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Session 1: Word List

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**.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

synonym: hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

linguistic

adj. relating to language or the study of language

synonym : lingual, verbal, lexical

(1) her major is **linguistics**, (2) **linguistic** analysis

Our naive experience undoubtedly contains a **linguistic** aspect.

deception

n. the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

synonym : fraud, deceit, trickery

(1) **deception** tactics, (2) **deception** in advertising

The politician was accused of **deception** for making false promises during his campaign.

nonverbal

adj. not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

synonym : silent, mute, unspoken

(1) **nonverbal** communication, (2) **nonverbal** signal

Many communication skills rely on **nonverbal** cues such as body language and facial expressions.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

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.

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym: delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

manipulate

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

synonym: control, exploit, abuse

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

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

downstairs

adv. on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

synonym: below

(1) creep **downstairs**, (2) escort him **downstairs**

Please get the desk **downstairs**.

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.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

swap

v. to give something and receive something in trade
synonym: exchange, switch, trade

(1) **swap** seats, (2) **swap** columns with rows

Don't **swap** horses while crossing a stream.

interlace

v. to intertwine or weave together in a pattern or design; to connect or link closely or intricately; to intermix or intermingle

synonym: weave, intertwine, enlace

(1) **interlace** fingers, (2) **interlace** strands of hair

The dancers **interlaced** their movements seamlessly, creating a stunning choreography.

thumb

n. the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger;
(verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

synonym: digit, finger, phalange

(1) **thumb** wrestling, (2) **thumb** a ride

He used his right **thumb** to press the button on his phone.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

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.

deceive

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

synonym: mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

serial

adj. consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents

synonym : consecutive, sequential, successive

(1) **serial** killer, (2) **serial** number

The company is launching a new line of **serial** products aimed at young adults.

numb

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

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

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

My left arm became **numb**.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym : doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

fingertip

n. the end or tip of a finger

(1) apply **fingertip** pressure, (2) burn my **fingertip**

The archaeologist ran his **fingertips** along the pattern of the tombstones.

demonstration

n. a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

synonym: manifestation, presentation, show

(1) **demonstration** project, (2) a campus **demonstration**

Thousands of people attended the protest **demonstration** against the proposed policy.

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.

attempt

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

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

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

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

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

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

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

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

blindfold

n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often

as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

(1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge

The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

beep

v. to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning

synonym: bleep, honk, buzz

(1) **beep** out a warning, (2) **beep** the horn

The timer **beeped**, reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.

uphill

adj. sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope

synonym: skyward, ascending, difficult

(1) an **uphill** road, (2) an **uphill** task

The road is **uphill** for a while.

concentration

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym: anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym: terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

halfway

adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

synonym : middle, median, center

(1) **halfway** through my journey, (2) **halfway** decent job
The famous restaurant stands **halfway** up the hill.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym : mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted
Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

gimmick

n. a trick, device, or scheme used to attract attention or create a desired effect, often by using novelty or deception

synonym : trick, ploy, tactic

(1) video **gimmick**, (2) accounting **gimmick**

The marketing team devised a clever **gimmick** to attract more customers to the store.

logical

adj. characterized by clear and sound reasoning; following a rational and systematic approach; based on or in accordance with logic or reason

synonym : rational, reasonable, coherent

(1) **logical** conclusion, (2) **logical** reasoning

The mathematical equation had a **logical** solution that was easy to follow.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
synonym: example, sample, illustration

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

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

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym: clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

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.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

pity

n. a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain

synonym: sympathy, compassion, mercy

(1) allow self- **pity**, (2) **pity** speech

It is a **pity** that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.

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.

spade *n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
synonym: shovel, scoop, hoe
(1) **spade** blade, (2) dig with a **spade**
I used an iron **spade** to dig a hole for the new tree in the backyard.

