoon, magnate

(1) **multimillionaire** businessman, (2) **multimillionaire** investor

He became a **multimillionaire** by the age of 30.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym : announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love

Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

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.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym : association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

draft

n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

synonym : blueprint, outline, rough drawing

(1) a working **draft**, (2) write the first **draft**

During debates in the legislature, the **draft** of the law caused a lot of controversies.

submit

v. to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

synonym : hand in, present, propose

(1) agree to **submit** the bill, (2) **submit** an application

Please **submit** the assignment to me.

resume

v. to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption

synonym : continue, reopen, restart

(1) **resume** an office, (2) **resume** a relationship

We **resumed** negotiations after a temporary break.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

tap

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

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

freshman

n. a first-year student, typically in college or high school

synonym: freshie, newcomer, rookie

(1) **freshman** orientation, (2) **freshman** year

The **freshman** class was excited to start their first year of college.

sophomore

n. a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field

synonym: second-year student, junior, apprentice

(1) **sophomore** in high school, (2) **sophomore** slump

The university student was now a **sophomore**, having completed their first year of studies.

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.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

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

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

condo

n. a type of housing where each unit is individually owned, while common areas are jointly owned and managed

synonym: apartment, unit, flat

(1) luxury **condo**, (2) **condo** segment

The young couple was searching for their first **condo** in the city.

tirelessly

adv. without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort

synonym: inexhaustibly, indefatigably, unceasingly

(1) dedicated **tirelessly**, (2) **tirelessly** help out

She worked **tirelessly** for hours to finish her project on time.

prestigious

adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

synonym: esteemed, renowned, eminent

(1) **prestigious** award, (2) **prestigious** event

The academy is known for its **prestigious** faculty and rigorous curriculum.

workout

n. a session of physical exercise or training

synonym: exercise, training, physical activity

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

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

combine

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

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

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

(2) **combine** augmented reality

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

billionaire

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

synonym : mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

metric

adj. using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic

synonym : metrical, measured

(1) **metric** units, (2) key performance **metrics**

In the **metric** system, measurements are made in meters and liters.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

proceed

v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

synonym : advance, progress, move ahead

(1) **proceed** with caution, (2) **proceed** to the next step

We can now **proceed** with the next item on our agenda.

heel

n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

synonym : hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler

She wore high **heels** to the party.

clutch

v. to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly

synonym: grip, hold, grab

(1) **clutch** at any straw, (2) **clutched** her daughter to her breast

The boy **clutched** his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.

quad

n. (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes

synonym: quadrangle, square, block

(1) **quad** room, (2) **quad** biking

We met at the campus **quad** to study for our upcoming exams.

rip

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

synonym: tear, cut, slit

(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof

During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

agony

n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

synonym: anguish, torment, suffering

(1) severe **agony**, (2) emotional **agony**

The athlete fell to the ground in **agony** after injuring their ankle.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

esteem

n. great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone

synonym : respect, admiration, regard

(1) **esteem** for the other person, (2) boost my self- **esteem**
He is our loyal customer who should be held in high **esteem**.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym : bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym : consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

dehydrated

adj. to remove the water or moisture from something by a natural or artificial process

synonym : dried, desiccated, parched

(1) **dehydrated** skin, (2) **dehydrated** skimmed milk

I need to drink more water because I'm feeling **dehydrated**.

diet

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

synonym : food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval
A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.

reward

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

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

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

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

synonym: poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

accomplishment

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

synonym: success, achievement, complete

(1) proud of his **accomplishments**, (2) the **accomplishment** of a social goal

Graduating from college was a major **accomplishment** for her.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

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

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number
The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

proficient

adj. having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area

synonym : expert, skilled, adept

(1) **proficient** speaker, (2) **proficient** skill
She is **proficient** in Spanish and can communicate fluently.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym : bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure
Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

entrepreneur

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym : founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**
Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

limitless

adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

synonym : boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential
The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

definition

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

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

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

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

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym: aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

thesis

n. a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject

synonym: dissertation, argument, treatise

(1) a drift of a **thesis**, (2) master **thesis**

His **thesis** on the effects of climate change won several

awards.

