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Session 1: Word List

notoriety

n. the state of being widely known, especially for something negative or notorious; a negative reputation or fame

synonym: infamy, disrepute, notoriousness

(1) violent **notoriety**, (2) achieve **notoriety**

The famous gangster's **notoriety** grew with each daring heist and narrow escape.

serene

adj. calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries

synonym: calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **serene** landscape, (2) a **serene** atmosphere

The **serene** sunset over the ocean was a peaceful sight to behold.

upstage

v. to distract attention from someone or something else, often intentionally; to move upstage in a theater, away from the audience, thus taking a more prominent position on the stage; (adverb) at or toward the rear of the stage

synonym: outdo, overshadow, eclipse

(1) **upstage** a co-star, (2) move **upstage**

The musician's incredible solo momentarily **upstaged** the lead singer.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

postmodern

adj. relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation

synonym : contemporary, poststructural, relativistic

(1) **postmodern** art, (2) **postmodern** anthropology

The **postmodern** architecture of the building was a contrast to the traditional designs in the neighborhood.

napkin

n. a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions

synonym : serviette, handkerchief, cloth

(1) paper **napkin**, (2) linen **napkin**

I always keep a stack of **napkins** on my desk while I eat to prevent any messes.

zigzag

adj. having short sharp turns or angles

synonym : bent, crinkled, crooked

(1) **zigzag** sewing machine, (2) a **zigzag** line

We had to go through a **zigzag** course.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym : sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

headquarter

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

synonym : base, center, command

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

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

confer

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

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

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

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

carp

n. a type of freshwater fish found in many parts of the world, typically with a scaleless body, barbels around the mouth, and erect fins; (verb) to complain or find fault with something repeatedly

synonym: fish, minnow, (verb) complain

(1) **carp** fishing, (2) **carp** at the issue

The fisherman showed off his biggest **carp** catch of the day.

bathtub

n. a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe

synonym: tub, bath, basin

(1) **bathtub** curve, (2) **bathtub** drain

I filled the **bathtub** with hot water and a bubble bath for a relaxing soak.

pedestal

n. a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed

synonym: base, stand, platform

(1) **pedestal** sink, (2) a stone **pedestal**

The statue was placed on a **pedestal** in the center of the park.

souvenir

n. an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake

synonym: memento, keepsake, token

(1) city **souvenir**, (2) **souvenir** shop

I bought my sister a miniature Eiffel Tower **souvenir** when I visited Paris.

salesperson

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

synonym: dealer, seller, vendor

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

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

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

fencing

n. the art or practice of fighting with swords, especially with foils, épées, or sabers, according to certain rules

synonym: swordplay, duelling, sabreplay

(1) **fencing** equipment, (2) **fencing** club

He practiced his **fencing** techniques with a partner.

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.

homage

n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

synonym: respect, deference, reverence

(1) paying **homage** to tradition, (2) vassal **homage**

The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of **homage** to the retiring athlete.

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

synonym: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair
The interests of the two countries **collide**.

binocular

n. (often used in plural form) a device or instrument designed for use with both eyes simultaneously, enabling a viewer to see objects in a three-dimensional perspective and with greater depth perception; (adjective) relating to or involving both eyes, especially when viewing through a device such as a pair of binoculars; involving or requiring the use of both eyes

synonym : field glasses, opera glasses, spyglasses

(1) **binoculars** for birdwatching, (2) powerful **binoculars**
The stargazing enthusiasts used their high-powered **binoculars** to study the constellations in the night sky.

ante

n. a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor

synonym : bet, wager, stake

(1) up the **ante**, (2) penny- **ante** trade

We need to raise the **ante** to win this poker game.

carpenter

n. a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects

synonym : woodworker, artisan

(1) a short **carpenter** nail, (2) an apprentice **carpenter**
Carpenter bees are boring holes into the wall.

jasper

n. a dense, opaque variety of quartz that is typically red, brown, or yellow in color and often used as a gemstone or in decorative objects

synonym : opal, agate, chalcedony

(1) **jasper** gemstone, (2) **jasper** bracelet

She adorned her necklace with a beautiful **jasper** pendant.