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.

witchcraft *n.* the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices
synonym: sorcery, magic, wizardry
(1) **witchcraft** belief, (2) the power of **witchcraft**
Many people were accused of **witchcraft** during the Salem Witch Trials in the late 1600s.

voodoo *n.* a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical
synonym:

magic, sorcery, hoodoo

(1) **voodoo** curse, (2) **voodoo** doll

Some people believe in the power of **voodoo** to heal or harm others.

bump

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

synonym: collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

sleeve

n. a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm

synonym: arm covering, armband

(1) a wide **sleeve**, (2) **sleeve** length

He rolled up his **sleeves** to get ready to work.

sensation

n. a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement

synonym: feeling, perception, mania

(1) cause a widespread **sensation**, (2) taste **sensation**

If you apply this ointment, you may feel a mild burning **sensation**.

experiment

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

synonym: experimentation, investigation

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

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

onward

adj. moving or continuing forward; progressing

synonym: forward, continuing, progressing

(1) **onward** journey, (2) **onward** progress

When traveling to some countries, you may be required to show proof of an **onward** ticket as a condition of entry.

tickle

v. to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

synonym : titillate, make laugh

(1) **tickle** his ribs, (2) **tickle** her vanity

These models explain why you can't **tickle** yourself.

touched

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

synonym : affected, moved, emotional

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

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

nightclub

n. (also "nightspot") a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks

synonym : discotheque, club, dance hall

(1) **nightclub** entertainment, (2) **nightclub** music

They decided to go to the **nightclub** to dance the night away.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

relax

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

synonym : soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

hypnotize

v. to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)

synonym : grip, enchant, anesthetize

(1) **hypnotize** a subject, (2) **hypnotize** them against negative minds

The local sorcerer insists that he can **hypnotize** him into a deep trance.

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.

heighten

v. to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify

synonym : intensify, enhance, amplify

(1) **heighten** anxiety, (2) **heighten** emotions

The use of bright colors in the painting **heightened** the overall sense of joy and vibrancy.

synchronicity

n. the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose

synonym : coincidence, simultaneity, concurrence

(1) **synchronicity** theory, (2) **synchronicity** effect

The occurrence of events in **synchronicity** is often taken as a sign of divine intervention.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym : descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

drift

v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

synonym : float, wander, freewheel

(1) **drift** down the stream, (2) **drift** away on a raft
I **drifted** around for years in Europe before going to university.

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym : understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**
There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**
The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

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.

forehead

n. the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline

synonym : brow, frontal bone, temple

(1) **forehead** wrinkles, (2) kiss on the **forehead**
The athlete had sweat dripping down her **forehead** after the intense workout.

upward

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

synonym : skyward, uphill

(1) look **upward**, (2) demonstrate an **upward** trend

The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

gesture

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

synonym : motion, expression, gesticulation

(1) **gesture** of goodwill, (2) hand **gesture**

She made a facial **gesture** to express disagreement.

downward

adj. moving towards a lower position or a lower level

synonym : lower, earthward, descending

(1) a **downward** slope, (2) maintain **downward** compatibility

The stock market has been in a **downward** trend for the past month.

snap

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

synonym : break, crack, fracture

(1) **snap** a whip, (2) **snap** judgment

She **snapped** a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

hell

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

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

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

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

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

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

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym : stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

kinetic

adj. of or relating to motion or the forces that cause motion

synonym : active, dynamic, lively

(1) **kinetic** friction, (2) **kinetic** motion

The **kinetic** energy of the falling object increased as it fell.

paranormal

adj. relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences

synonym : supernatural, mystical, otherworldly

(1) **paranormal** experience, (2) **paranormal** phenomena

The haunted house was said to be a hotspot for **paranormal** activity.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he

abdicated.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

magician

n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

synonym : illusionist, conjurer, wizard

(1) **magician's** hat, (2) street **magician**

The children were delighted with the **magician's** clever tricks.

mentalist

n. a performer, artist, or person with interest in mentalism or the art of using mental powers and illusions to create the impression of extraordinary psychic or paranormal abilities

synonym : mind reader, psychic, mental magician

(1) **mentalist** trick, (2) television **mentalist**

Due to his incredible talents, the **mentalist's** show was sold out weeks in advance.

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym : disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold

Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym :

glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance
If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

forth

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

synonym: forward, onwards, ahead

(1) bring **forth** a beautiful vase, (2) call **forth** demand
I pushed **forth** with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

whack

v. to hit someone or something hard or noisily

synonym: hit, strike, bash

(1) **whack** him with a stick, (2) **whack** up the volume
He **whacked** the ball out of the park with his home run.

pinch

v. to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance

synonym: cramp, squeeze, clutch

(1) **pinch** off a bud, (2) **pinch** my nose

He **pinched** money from the cashbox without telling the company's employees.

shard

n. a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal

synonym: break, fragment, shatter

(1) broken **shard**, (2) **shard** of pottery

The artist used a **shard** of glass to create intricate designs on

her sculptures.

examine

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

synonym: study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue
Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

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.