primary

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

synonym : chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

indoctrinate

v. to teach a person or group of people to accept a set of beliefs uncritically

synonym : brainwash, educate, instruct

(1) **indoctrinate** youth, (2) **indoctrinate** ideology

The government attempted to **indoctrinate** the population with its propaganda.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

popularize

v. to make something more widely known, accepted, or adopted by the general public; to present or promote something in a way that increases its popularity or appeal

synonym : generalize, promote, spread

(1) **popularize** a new fashion trend, (2) **popularize** a scientific concept

The celebrity's endorsement helped **popularize** the new clothing line.

debunk

v. to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless

synonym : expose, discredit, demystify

(1) **debunk** an urban legend, (2) **debunk** theory
The myth was **debunked** by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.

writ *n.* a written legal order or command
synonym: legal document, order, legal process
(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**
He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

identify *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
synonym: determine, specify, recognize
(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences
I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

causation *n.* the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens
synonym: cause, reason, origin
(1) **causation** analysis, (2) direct **causation**
The **causation** of the disease is still under investigation by medical researchers.

correlation *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
synonym: relationship, connection, association
(1) ecological **correlation**, (2) **correlation** coefficient
There is a strong **correlation** between education level and income.

motivation *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
synonym: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change
A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym: ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

insatiable

adj. impossible to satisfy or content; having a strong desire or craving that is excessive or unquenchable

synonym: voracious, unquenchable, insistent

(1) **insatiable** curiosity, (2) **insatiable** appetite

His **insatiable** hunger for success drove him to work countless hours.

desire

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

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

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

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

predecessor

n. a person who held a position or office before the current holder

synonym: antecedent, forerunner, precursor

(1) the words of a **predecessor**, (2) **predecessor** model

The new CEO is the **predecessor** of the former CEO.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

honesty

n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

synonym: sincerity, integrity, truthfulness

(1) **honesty** policy, (2) **honesty** box

A culture of **honesty** in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

occupation

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

synonym: job, profession, vocation

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

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

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym: instructional, informative, enlightening

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

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

divorce

n. the legal dissolution of a marriage

synonym: separation, dissolution, breakup

(1) **divorce** settlement, (2) a consensual **divorce**

The couple decided to get a **divorce** after many years of marriage.

tether

v. to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog

synonym : tie, fasten, secure

(1) **tether** a horse, (2) **tether** strap

The hiker **tethered** their dog to a tree while they camped for the night.

objective

n. a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases

synonym : goal, purpose, aim

(1) **objective** assessment, (2) financial **objective**

The study's main **objective** is to identify risk factors for heart disease.

limitation

n. a rule or act that restricts the scope of something

synonym : restriction, constraint, burden

(1) impose **limitation**, (2) **limitation** of exercise

Disability is a physical **limitation** to living everyday life.

semantics

n. the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning

synonym : meaning, connotation, denotation

(1) lexical **semantics**, (2) information **semantics**

The **semantics** of the sentence could have been clearer and easier to understand.

subjective

adj. based on a personal perspective or feeling rather than an unbiased or objective view; influenced by personal opinions, interpretations, or feelings

synonym : personal, individual, experiential

(1) **subjective** opinion, (2) **subjective** interpretation

The concept of time is **subjective** and can feel longer or shorter depending on the situation.

interpretation

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

synonym: rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**

His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

theme

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

synonym: subject, topic, motif

(1) **theme** park, (2) central **theme**

The **theme** of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

confer

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

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

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

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

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.

subscribe

v. to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

synonym: sign up, enroll, register

(1) **subscribe** to the service, (2) **subscribe** a petition

I want to **subscribe** to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.

notion

n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

synonym: idea, concept, belief

(1) **notion** of success, (2) vague **notion**

The **notion** of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

simultaneously

adv. at the same time

synonym: concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs

simultaneously

Two students answered the teacher's question

simultaneously.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym: confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym: damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

fixate

v. to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image

synonym: obsess, fix, concentrate

(1) **fixate** on a problem, (2) **fixate** on a picture

She tends to **fixate** on small details, often losing sight of the bigger picture.

marathon

n. a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers

synonym: endurance, race, event

(1) run a **marathon**, (2) watch a **marathon**
She successfully completed her first **marathon** with a personal best time.

practically

adv. almost or nearly

synonym : almost, nearly, virtually

(1) **practically** constant, (2) **practically** impossible to find a parking spot