metalwork

n. the art or craft of working with metals, particularly in a decorative or functional context; objects produced through metalworking techniques

synonym : metalcraft, metal fabrication

(1) ornamental **metalwork**, (2) custom **metalwork**

The artist's **metalwork** sculptures were on display at the museum.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

craftsman

n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

synonym : artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**

The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

miller

n. a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill

synonym : grinder, pulverizer, crusher

(1) **mill**er flour, (2) water **mill**er

The **mill**er's work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.

trite

adj. lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable

synonym : clichéd, banal, overused

(1) **trite** joke, (2) **trite** melody

The speaker's speech was full of **trite** phrases and platitudes.

cafeteria

n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

synonym : canteen, mess hall, restaurant

(1) **cafeteria** lunch, (2) office **cafeteria**

The university's **cafeteria** was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.

galvanize

v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

synonym : energize, invigorate, motivate

(1) **galvanize** steel, (2) **galvanize** the country

The motivational speech **galvanized** the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

buckle

v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat;
(noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

synonym : bend, crumple, contort

(1) **buckle** down to study, (2) **buckle** shoe

The severe heat wave **buckled** railway tracks.

sloppy

adj. characterized by a lack of order or neatness; careless, disorganized, or careless in appearance or performance

synonym : messy, untidy, disheveled

(1) **sloppy** writing, (2) **sloppy** appearance

She looked **sloppy** in her wrinkled shirt and mismatched socks.

cameo

n. a small, raised, typically oval, carving or portrait, usually made of a contrasting material (such as shell or stone) and often set in a larger piece of jewelry or decorative item; a brief appearance or performance by a well-known person in a film, play, or other medium

synonym : cameo, relief, carving

(1) antique **cameo**, (2) **cameo** appearance

The actress wore a stunning **cameo** pendant around her

neck.

guardrail

n. a sturdy metal or wooden railing or barrier placed beside a road, bridge, or other dangerous areas to prevent vehicles or people from going over the edge; a protective barrier or railing used to prevent falls or accidents

synonym : barrier, railing, fence

(1) **guardrail** installation, (2) damaged **guardrail**

The **guardrail** along the highway prevents vehicles from going off the road's edge.

billboard

n. a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

synonym : hoarding, signboard, advertisement

(1) **billboard** advertising, (2) digital **billboard**

The new **billboard** on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.

goliath

n. a biblical figure and legendary giant warrior whom the young shepherd David defeated; a symbol of great strength or size

synonym : giant, colossus, titan

(1) automotive **goliath**, (2) **goliath** bird-eating spider

The young entrepreneur took down the **goliath** corporation with her innovative idea.

freeway

n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

synonym : highway, expressway, motorway

(1) **freeway** exit, (2) expanded **freeway**

We got stuck in a traffic jam on the **freeway** for over an hour.

cornice

n. a decorative, horizontal molding that crowns a building or furniture; a ledge or shelf along the top of a wall

synonym :

projection, molding, ledge

(1) **cornice** molding, (2) exterior **cornice**

The **cornice** of the old building added to its architectural charm.

exuberant

adj. full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production

synonym: joyful, elated, ebullient

(1) **exuberant** performance, (2) **exuberant** personality

The young couple's **exuberant** energy was infectious, and everyone around them was smiling.

redo

v. to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

synonym: revise, remake, rework

(1) **redo** a kitchen, (2) **redo** a project

I had to **redo** my entire presentation because the formatting was off.

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym: gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

protruding

adj. sticking out or projecting from a surface; extending beyond a boundary or limit

synonym: jutting, sticking out, protrusion

(1) **protruding** object, (2) **protruding** tongue

The construction worker wore a hard hat to protect his head from **protruding** beams or wires.

workmanship

n. the quality or skill with which something, especially a crafted item or construction, has been made or done; the level of artistry and craftsmanship displayed in a particular piece of work

synonym: craftsmanship, artistry, skill

(1) the painting's **workmanship**, (2) high **workmanship** standards

The intricate details and flawless craftsmanship in the furniture demonstrate exquisite **workmanship**.

cheaply

adv. in a stingy or inexpensive manner

synonym: inexpensively, tattily, stingily

(1) **cheaply** available, (2) buy stock **cheaply**

You can live very **cheaply** in Southeast Asia.