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.

impart

v. to expose or inform; to provide a portion of

synonym: pass on, give, bestow

(1) **impart** a secret, (2) **impart** basic knowledge

She had knowledge she couldn't wait to **impart**.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

stare

v. to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

synonym : gaze, look, gawk

(1) **stare** blankly, (2) give a menacing **stare**

He couldn't help but **stare** at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.

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**.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym : respond, reply, oppose

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

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

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.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym : prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

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.

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**.

eureka

n. exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight

synonym : discovery, breakthrough, aha moment

(1) have a **eureka** moment, (2) shout "**eureka!**"
"**Eureka!**" he exclaimed, finally solving the problem.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

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

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

fancy

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

synonym : imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**
I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

assistant

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

synonym : aide, helper, associate

(1) an unwilling **assistant**, (2) **assistant** professor
An executive **assistant** director administers each branch.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over
He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

tablecloth

n. a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration

synonym : table cover, linens

(1) checkered **tablecloth**, (2) **tablecloth** size
The beautiful **tablecloth** added a touch of elegance to the dinner party.

plinth

n. a heavy base or support on which a statue, column, or other architectural element rests; a platform or pedestal that raises something above its surroundings or provides a solid foundation

synonym : pedestal, base, platform

(1) marble **plinth**, (2) bronze **plinth**
The statue was placed on a sturdy **plinth** in the park's center.

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.

stainless

adj. resistant to staining or discoloration; not affected or damaged by contact with dirt, water, or other substances; clean and hygienic

synonym : unblemished, immaculate, spotless

(1) **stainless** hardware, (2) **stainless** sink

The kitchen appliances were all **stainless** steel, making the space modern and sleek.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym : iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

spike

n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

synonym : end, spindle, point

(1) to **spike**, (2) to prevent blood sugar **spikes**

The recent **spike** in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

swivel

v. to rotate or turn around a fixed point or axis, often used to describe the action of a chair or other similar object that can rotate horizontally; (noun) a fastening device that allows the thing fastened to it to rotate or turn around freely

synonym : rotate, pivot, spin

(1) **swivel** 180 degrees around to face him, (2) **swivel** mechanism

I **swivel** my chair to face the window and enjoy the view.

excel

v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

synonym : outdo, shine, surpass

(1) **excel** in description, (2) **excel** at communication

The company **excels** in customer service.

stack

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

synonym : accumulation, heap, pile

(1) high **stack**, (2) a large **stack** of paper

The earthquake caused a **stack** of lumber to crumble noisily.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym : disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

Don

n. a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge

(1) the **don** of the university, (2) **Don** Giovanni

He could never go against what **Don** Carlos said.

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.

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.

gasp

v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

synonym : breathe, pant, heave

(1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasped** when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

sleight

n. the use of dexterity or skill, particularly to deceive; a clever or cunning trick or skillful manipulation of objects

synonym : deception, trickery, skill

(1) **sleight** of tongue, (2) **sleight** of movement

The magician's **sleight** of hand trick left the audience amazed.

Session 2: Spelling

1. fr__k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
2. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
3. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
4. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
5. hy_____ze a subject *v.* to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)
6. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
7. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
8. lo____l conclusion *adj.* characterized by clear and sound reasoning; following a rational and systematic approach; based on or in accordance with logic or reason
9. de____on in advertising *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

ANSWERS: 1. freak, 2. blind, 3. decision, 4. awareness, 5. hypnotize, 6. crazy, 7. hell, 8. logical, 9. deception

10. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
11. sl___e length *n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
12. an up___l road *adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope
13. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
14. b__p out a warning *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
15. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
16. s__p seats *v.* to give something and receive something in trade
17. de_____e to lie *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
18. m__t down gold *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
19. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
20. syn_____ity effect *n.* the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose

ANSWERS: 10. negative, 11. sleeve, 12. uphill, 13. crazy, 14. beep, 15. complicated, 16. swap, 17. deceive, 18. melt, 19. victim, 20. synchronicity

21. a campus dem_____ion *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
22. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
23. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
24. hold your br___h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
25. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
26. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
27. dr__t away on a raft *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
28. im___t basic knowledge *v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
29. ex__l at communication *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
30. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