The store is **practically** empty.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym : excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym : intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym : harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

efficacy

n. the ability or power to produce a desired effect or result; effectiveness

synonym : potency, effectiveness, efficiency

(1) **efficacy** rate, (2) vaccine **efficacy**

The **efficacy** of this medication is still being tested in clinical trials.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

synonym: excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym: prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

standing

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

synonym: upright, vertical, (noun) position

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

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

beg

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

synonym: plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

penalty

n. a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract

synonym: punishment, sentence, fine

(1) death **penalty**, (2) corner of the **penalty** area

The lawyer was reinstated after paying the **penalty**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
2. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
3. exc_____ing embarrassment *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
4. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
5. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
6. fr_____an orientation *n.* a first-year student, typically in college or high school
7. de_____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
8. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
9. su_____be a petition *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
10. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 1. doll, 2. ignore, 3. excruciating, 4. creative, 5. ultimate, 6. freshman, 7. declare, 8. tweet, 9. subscribe, 10. excuse

11. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
12. take a qu_____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
13. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
14. agree to su___t the bill *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
15. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
16. ind_____ate ideology *v.* to teach a person or group of people to accept a set of beliefs uncritically
17. luxury co__o *n.* a type of housing where each unit is individually owned, while common areas are jointly owned and managed
18. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
19. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
20. watch a ma_____on *n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers
21. pr_____y school *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

ANSWERS: 11. doubt, 12. quotation, 13. educational, 14. submit, 15. industrious, 16. indoctrinate, 17. condo, 18. desire, 19. identify, 20. marathon, 21. primary

22. mul_____ire businessman *n.* a person whose net worth is in millions of dollars
23. r_p a hole in the roof *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
24. the words of a pre_____or *n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder
25. in_____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
26. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
27. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
28. da_____e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
29. pro_____nt skill *adj.* having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area
30. ind_____ate youth *v.* to teach a person or group of people to accept a set of beliefs uncritically
31. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
32. ins_____le curiosity *adj.* impossible to satisfy or content; having a strong desire or craving that is excessive or unquenchable

ANSWERS: 22. multimillionaire, 23. rip, 24. predecessor, 25. inherent, 26. creative, 27. negative, 28. damage, 29. proficient, 30. indoctrinate, 31. tweet, 32. insatiable

33. ins_____le appetite *adj.* impossible to satisfy or content; having a strong desire or craving that is excessive or unquenchable
34. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
35. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
36. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
37. severe ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
38. q__d biking *n.* (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes
39. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
40. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
41. vague no___n *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
42. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
43. re___e a relationship *v.* to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption

ANSWERS: 33. insatiable, 34. highlight, 35. doubt, 36. commit, 37. agony, 38. quad, 39. aspect, 40. toxic, 41. notion, 42. define, 43. resume

44. emotional ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
45. ecological cor_____on *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
46. direct ca_____on *n.* the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens
47. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
48. corner of the pe_____y area *n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
49. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
50. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
51. ef_____cy rate *n.* the ability or power to produce a desired effect or result; effectiveness
52. the acc_____ent of a social goal *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

ANSWERS: 44. agony, 45. correlation, 46. causation, 47. define, 48. penalty, 49. inherent, 50. damage, 51. efficacy, 52. accomplishment

53. death pe____y *n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
54. animals in ca_____ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
55. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
56. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
57. sh____w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
58. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
59. te____r strap *v.* to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog
60. h__l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

ANSWERS: 53. penalty, 54. captivity, 55. psychology, 56. nation, 57. shadow, 58. beg, 59. tether, 60. heel

61. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
62. lexical se_____cs *n.* the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning
63. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
64. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
65. cor_____on coefficient *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
66. fi___e on a picture *v.* to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image
67. ho_____y box *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
68. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
69. a drift of a th___s *n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject

ANSWERS: 61. award, 62. semantics, 63. standing, 64. entrepreneur, 65. correlation, 66. fixate, 67. honesty, 68. motivation, 69. thesis

70. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
71. proud of his acc_____ents *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
72. pr_____y education *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
73. write the first dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
74. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
75. 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.
76. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
77. sim_____sly affected *adv.* at the same time
78. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
79. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
80. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
81. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 70. thrive, 71. accomplishment, 72. primary, 73. draft, 74. educational, 75. hop, 76. desire, 77. simultaneously, 78. nation, 79. writ, 80. unfortunately, 81. combine

82. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
83. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
84. co__o segment *n.* a type of housing where each unit is individually owned, while common areas are jointly owned and managed
85. fr_____an year *n.* a first-year student, typically in college or high school
86. wo_____t at the health club *n.* a session of physical exercise or training
87. fi___e on a problem *v.* to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image
88. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
89. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
90. pre_____us award *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
91. boost my self-es___m *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
92. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 82. confer, 83. industrious, 84. condo, 85. freshman, 86. workout, 87. fixate, 88. motivation, 89. thrive, 90. prestigious, 91. esteem, 92. unfortunately

93. pop_____ze a scientific concept *v.* to make something more widely known, accepted, or adopted by the general public; to present or promote something in a way that increases its popularity or appeal
94. a consensual di_____e *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
95. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
96. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
97. wa____r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
98. a working dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
99. ig____e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
100. boxing wo_____t *n.* a session of physical exercise or training
101. ob_____ve assessment *n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases

ANSWERS: 93. popularize, 94. divorce, 95. prime, 96. undermine, 97. wander, 98. draft, 99. ignore, 100. workout, 101. objective

102. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
103. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
104. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
105. open to int_____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
106. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
107. wa___r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
108. key performance me___cs *adj.* using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic
109. dedicated tir_____ly *adv.* without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort
110. me___c units *adj.* using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic

ANSWERS: 102. ruin, 103. weigh, 104. decision, 105. interpretation, 106. diet, 107. wander, 108. metric, 109. tirelessly, 110. metric

111. pre_____us event *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
112. financial ob_____ve *n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases
113. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
114. th__e park *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
115. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
116. di_____e settlement *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
117. no____n of success *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
118. ho_____y policy *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
119. master th____s *n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject

ANSWERS: 111. prestigious, 112. objective, 113. highlight, 114. theme, 115. relation, 116. divorce, 117. notion, 118. honesty, 119. thesis

120. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
121. pra_____ly impossible to find a parking spot *adv.* almost or nearly
122. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
123. pr_____d to the next step *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
124. tir_____ly help out *adv.* without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort
125. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
126. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
127. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
128. r_p a notebook apart *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
129. oil bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
130. su_____be to the service *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

ANSWERS: 120. commit, 121. practically, 122. degree, 123. proceed, 124. tirelessly, 125. toxic, 126. identify, 127. reward, 128. rip, 129. billionaire, 130. subscribe

131. q__d room *n.* (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes
132. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
133. pre_____or model *n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder
134. un_____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
135. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
136. li_____ss potential *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
137. central th__e *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
138. de_____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
139. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
140. vaccine ef_____cy *n.* the ability or power to produce a desired effect or result; effectiveness
141. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 131. quad, 132. mention, 133. predecessor, 134. undermine, 135. diet, 136. limitless, 137. theme, 138. declare, 139. achieve, 140. efficacy, 141. possibility

142. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
143. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
144. pra_____ly constant *adv.* almost or nearly
145. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
146. 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
147. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
148. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
149. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
150. cl___hed her daughter to her breast *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
151. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
152. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
153. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

ANSWERS: 142. convince, 143. mention, 144. practically, 145. doll, 146. excuse, 147. ultimate, 148. aim, 149. entrepreneur, 150. clutch, 151. relation, 152. award, 153. aspect

154. Silicon Valley bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
155. impose lim_____on *n.* a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
156. de___k an urban legend *v.* to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
157. take several inputs sim_____sly *adv.* at the same time
158. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
159. lim_____on of exercise *n.* a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
160. pro_____nt speaker *adj.* having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area
161. deputy pr___e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
162. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
163. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
164. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
165. we___h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

ANSWERS: 154. billionaire, 155. limitation, 156. debunk, 157. simultaneously, 158. possibility, 159. limitation, 160. proficient, 161. prime, 162. tap, 163. standing, 164. reward, 165. weigh

166. deh_____ed skin *adj.* to remove the water or moisture from something by a natural or artificial process
167. pop_____ze a new fashion trend *v.* to make something more widely known, accepted, or adopted by the general public; to present or promote something in a way that increases its popularity or appeal
168. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
169. exc_____ing ordeal *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
170. run a ma_____on *n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers
171. cl____h at any straw *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
172. sh____w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
173. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
174. a baseball le____e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

ANSWERS: 166. dehydrated, 167. popularize, 168. psychology, 169. excruciating, 170. marathon, 171. clutch, 172. shadow, 173. combine, 174. league