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**.

schizophrenia

n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

synonym: psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

sculptural

adj. relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance

synonym : sculpted, carved, modeled

(1) **sculptural** masterpiece, (2) **sculptural** design

The **sculptural** details on the building's facade were simply stunning.

courthouse

n. a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located

synonym : court, tribunal, judicature

(1) **courthouse** security, (2) municipal **courthouse**

The verdict was announced at the **courthouse** after a long trial.

fasten

v. to secure or attach something firmly or tightly; to make something stay in place or become immovable

synonym : secure, attach, clamp

(1) **fasten** the zip, (2) **fasten** a button

Please **fasten** your seatbelt before the plane takes off.

peeve

v. to annoy or irritate someone; to be a source of annoyance or irritation to someone; (noun) something that irritates or annoys you; a source of annoyance or irritation

synonym : annoy, irritate, bother

(1) personal **peeve**, (2) **peeve** me off when people talk loudly

Nothing **peeves** me more than being lied to.

pavilion

n. a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings

synonym : gazebo, kiosk, pagoda

(1) garden **pavilion**, (2) beach **pavilion**

The outdoor wedding reception was held in a beautiful **pavilion** overlooking the lake.

courtyard

n. an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

synonym: patio, garden, atrium

(1) quiet **courtyard**, (2) spacious **courtyard**

The hotel's beautiful **courtyard** was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.

barge

n. a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner

synonym: boat, vessel, flatboat

(1) **barge** through the crowded hallway, (2) canal **barge**

The captain of the **barge** navigated through the narrow canal with ease.

grove

n. a small group of trees growing closely together

synonym: copse, thicket, underbrush

(1) a bamboo **grove**, (2) citrus **grove**

They walked through the **grove** of trees and admired the natural beauty.

stairway

n. a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety

synonym: staircase, steps

(1) **stairway** railing, (2) narrow **stairway**

The grand entrance hall had a magnificent marble **stairway** that curved gracefully upwards.

foreground

n. the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer

(1) **foreground** segmentation, (2) **foreground** galaxy

A happy group of friends occupies the **foreground** of the picture.

humane

adj. having or showing compassion, kindness, and sympathy toward others, especially toward those who are suffering

synonym : compassionate, kind, merciful

(1) **humane** treatment, (2) **humane** society

We must ensure that all medical testing on animals is conducted in a **humane** way.

picket

n. a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters

synonym : fence, stake, lookout

(1) **picket** sign, (2) cross the **picket** line

The farmer built a **picket** fence around his garden to keep the animals out.

pragmatic

adj. practical rather than idealistic

synonym : practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

slab

n. a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure

synonym : slate, tile, paving stone

(1) a **slab** of chocolate, (2) marble **slab**

The construction workers poured a large **slab** of concrete for the foundation of the building.

seine

n. a large fishing net that hangs vertically in the water with floats at the top and weights at the bottom used to enclose and catch fish

synonym : net, fishing net, trawl

(1) haul a **seine**, (2) beach **seine**

The fishermen used a purse **seine** to catch fish in the river.

frontal

adj. relating to the front; situated at or directed towards the front; frontal can also refer to a meteorological term for a weather system that is moving from west to east

synonym : anterior, fore, forward

(1) **frontal** assault, (2) **frontal** attack

He suffered a severe **frontal** collision in the car accident.

ballerina

n. a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer

synonym : dancer, danseuse

(1) classical **ballerina**, (2) famous **ballerina**

The **ballerina's** graceful movements were a joy to watch.

foyer

n. an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event

synonym : lobby, entrance hall, vestibule

(1) hotel **foyer**, (2) grand **foyer**

The elegant chandelier in the **foyer** was the centerpiece of the grand entrance.

limestone

n. a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite

synonym : calcareous rock, chalk

(1) sheer **limestone** cliffs, (2) **limestone** pavement

The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of **limestone**.

mansard

n. a type of roof with two slopes on each of its four sides, the lower slope being steeper and the upper slope being flatter, giving the roof a distinctive appearance

synonym : roof, gambrel, pitched roof

(1) **mansard** renovation, (2) historic **mansard** buildings

The historical building featured a distinctive **mansard** roof, adding charm to its architectural design.