ANSWERS: 21. demonstration, 22. posit, 23. stick, 24. breath, 25. mere, 26. relation, 27. drift, 28. impart, 29. excel, 30. chant

31. sl____t of movement *n.* the use of dexterity or skill, particularly to deceive; a clever or cunning trick or skillful manipulation of objects
32. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
33. accounting gi____k *n.* a trick, device, or scheme used to attract attention or create a desired effect, often by using novelty or deception
34. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
35. demonstrate an up____d trend *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
36. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
37. become increasingly com____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
38. video gi____k *n.* a trick, device, or scheme used to attract attention or create a desired effect, often by using novelty or deception

ANSWERS: 31. sleight, 32. magic, 33. gimmick, 34. solid, 35. upward, 36. firm, 37. complicated, 38. gimmick

39. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
40. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
41. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
42. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
43. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
44. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
45. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
46. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
47. par_____al phenomena *adj.* relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences

ANSWERS: 39. magic, 40. represent, 41. brain, 42. posit, 43. standing, 44. ignore, 45. absolutely, 46. steel, 47. paranormal

48. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
49. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
50. sw____l mechanism *v.* to rotate or turn around a fixed point or axis, often used to describe the action of a chair or other similar object that can rotate horizontally; (noun) a fastening device that allows the thing fastened to it to rotate or turn around freely
51. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
52. fa__y a cup of coffee *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
53. street ma____an *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

ANSWERS: 48. clap, 49. process, 50. swivel, 51. process, 52. fancy, 53. magician

54. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
55. in____te a preference *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
56. tab_____th size *n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
57. to_____d-hearted audience *adj.* affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
58. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
59. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
60. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
61. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
62. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
63. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
64. an up____l task *adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope

ANSWERS: 54. forth, 55. indicate, 56. tablecloth, 57. touched, 58. concentration, 59. technique, 60. standing, 61. absolutely, 62. tradition, 63. psychology, 64. uphill

65. broken sh__d *n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
66. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
67. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
68. lo_____l reasoning *adj.* characterized by clear and sound reasoning; following a rational and systematic approach; based on or in accordance with logic or reason
69. to sp__e *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
70. fo_____ad wrinkles *n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
71. ti___e his ribs *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
72. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
73. the d_n of the university *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge

ANSWERS: 65. shard, 66. reward, 67. chant, 68. logical, 69. spike, 70. forehead, 71. tickle, 72. sink, 73. Don

74. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
75. a wide sl___e *n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
76. b__p the horn *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
77. lin_____ic analysis *adj.* relating to language or the study of language
78. no_____al signal *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
79. im___t a secret *v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
80. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
81. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
82. sw___l 180 degrees around to face him *v.* to rotate or turn around a fixed point or axis, often used to describe the action of a chair or other similar object that can rotate horizontally; (noun) a fastening device that allows the thing fastened to it to rotate or turn around freely
83. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
84. de_____on tactics *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

ANSWERS: 74. scary, 75. sleeve, 76. beep, 77. linguistic, 78. nonverbal, 79. impart, 80. brain, 81. nervous, 82. swivel, 83. attempt, 84. deception

85. cultural n__m	<i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
86. for in_____ce	<i>n.</i> a particular example or single occurrence of something
87. re__x at home	<i>v.</i> to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
88. s__p columns with rows	<i>v.</i> to give something and receive something in trade
89. c__p a book shut	<i>v.</i> to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
90. ex___d a line	<i>v.</i> to broaden in scope, range, or area
91. sk_____al scientists	<i>adj.</i> doubting that something is accurate or useful
92. in___t over and over	<i>v.</i> to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
93. t_p a new market	<i>v.</i> to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
94. ki_____c friction	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to motion or the forces that cause motion
95. on___d journey	<i>adj.</i> moving or continuing forward; progressing
96. t_p keyboard with an index finger	<i>v.</i> to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 85. norm, 86. instance, 87. relax, 88. swap, 89. clap, 90. extend, 91. skeptical, 92. insist, 93. tap, 94. kinetic, 95. onward, 96. tap

97. to prevent blood sugar sp__es *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
98. aut_____lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control
99. marble pl___h *n.* a heavy base or support on which a statue, column, or other architectural element rests; a platform or pedestal that raises something above its surroundings or provides a solid foundation
100. 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.
101. his research area of
con_____ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
102. vo___o doll *n.* a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical
103. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
104. allow self-p__y *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain

ANSWERS: 97. spike, 98. automatically, 99. plinth, 100. hop, 101. concentration, 102. voodoo, 103. fascinate, 104. pity

105. dull si__t	<i>n.</i> the ability to see; anything that is seen
106. dr__t down the stream	<i>v.</i> to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
107. the state of being we__d	<i>adj.</i> extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
108. pi__h off a bud	<i>v.</i> to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance
109. optical il____on	<i>n.</i> a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
110. s__p judgment	<i>v.</i> to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
111. n__b with cold	<i>adj.</i> unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
112. a n__b mind	<i>adj.</i> unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
113. man____te figures	<i>v.</i> to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
114. br____h of wind	<i>n.</i> the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
115. in____ce fingers	<i>v.</i> to intertwine or weave together in a pattern or design; to connect or link closely or intricately; to intermix or intermingle

ANSWERS: 105. sight, 106. drift, 107. weird, 108. pinch, 109. illusion, 110. snap, 111. numb, 112. numb, 113. manipulate, 114. breath, 115. interlace

116. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
117. shout "eu___a!" *n.* exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight
118. as_____nt professor *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
119. in_____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
120. pi__h my nose *v.* to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance
121. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
122. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
123. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
124. 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
125. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 116. norm, 117. eureka, 118. assistant, 119. indicate, 120. pinch, 121. reward, 122. influence, 123. ignore, 124. ace, 125. communicate

126. look up___d *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
127. syn_____ity theory *n.* the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose
128. g__p in shock *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
129. sl_____t of tongue *n.* the use of dexterity or skill, particularly to deceive; a clever or cunning trick or skillful manipulation of objects
130. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
131. de_____e skillfully *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
132. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
133. g__p for air *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

ANSWERS: 126. upward, 127. synchronicity, 128. gasp, 129. sleight, 130. decide, 131. deceive, 132. sink, 133. gasp

134. a large st__k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
135. p__y speech *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
136. se___l killer *adj.* consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents
137. notable in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
138. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
139. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
140. st__e blankly *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
141. in___t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
142. bl_____ld challenge *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

ANSWERS: 134. stack, 135. pity, 136. serial, 137. instance, 138. mess, 139. react,

140. stare, 141. insist, 142. blindfold

143. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
144. record driving aut_____lly *adv.* without needing a direct human control
145. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
146. b__p against a wall *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
147. have a eu___a moment *n.* exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight
148. a flight of fa__y *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
149. D_n Giovanni *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
150. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
151. st_____ss hardware *adj.* resistant to staining or discoloration; not affected or damaged by contact with dirt, water, or other substances; clean and hygienic
152. raise public aw_____ss *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

ANSWERS: 143. obvious, 144. automatically, 145. tradition, 146. bump, 147. eureka, 148. fancy, 149. Don, 150. firm, 151. stainless, 152. awareness

153. th__b wrestling *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
154. taste se_____on *n.* a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement
155. sc__y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
156. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
157. th__b a ride *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
158. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
159. ma_____an's hat *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
160. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
161. s__p a whip *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
162. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
163. me_____st trick *n.* a performer, artist, or person with interest in mentalism or the art of using mental powers and illusions to create the impression of extraordinary psychic or paranormal abilities

ANSWERS: 153. thumb, 154. sensation, 155. scary, 156. represent, 157. thumb, 158. locate, 159. magician, 160. react, 161. snap, 162. relation, 163. mentalist

164. sp__e blade *n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
165. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
166. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
167. dem_____ion project *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
168. on___d progress *adj.* moving or continuing forward; progressing
169. give a menacing st__e *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
170. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
171. ni_____ub entertainment *n.* (also "nightspot") a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks
172. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
173. st_____ss sink *adj.* resistant to staining or discoloration; not affected or damaged by contact with dirt, water, or other substances; clean and hygienic

ANSWERS: 164. spade, 165. manipulate, 166. reverse, 167. demonstration, 168. onward, 169. stare, 170. fascinate, 171. nightclub, 172. negative, 173. stainless