175. mul_____ire investor *n.* a person whose net worth is in millions of dollars
176. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
177. de___k theory *v.* to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
178. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
179. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
180. for a li_____ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
181. double qu_____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
182. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
183. occ_____on disease *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
184. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
185. sub_____ve opinion *adj.* based on a personal perspective or feeling rather than an unbiased or objective view; influenced by personal opinions, interpretations, or feelings

ANSWERS: 175. multimillionaire, 176. pound, 177. debunk, 178. pound, 179. suppose, 180. limitless, 181. quotation, 182. decision, 183. occupation, 184. definition, 185. subjective

186. co_____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
187. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
188. sub_____ve interpretation *adj.* based on a personal perspective or feeling rather than an unbiased or objective view; influenced by personal opinions, interpretations, or feelings
189. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
190. 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.
191. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
192. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
193. so_____re in high school *n.* a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field
194. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
195. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 186. convince, 187. negative, 188. subjective, 189. suppose, 190. hop, 191. definition, 192. tap, 193. sophomore, 194. aim, 195. achieve

196. te___r a horse *v.* to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog
197. ca_____on analysis *n.* the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens
198. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
199. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
200. the int_____ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
201. h__l wrestler *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
202. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
203. le___e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

ANSWERS: 196. tether, 197. causation, 198. degree, 199. ruin, 200. interpretation, 201. heel, 202. writ, 203. league

204. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
205. escape from ca_____ty *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
206. so_____re slump *n.* a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field
207. information se_____cs *n.* the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning
208. re___e an office *v.* to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption
209. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
210. es___m for the other person *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
211. pr_____d with caution *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
212. deh_____ed skimmed milk *adj.* to remove the water or moisture from something by a natural or artificial process
213. su___t an application *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
214. occ_____on of a building *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession

ANSWERS: 204. confer, 205. captivity, 206. sophomore, 207. semantics, 208. resume, 209. beg, 210. esteem, 211. proceed, 212. dehydrated, 213. submit, 214. occupation

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.
n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
2. Disability is a physical _____ to living everyday life.
n. a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
3. Graduating from college was a major _____ for her.
n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
4. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.
v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
5. The lawyer was reinstated after paying the _____.
n. a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
6. We met at the campus _____ to study for our upcoming exams.
n. (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes
7. The possibilities for scientific discovery are _____.
adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
8. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.
n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

ANSWERS: 1. Entrepreneurs, 2. limitation, 3. accomplishment, 4. ruined, 5. penalty, 6. quad, 7. limitless, 8. quotation

9. The academy is known for its _____ faculty and rigorous curriculum.
adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
10. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
11. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
12. We can now _____ with the next item on our agenda.
v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
13. She tends to _____ on small details, often losing sight of the bigger picture.
v. to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image
14. His _____ of literary works are often unique.
n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
15. We _____ for an overseas expansion.
v. to try or plan to get or achieve something
16. The myth was _____ by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.
v. to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless

ANSWERS: 9. prestigious, 10. damage, 11. suppose, 12. proceed, 13. fixate, 14. interpretations, 15. aim, 16. debunked

17. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
18. The _____ of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.
n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
19. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
20. He does a different _____ every day to keep things interesting.
n. a session of physical exercise or training
21. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.
v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
22. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
23. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.
adv. at the same time
24. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.
n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

ANSWERS: 17. possibility, 18. notion, 19. mentioned, 20. workout, 21. undermine, 22. aspects, 23. simultaneously, 24. league

25. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
26. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.
adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
27. The hiker _____ their dog to a tree while they camped for the night.
v. to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog
28. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
29. The _____ pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.
adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
30. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
31. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
32. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

ANSWERS: 25. desire, 26. educational, 27. tethered, 28. shadow, 29. excruciating, 30. industrious, 31. ultimate, 32. thrive

33. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.
n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
34. The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and _____.
n. a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
35. We _____ negotiations after a temporary break.
v. to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption
36. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
v. to do something illegal or wrong
37. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.
adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
38. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
39. He is our loyal customer who should be held in high _____.
n. great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
40. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
41. The _____ of the disease is still under investigation by medical researchers.
n. the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens

ANSWERS: 33. motivation, 34. occupation, 35. resumed, 36. committed, 37. inherent, 38. definition, 39. esteem, 40. identify, 41. causation

42. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.
n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
43. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
44. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.
adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
45. The young couple was searching for their first _____ in the city.
n. a type of housing where each unit is individually owned, while common areas are jointly owned and managed
46. 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.
47. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.
v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
48. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.
n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
49. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.
n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 42. award, 43. highlighted, 44. toxic, 45. condo, 46. hopped, 47. wander, 48. diet, 49. doll

50. She successfully completed her first _____ with a personal best time.
n. a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers
51. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
52. The _____ of this medication is still being tested in clinical trials.
n. the ability or power to produce a desired effect or result; effectiveness
53. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.
v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
54. The athlete fell to the ground in _____ after injuring their ankle.
n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
55. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
56. Pandas rarely breed in _____.
n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
57. The _____ of the sentence could have been clearer and easier to understand.
n. the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning
58. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 50. marathon, 51. negative, 52. efficacy, 53. convince, 54. agony, 55. define, 56. captivity, 57. semantics, 58. creative

59. The study's main _____ is to identify risk factors for heart disease.
- n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases
60. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.
- adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
61. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
62. I want to _____ to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.
- v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
63. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.
- v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
64. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
- v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
65. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 59. objective, 60. prime, 61. relations, 62. subscribe, 63. declared, 64. begged, 65. combine

66. The boy _____ his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.

v. to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly

67. She is _____ in Spanish and can communicate fluently.

adj. having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area

68. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.

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

69. The store is _____ empty.

adv. almost or nearly

70. A culture of _____ in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

71. During transit, the stuff may ____ off the luggage tag.

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

72. The concept of time is _____ and can feel longer or shorter depending on the situation.

adj. based on a personal perspective or feeling rather than an unbiased or objective view; influenced by personal opinions, interpretations, or feelings

73. His _____ on the effects of climate change won several awards.

n. a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject

ANSWERS: 66. clutched, 67. proficient, 68. tap, 69. practically, 70. honesty, 71. rip, 72. subjective, 73. thesis

74. She wore high _____ to the party.

- n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

75. She worked _____ for hours to finish her project on time.

- adv.* without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort

76. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.

- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

77. Please _____ the assignment to me.

- v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

78. During debates in the legislature, the _____ of the law caused a lot of controversies.

- n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

79. The university student was now a _____ having completed their first year of studies.

- n.* a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field

80. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

- adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

81. The new CEO is the _____ of the former CEO.

- n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder

ANSWERS: 74. heels, 75. tirelessly, 76. tweet, 77. submit, 78. draft, 79. sophomore, 80. unfortunately, 81. predecessor

82. The couple decided to get a _____ after many years of marriage.
n. the legal dissolution of a marriage
83. 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
84. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
85. His _____ hunger for success drove him to work countless hours.
adj. impossible to satisfy or content; having a strong desire or craving that is excessive or unquenchable
86. He became a _____ by the age of 30.
n. a person whose net worth is in millions of dollars
87. In the _____ system, measurements are made in meters and liters.
adj. using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic
88. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
89. The government attempted to _____ the population with its propaganda.
v. to teach a person or group of people to accept a set of beliefs uncritically

ANSWERS: 82. divorce, 83. nation, 84. writ, 85. insatiable, 86. multimillionaire, 87. metric, 88. decision, 89. indoctrinate

90. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
91. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
92. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
- n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
93. The _____ concert was packed with fans.
- adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
94. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
- n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
95. The _____ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.
- adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
96. There is a strong _____ between education level and income.
- n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
97. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 90. achieve, 91. degree, 92. rewards, 93. standing, 94. Doubt, 95. primary, 96. correlation, 97. confer

98. The celebrity's endorsement helped _____ the new clothing line.
- v.* to make something more widely known, accepted, or adopted by the general public; to present or promote something in a way that increases its popularity or appeal
99. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
100. 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
101. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.
- v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
102. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
- n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
103. She had a master's degree in _____.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
104. I need to drink more water because I'm feeling _____.
- adj.* to remove the water or moisture from something by a natural or artificial process
105. The self-made _____ donated millions to charity.
- n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

ANSWERS: 98. popularize, 99. ignored, 100. excuse, 101. weighs, 102. pounds, 103. psychology, 104. dehydrated, 105. billionaire

106. The _____ class was excited to start their first year of college.

n. a first-year student, typically in college or high school

107. The _____ of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

ANSWERS: 106. freshman, 107. theme