glutton

n. a person who eats and drinks excessively

synonym: pig, hog, gourmand

(1) **glutton** appetite, (2) **glutton** for work

He was called a glorified **glutton** because he always ate more food than anyone else at the table.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

rodeo

n. a public exhibition of cowboy skills, particularly in North America, featuring events such as calf-roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding

(1) **rodeo** bull, (2) **rodeo** championship

The bull rider held on tightly during the **rodeo** event.

perpendicular

adj. forming, situated at, or being at a right angle to a given line or plane; upright or vertical; at right angles to the horizon

synonym: vertical, upright, standing

(1) **perpendicular** angles, (2) **perpendicular** walls

The two lines were perfectly **perpendicular** to each other.

urbanist

n. a person who studies or is an expert in the design, planning, and development of urban areas, especially in improving the quality of life for the people who live and work there

synonym: urban planner, city planner, city designer

(1) famous **urbanist**, (2) **urbanist** philosophy

The transportation board accepted the **urbanist's** proposal for a bus rapid transit system.

accrue

v. (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time

synonym : increase, accumulate, amass

(1) **accrue** to the general treasury, (2) benefits **accrue** to the community

Two-percent interest will **accrue** on your savings account.

plaster

n. a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements

synonym : cement, adhesive, mortar

(1) daub the ceiling with **plaster**, (2) cracks in the **plaster**
Patience is the **plaster** of all sores.

cunning

adj. clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily

synonym : sly, crafty, tricky

(1) **cunning** plan, (2) **cunning** thief

The **cunning** fox managed to elude the hunters and escape with his prey.

skylight

n. a window or opening in a roof or ceiling that allows natural light to enter a room or space from above

synonym : roof window, light well

(1) **skylight** window, (2) dome **skylight**

The **skylight** in the room added natural light and a beautiful view of the stars at night.

iceberg

n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

synonym : glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym : positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

acoustics

n. a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound

(1) specialize in **acoustics**, (2) the engineer of **acoustics**

The physicist specializes in **acoustics**.

proscenium

n. the part of a theater stage that is framed by an arch and is in front of the curtain

synonym: stage, platform, apron

(1) **proscenium** arch, (2) **proscenium** stage

The **proscenium** opening was the part of the stage in front of the curtain.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

crank

n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

synonym : eccentric, oddball, kook

(1) **crank** handle, (2) **crank** caller

The fishing reel had a **crank** that made it easy to reel in the catch.

teapot

n. a small, usually handleless pot with a spout used for boiling or brewing tea; it often has a lid to prevent heat loss during steeping and is typically made of ceramic or metal

synonym : kettle, pot, pitcher

(1) antique **teapot**, (2) porcelain **teapot**

The ceramic **teapot** shattered on the kitchen floor when I accidentally dropped it.

pervert

v. to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

synonym : distort, corrupt, twist

(1) **pervert** justice, (2) **pervert** young men

The teacher warned the students not to **pervert** the story's meaning by twisting the facts.

contraption

n. a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual

synonym : device, gadget, machinery

(1) farming **contraption**, (2) complicated **contraption**

The inventor created a **contraption** that could turn salt water into drinking water.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing

complex tasks.

Session 2: Spelling

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ANSWERS: 1. sect, 2. creditor, 3. resilient, 4. seine, 5. metalwork, 6. guardrail, 7. ante

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ANSWERS: 8. pervert, 9. salesperson, 10. cunning, 11. glutton, 12. sloppy, 13. downstairs, 14. iceberg, 15. galvanize, 16. crank

17. high wor_____ip standards *n.* the quality or skill with which something, especially a crafted item or construction, has been made or done; the level of artistry and craftsmanship displayed in a particular piece of work
18. benefits ac___e to the community *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
19. hu___e society *adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, and sympathy toward others, especially toward those who are suffering
20. pr_____ic approach *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
21. pro_____ng tongue *adj.* sticking out or projecting from a surface; extending beyond a boundary or limit
22. for_____nd segmentation *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
23. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
24. a short ca_____er nail *n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
25. automotive go_____h *n.* a biblical figure and legendary giant warrior whom the young shepherd David defeated; a symbol of great strength or size
26. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
27. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 17. workmanship, 18. accrue, 19. humane, 20. pragmatic, 21. protruding, 22. foreground, 23. terrify, 24. carpenter, 25. goliath, 26. headquarter, 27. confer