174. hand ge____e *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
175. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
176. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
177. burn my fi____ip *n.* the end or tip of a finger
178. m__t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
179. wh__k him with a stick *v.* to hit someone or something hard or noisily
180. und____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
181. ex__l in description *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
182. wit____ft belief *n.* the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices
183. earn ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
184. ni____ub music *n.* (also "nightspot") a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks

ANSWERS: 174. gesture, 175. stick, 176. obvious, 177. fingertip, 178. melt, 179. whack, 180. underneath, 181. excel, 182. witchcraft, 183. applause, 184. nightclub

185. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
186. no_____al communication *adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
187. vo___o curse *n.* a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical
188. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
189. her major is lin_____ics *adj.* relating to language or the study of language
190. maintain do_____rd compatibility *adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
191. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
192. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
193. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
194. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
195. ha_____y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

ANSWERS: 185. solid, 186. nonverbal, 187. voodoo, 188. locate, 189. linguistic, 190. downward, 191. skeptical, 192. release, 193. slide, 194. psychology, 195. halfway

196. ge____e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
197. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
198. round of ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
199. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
200. 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
201. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
202. ex____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
203. ex____d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
204. ha____y decent job *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
205. cause a widespread se____on *n.* a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement
206. ti____e her vanity *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
207. in____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 196. gesture, 197. weird, 198. applause, 199. forth, 200. decide, 201. sight, 202. examine, 203. extend, 204. halfway, 205. sensation, 206. tickle, 207. influence

208. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
209. dig with a sp__e *n.* a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil
210. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
211. get ne_____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
212. high st__k *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
213. the il_____on of being in the forest *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
214. a do_____rd slope *adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
215. escort him dow_____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
216. 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
217. wh__k up the volume *v.* to hit someone or something hard or noisily
218. 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.

ANSWERS: 208. communicate, 209. spade, 210. examine, 211. nervous, 212. stack, 213. illusion, 214. downward, 215. downstairs, 216. decision, 217. whack, 218. hop

219. 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
220. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
221. se___l number *adj.* consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents
222. checkered tab_____th *n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration
223. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
224. bronze pl___h *n.* a heavy base or support on which a statue, column, or other architectural element rests; a platform or pedestal that raises something above its surroundings or provides a solid foundation
225. kiss on the fo_____ad *n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
226. par_____al experience *adj.* relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences

ANSWERS: 219. ace, 220. mess, 221. serial, 222. tablecloth, 223. technique, 224. plinth, 225. forehead, 226. paranormal

227. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
228. the power of wit_____ft *n.* the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices
229. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
230. emotionally to_____d by the speech *adj.* affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
231. television me_____st *n.* a performer, artist, or person with interest in mentalism or the art of using mental powers and illusions to create the impression of extraordinary psychic or paranormal abilities
232. in_____ce strands of hair *v.* to intertwine or weave together in a pattern or design; to connect or link closely or intricately; to intermix or intermingle
233. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
234. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
235. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 227. blind, 228. witchcraft, 229. slide, 230. touched, 231. mentalist, 232. interlace, 233. mere, 234. reverse, 235. hell

236. re____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
237. ki____c motion *adj.* of or relating to motion or the forces that cause motion
238. he____en emotions *v.* to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify
239. a rock fr__k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
240. creep dow____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
241. sh__d of pottery *n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
242. re__x a series of muscles *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
243. und____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
244. he____en anxiety *v.* to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify
245. vi____m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
246. the at____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

ANSWERS: 236. release, 237. kinetic, 238. heighten, 239. freak, 240. downstairs, 241. shard, 242. relax, 243. underneath, 244. heighten, 245. victim, 246. attempt

247. an unwilling as_____nt *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
248. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
249. bl_____ld game *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
250. apply fi_____ip pressure *n.* the end or tip of a finger
251. hy_____ze them against negative minds *v.* to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)
252. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
253. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
254. b__p up prices *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

ANSWERS: 247. assistant, 248. experiment, 249. blindfold, 250. fingertip, 251. hypnotize, 252. experiment, 253. steel, 254. bump

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.
adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
3. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
4. 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.
5. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.
v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
6. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
7. The rules were _____ after the new executive arrived.
v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
8. 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.