28. scu_____al masterpiece *adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance
29. a s__b of chocolate *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
30. ba_____b curve *n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
31. scu_____al design *adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance
32. excessive op_____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
33. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
34. ga_____ze steel *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
35. cr__k caller *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
36. ro__o championship *n.* a public exhibition of cowboy skills, particularly in North America, featuring events such as calf-roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding

ANSWERS: 28. sculptural, 29. slab, 30. bathtub, 31. sculptural, 32. optimist, 33. opportune, 34. galvanize, 35. crank, 36. rodeo

37. antique ca__o *n.* a small, raised, typically oval, carving or portrait, usually made of a contrasting material (such as shell or stone) and often set in a larger piece of jewelry or decorative item; a brief appearance or performance by a well-known person in a film, play, or other medium
38. build in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
39. classical ba_____na *n.* a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer
40. the painting's wor_____ip *n.* the quality or skill with which something, especially a crafted item or construction, has been made or done; the level of artistry and craftsmanship displayed in a particular piece of work
41. hotel fo__r *n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event
42. li_____ne pavement *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
43. ex_____nt personality *adj.* full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production

ANSWERS: 37. cameo, 38. intimacy, 39. ballerina, 40. workmanship, 41. foyer, 42. limestone, 43. exuberant

44. daub the ceiling with pl_____r *n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
45. garden pa_____on *n.* a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings
46. c__p fishing *n.* a type of freshwater fish found in many parts of the world, typically with a scaleless body, barbels around the mouth, and erect fins; (verb) to complain or find fault with something repeatedly
47. cross the pi_____t line *n.* a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters
48. bu_____e down to study *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
49. st_____ay railing *n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety

ANSWERS: 44. plaster, 45. pavilion, 46. carp, 47. picket, 48. buckle, 49. stairway

50. tr__e melody *adj.* lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable
51. op____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
52. ba____b drain *n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
53. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
54. up_____e a co-star *v.* to distract attention from someone or something else, often intentionally; to move upstage in a theater, away from the audience, thus taking a more prominent position on the stage; (adverb) at or toward the rear of the stage
55. cu_____g plan *adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
56. sch_____nia spectrum disorder *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
57. paying ho___e to tradition *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

ANSWERS: 50. trite, 51. optimist, 52. bathtub, 53. fascinate, 54. upstage, 55. cunning, 56. schizophrenia, 57. homage

58. expanded fr____y *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
59. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
60. co_____e molding *n.* a decorative, horizontal molding that crowns a building or furniture; a ledge or shelf along the top of a wall
61. the engineer of ac_____cs *n.* a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound
62. a se___e atmosphere *adj.* calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries
63. powerful bi_____ars *n.* (often used in plural form) a device or instrument designed for use with both eyes simultaneously, enabling a viewer to see objects in a three-dimensional perspective and with greater depth perception; (adjective) relating to or involving both eyes, especially when viewing through a device such as a pair of binoculars; involving or requiring the use of both eyes
64. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
65. fe_____g club *n.* the art or practice of fighting with swords, especially with foils, épées, or sabers, according to certain rules

ANSWERS: 58. freeway, 59. resilient, 60. cornice, 61. acoustics, 62. serene, 63. binocular, 64. creditor, 65. fencing

66. pe__e me off when people talk loudly
v. to annoy or irritate someone; to be a source of annoyance or irritation to someone; (noun) something that irritates or annoys you; a source of annoyance or irritation
67. fr_____l assault
adj. relating to the front; situated at or directed towards the front; frontal can also refer to a meteorological term for a weather system that is moving from west to east
68. ca__e a statue
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
69. a zi___g line
adj. having short sharp turns or angles
70. a subtle cr_____an
n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
71. cracks in the pl_____r
n. a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
72. fe_____g equipment
n. the art or practice of fighting with swords, especially with foils, épées, or sabers, according to certain rules
73. office ca_____ia
n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
74. custom me_____rk
n. the art or craft of working with metals, particularly in a decorative or functional context; objects produced through metalworking techniques

ANSWERS: 66. peeve, 67. frontal, 68. carve, 69. zigzag, 70. craftsman, 71. plaster, 72. fencing, 73. cafeteria, 74. metalwork

75. te____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
76. go____h bird-eating spider *n.* a biblical figure and legendary giant warrior whom the young shepherd David defeated; a symbol of great strength or size
77. fr____l attack *adj.* relating to the front; situated at or directed towards the front; frontal can also refer to a meteorological term for a weather system that is moving from west to east
78. pr____ic politics *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
79. se____e landscape *adj.* calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries
80. mi____r flour *n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill
81. ma____d renovation *n.* a type of roof with two slopes on each of its four sides, the lower slope being steeper and the upper slope being flatter, giving the roof a distinctive appearance
82. Internet ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
83. ca____ia lunch *n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

ANSWERS: 75. terrify, 76. goliath, 77. frontal, 78. pragmatic, 79. serene, 80. miller, 81. mansard, 82. addict, 83. cafeteria

84. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
85. so_____ir shop *n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
86. a drapery sal_____on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
87. pos_____rn anthropology *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
88. a drug ad_____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
89. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
90. gl_____n for work *n.* a person who eats and drinks excessively
91. exterior co_____e *n.* a decorative, horizontal molding that crowns a building or furniture; a ledge or shelf along the top of a wall
92. co_____e head-on *v.* to hit something violently when moving
93. citrus gr__e *n.* a small group of trees growing closely together
94. sk_____ht window *n.* a window or opening in a roof or ceiling that allows natural light to enter a room or space from above

ANSWERS: 84. headquarter, 85. souvenir, 86. salesperson, 87. postmodern, 88. addict, 89. carve, 90. glutton, 91. cornice, 92. collide, 93. grove, 94. skylight

95. penny-a__e trade *n.* a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor
96. buy stock ch____y *adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner
97. cou_____se security *n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
98. pro_____um arch *n.* the part of a theater stage that is framed by an arch and is in front of the curtain
99. per_____lar walls *adj.* forming, situated at, or being at a right angle to a given line or plane; upright or vertical; at right angles to the horizon
100. ur_____st philosophy *n.* a person who studies or is an expert in the design, planning, and development of urban areas, especially in improving the quality of life for the people who live and work there
101. on terms of in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
102. canal ba__e *n.* a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner

ANSWERS: 95. ante, 96. cheaply, 97. courthouse, 98. proscenium, 99. perpendicular, 100. urbanist, 101. intimacy, 102. barge

103. achieve no_____ty *n.* the state of being widely known, especially for something negative or notorious; a negative reputation or fame
104. narrow st_____ay *n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
105. ex_____nt performance *adj.* full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production
106. an apprentice ca_____er *n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
107. beach pa_____on *n.* a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings
108. move up_____e *v.* to distract attention from someone or something else, often intentionally; to move upstage in a theater, away from the audience, thus taking a more prominent position on the stage; (adverb) at or toward the rear of the stage
109. r__o a kitchen *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
110. sl____y writing *adj.* characterized by a lack of order or neatness; careless, disorganized, or careless in appearance or performance

ANSWERS: 103. notoriety, 104. stairway, 105. exuberant, 106. carpenter, 107. pavilion, 108. upstage, 109. redo, 110. sloppy

111. r__o a project *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
112. haul a se__e *n.* a large fishing net that hangs vertically in the water with floats at the top and weights at the bottom used to enclose and catch fish
113. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
114. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
115. violent no_____ty *n.* the state of being widely known, especially for something negative or notorious; a negative reputation or fame
116. zi___g sewing machine *adj.* having short sharp turns or angles
117. pe_____t justice *v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society
118. personal pe__e *v.* to annoy or irritate someone; to be a source of annoyance or irritation to someone; (noun) something that irritates or annoys you; a source of annoyance or irritation

ANSWERS: 111. redo, 112. seine, 113. seize, 114. opportune, 115. notoriety, 116. zigzag, 117. pervert, 118. peeve