ANSWERS: 1. decision, 2. scary, 3. complicated, 4. tap, 5. melted, 6. locate, 7. relaxed, 8. hopped

9. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.
- v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
10. Due to his incredible talents, the _____ show was sold out weeks in advance.
- n.* a performer, artist, or person with interest in mentalism or the art of using mental powers and illusions to create the impression of extraordinary psychic or paranormal abilities
11. The artist used a _____ of glass to create intricate designs on her sculptures.
- n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
12. He gave a _____ smile as he read the heartfelt message in the card from his daughter.
- adj.* affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
13. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.
- n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
14. The children were delighted with the _____ clever tricks.
- n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
15. The use of bright colors in the painting _____ the overall sense of joy and vibrancy.
- v.* to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify

ANSWERS: 9. manipulate, 10. mentalist's, 11. shard, 12. touched, 13. awareness, 14. magician's, 15. heightened

16. He _____ the ball out of the park with his home run.

v. to hit someone or something hard or noisily

17. I _____ my chair to face the window and enjoy the view.

v. to rotate or turn around a fixed point or axis, often used to describe the action of a chair or other similar object that can rotate horizontally; (noun) a fastening device that allows the thing fastened to it to rotate or turn around freely

18. 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

19. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

20. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

21. The mathematical equation had a _____ solution that was easy to follow.

adj. characterized by clear and sound reasoning; following a rational and systematic approach; based on or in accordance with logic or reason

22. An executive _____ director administers each branch.

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

23. Many people were accused of _____ during the Salem Witch Trials in the late 1600s.

n. the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices

ANSWERS: 16. whacked, 17. swivel, 18. decide, 19. weird, 20. communicate, 21. logical, 22. assistant, 23. witchcraft

24. The occurrence of events in _____ is often taken as a sign of divine intervention.
- n.* the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose
25. I pushed _____ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.
- adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
26. The magician's illusions were designed to _____ the audience into believing they saw something impossible.
- v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
27. The archaeologist ran his _____ along the pattern of the tombstones.
- n.* the end or tip of a finger
28. Our naive experience undoubtedly contains a _____ aspect.
- adj.* relating to language or the study of language
29. The famous restaurant stands _____ up the hill.
- adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
30. She _____ a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.
- v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
31. The road is _____ for a while.
- adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope

ANSWERS: 24. synchronicity, 25. forth, 26. deceive, 27. fingertips, 28. linguistic, 29. halfway, 30. snapped, 31. uphill

32. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.
adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful
33. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
34. " _____ he exclaimed, finally solving the problem.
n. exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight
35. The athlete had sweat dripping down her _____ after the intense workout.
n. the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
36. He _____ money from the cashbox without telling the company's employees.
v. to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance
37. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
38. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.
v. to broaden in scope, range, or area
39. 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
40. The audience _____ when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.
v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

ANSWERS: 32. skeptical, 33. rewards, 34. Eureka!", 35. forehead, 36. pinched, 37. hell, 38. extend, 39. relations, 40. gasped

41. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

42. The kitchen appliances were all _____ steel, making the space modern and sleek.

adj. resistant to staining or discoloration; not affected or damaged by contact with dirt, water, or other substances; clean and hygienic

43. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.

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

44. The local sorcerer insists that he can _____ him into a deep trance.

v. to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)

45. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

46. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

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

47. They decided to go to the _____ to dance the night away.

n. (also "nightspot") a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks

48. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

ANSWERS: 41. instances, 42. stainless, 43. examine, 44. hypnotize, 45. influence, 46. technique, 47. nightclub, 48. underneath

49. She made a facial _____ to express disagreement.
n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
50. I _____ around for years in Europe before going to university.
v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
51. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
52. I don't _____ acting in such an important role.
v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
53. The stock market has been in a _____ trend for the past month.
adj. moving towards a lower position or a lower level
54. 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
55. My left arm became _____.
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
56. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
57. Some people believe in the power of _____ to heal or harm others.
n. a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical

ANSWERS: 49. gesture, 50. drifted, 51. experiments, 52. fancy, 53. downward, 54. brain, 55. numb, 56. ignored, 57. voodoo

58. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
59. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.
n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected
60. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
61. How did he _____ to your idea?
v. to take action in response to something
62. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.
adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
63. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
64. The _____ concert was packed with fans.
adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
65. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.
n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

ANSWERS: 58. norms, 59. freak, 60. obvious, 61. react, 62. firm, 63. process, 64. standing, 65. steel