119. bi_____rd advertising *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
120. famous ur_____st *n.* a person who studies or is an expert in the design, planning, and development of urban areas, especially in improving the quality of life for the people who live and work there
121. hit an ic_____g *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
122. farming con_____on *n.* a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual
123. ja____r gemstone *n.* a dense, opaque variety of quartz that is typically red, brown, or yellow in color and often used as a gemstone or in decorative objects
124. porcelain te____t *n.* a small, usually handleless pot with a spout used for boiling or brewing tea; it often has a lid to prevent heat loss during steeping and is typically made of ceramic or metal
125. sheer li_____ne cliffs *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
126. a stone pe_____al *n.* a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed

ANSWERS: 119. billboard, 120. urbanist, 121. iceberg, 122. contraption, 123. jasper, 124. teapot, 125. limestone, 126. pedestal

127. pro_____um stage *n.* the part of a theater stage that is framed by an arch and is in front of the curtain
128. bu___e shoe *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
129. bi_____ars for birdwatching *n.* (often used in plural form) a device or instrument designed for use with both eyes simultaneously, enabling a viewer to see objects in a three-dimensional perspective and with greater depth perception; (adjective) relating to or involving both eyes, especially when viewing through a device such as a pair of binoculars; involving or requiring the use of both eyes
130. fr_____y exit *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
131. municipal cou_____se *n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
132. twisty ca___n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
133. ja___r bracelet *n.* a dense, opaque variety of quartz that is typically red, brown, or yellow in color and often used as a gemstone or in decorative objects

ANSWERS: 127. proscenium, 128. buckle, 129. binocular, 130. freeway, 131. courthouse, 132. canyon, 133. jasper

134. pi___t sign *n.* a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters
135. complicated con_____on *n.* a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual
136. water mi___r *n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill
137. quiet co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
138. specialize in ac_____cs *n.* a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound
139. vassal ho___e *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
140. ac___e to the general treasury *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time

ANSWERS: 134. picket, 135. contraption, 136. miller, 137. courtyard, 138. acoustics, 139. homage, 140. accrue

141. pos_____rn art *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
142. per_____lar angles *adj.* forming, situated at, or being at a right angle to a given line or plane; upright or vertical; at right angles to the horizon
143. fa___n a button *v.* to secure or attach something firmly or tightly; to make something stay in place or become immovable
144. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
145. spacious co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
146. damaged gu_____il *n.* a sturdy metal or wooden railing or barrier placed beside a road, bridge, or other dangerous areas to prevent vehicles or people from going over the edge; a protective barrier or railing used to prevent falls or accidents
147. pe_____al sink *n.* a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed
148. paper na___n *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions

ANSWERS: 141. postmodern, 142. perpendicular, 143. fasten, 144. sect, 145. courtyard, 146. guardrail, 147. pedestal, 148. napkin

149. antique te___t *n.* a small, usually handleless pot with a spout used for boiling or brewing tea; it often has a lid to prevent heat loss during steeping and is typically made of ceramic or metal
150. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
151. ba__e through the crowded hallway *n.* a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner
152. famous ba_____na *n.* a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer
153. marble s__b *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
154. city so_____ir *n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
155. cr_____an skill *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
156. for_____nd galaxy *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
157. a bamboo gr__e *n.* a small group of trees growing closely together

ANSWERS: 149. teapot, 150. fascinate, 151. barge, 152. ballerina, 153. slab, 154. souvenir, 155. craftsman, 156. foreground, 157. grove

158. tr__e joke *adj.* lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable
159. c__p at the issue *n.* a type of freshwater fish found in many parts of the world, typically with a scaleless body, barbels around the mouth, and erect fins; (verb) to complain or find fault with something repeatedly
160. pro_____ng object *adj.* sticking out or projecting from a surface; extending beyond a boundary or limit
161. digital bi_____rd *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
162. co_____e in midair *v.* to hit something violently when moving
163. linen na____n *n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions
164. ca____n of skyscrapers *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
165. ca__o appearance *n.* a small, raised, typically oval, carving or portrait, usually made of a contrasting material (such as shell or stone) and often set in a larger piece of jewelry or decorative item; a brief appearance or performance by a well-known person in a film, play, or other medium

ANSWERS: 158. trite, 159. carp, 160. protruding, 161. billboard, 162. collide, 163. napkin, 164. canyon, 165. cameo