66. The company adjusted the revenue _____.

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

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

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

68. Thousands of people attended the protest _____ against the proposed policy.

n. a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

69. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

70. I used an iron _____ to dig a hole for the new tree in the backyard.

n. a gardening tool with a flat, pointed blade used for digging, planting, and moving soil

71. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

72. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

73. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

ANSWERS: 66. upward, 67. release, 68. demonstration, 69. blind, 70. spade, 71. represent, 72. sink, 73. mess

74. The doctor administered a _____ test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.
- n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
75. She accidentally _____ into him in the crowded room.
- v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
76. Don't _____ horses while crossing a stream.
- v.* to give something and receive something in trade
77. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
- v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
78. The _____ burst from the audience.
- n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
79. He used his right _____ to press the button on his phone.
- n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
80. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
- n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
81. 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

ANSWERS: 74. blindfold, 75. bumped, 76. swap, 77. slide, 78. applause, 79. thumb, 80. magic, 81. clapped

82. If you apply this ointment, you may feel a mild burning _____.
- n.* a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement
83. The third _____ was far more successful.
- n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
84. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
- adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
85. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
- n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
86. The _____ energy of the falling object increased as it fell.
- adj.* of or relating to motion or the forces that cause motion
87. He could never go against what _____ Carlos said.
- n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
88. The data _____ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.
- v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
89. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.
- adv.* without needing a direct human control
90. The _____ of water is called ice.
- adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

ANSWERS: 82. sensation, 83. attempt, 84. crazy, 85. sights, 86. kinetic, 87. Don, 88. indicates, 89. automatically, 90. solid-state

91. The marketing team devised a clever _____ to attract more customers to the store.

- n.* a trick, device, or scheme used to attract attention or create a desired effect, often by using novelty or deception

92. When traveling to some countries, you may be required to show proof of an _____ ticket as a condition of entry.

- adj.* moving or continuing forward; progressing

93. 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

94. He couldn't help but _____ at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.

- v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

95. The politician was accused of _____ for making false promises during his campaign.

- n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

96. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.

- n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

97. The dancers _____ their movements seamlessly, creating a stunning choreography.

- v.* to intertwine or weave together in a pattern or design; to connect or link closely or intricately; to intermix or intermingle

ANSWERS: 91. gimmick, 92. onward, 93. ace, 94. stare, 95. deception, 96. concentration, 97. interlaced

98. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
99. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.
- adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
100. These models explain why you can't _____ yourself.
- v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
101. The earthquake caused a _____ of lumber to crumble noisily.
- n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
102. It is a _____ that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.
- n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
103. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
- v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
104. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
- adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
105. The beautiful _____ added a touch of elegance to the dinner party.
- n.* a cloth used to cover a table, especially for protection or decoration

ANSWERS: 98. tradition, 99. nervous, 100. tickle, 101. stack, 102. pity, 103. reversed, 104. negative, 105. tablecloth

106. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

107. He lost the election by _____ votes.

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

108. The timer _____ reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.

- v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning

109. He rolled up his _____ to get ready to work.

- n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm

110. The company _____ in customer service.

- v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

111. The statue was placed on a sturdy _____ in the park's center.

- n.* a heavy base or support on which a statue, column, or other architectural element rests; a platform or pedestal that raises something above its surroundings or provides a solid foundation

112. The haunted house was said to be a hotspot for _____ activity.

- adj.* relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences

113. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

ANSWERS: 106. stick, 107. mere, 108. beeped, 109. sleeves, 110. excels, 111. plinth, 112. paranormal, 113. victim

114. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

- v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

115. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

116. The magician's _____ of hand trick left the audience amazed.

- n.* the use of dexterity or skill, particularly to deceive; a clever or cunning trick or skillful manipulation of objects

117. The magic tricks _____ the children.

- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

118. She had knowledge she couldn't wait to _____.

- v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of

119. Many communication skills rely on _____ cues such as body language and facial expressions.

- adj.* not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

120. She had a master's degree in _____.

- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

121. Please get the desk _____.

- adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

ANSWERS: 114. posit, 115. insisted, 116. sleight, 117. fascinated, 118. impart, 119. nonverbal, 120. psychology, 121. downstairs

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

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

123. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

124. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

125. The recent _____ in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

126. The company is launching a new line of _____ products aimed at young adults.

adj. consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents

127. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

ANSWERS: 122. absolutely, 123. chant, 124. breath, 125. spike, 126. serial, 127. illusion