166. hu___e treatment *adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, and sympathy toward others, especially toward those who are suffering
167. creep dow_____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
168. ro__o bull *n.* a public exhibition of cowboy skills, particularly in North America, featuring events such as calf-roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding
169. grand fo__r *n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event
170. historic ma_____d buildings *n.* a type of roof with two slopes on each of its four sides, the lower slope being steeper and the upper slope being flatter, giving the roof a distinctive appearance
171. ch_____y available *adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner
172. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
173. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
174. sch_____nia treatment *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

ANSWERS: 166. humane, 167. downstairs, 168. rodeo, 169. foyer, 170. mansard, 171. cheaply, 172. seize, 173. confer, 174. schizophrenia

175. fa___n the zip

v. to secure or attach something firmly or tightly; to make something stay in place or become immovable

176. dome sk_____ht

n. a window or opening in a roof or ceiling that allows natural light to enter a room or space from above

ANSWERS: 175. fasten, 176. skylight

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The Grand _____ has an awe-inspiring sight.
n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
2. The motivational speech _____ the team and gave them the drive to succeed.
v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
3. The fishermen used a purse _____ to catch fish in the river.
n. a large fishing net that hangs vertically in the water with floats at the top and weights at the bottom used to enclose and catch fish
4. We need to raise the _____ to win this poker game.
n. a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor
5. He received the title of the best _____ in all our branches worldwide.
n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
6. The outdoor wedding reception was held in a beautiful _____ overlooking the lake.
n. a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings
7. The teacher warned the students not to _____ the story's meaning by twisting the facts.
v. to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

ANSWERS: 1. Canyon, 2. galvanized, 3. seine, 4. ante, 5. salesperson, 6. pavilion, 7.

pervert

8. We had to go through a _____ course.

adj. having short sharp turns or angles

9. The speaker's speech was full of _____ phrases and platitudes.

adj. lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable

10. I bought my sister a miniature Eiffel Tower _____ when I visited Paris.

n. an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake

11. The magic tricks _____ the children.

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

12. The fishing reel had a _____ that made it easy to reel in the catch.

n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

13. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

14. The fisherman showed off his biggest _____ catch of the day.

n. a type of freshwater fish found in many parts of the world, typically with a scaleless body, barbels around the mouth, and erect fins; (verb) to complain or find fault with something repeatedly

15. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

ANSWERS: 8. zigzag, 9. trite, 10. souvenir, 11. fascinated, 12. crank, 13. seize, 14. carp, 15. carved

16. She adorned her necklace with a beautiful _____ pendant.
- n.* a dense, opaque variety of quartz that is typically red, brown, or yellow in color and often used as a gemstone or in decorative objects
17. The famous gangster's _____ grew with each daring heist and narrow escape.
- n.* the state of being widely known, especially for something negative or notorious; a negative reputation or fame
18. He was called a glorified _____ because he always ate more food than anyone else at the table.
- n.* a person who eats and drinks excessively
19. The _____ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.
- n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
20. Please get the desk _____.
- adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
21. The young entrepreneur took down the _____ corporation with her innovative idea.
- n.* a biblical figure and legendary giant warrior whom the young shepherd David defeated; a symbol of great strength or size
22. The _____ fox managed to elude the hunters and escape with his prey.
- adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
23. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 16. jasper, 17. notoriety, 18. glutton, 19. schizophrenia, 20. downstairs, 21. goliath, 22. cunning, 23. opportune

24. The ship encountered a series of _____ and had to change its course.
n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
25. The severe heat wave _____ railway tracks.
v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
26. The _____ graceful movements were a joy to watch.
n. a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer
27. The verdict was announced at the _____ after a long trial.
n. a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
28. I filled the _____ with hot water and a bubble bath for a relaxing soak.
n. a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
29. The university's _____ was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.
n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
30. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
31. They were looking for _____ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.
n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

ANSWERS: 24. icebergs, 25. buckled, 26. ballerina's, 27. courthouse, 28. bathtub, 29. cafeteria, 30. confer, 31. intimacy

32. The hotel's beautiful _____ was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.
- n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
33. He suffered a severe _____ collision in the car accident.
- adj.* relating to the front; situated at or directed towards the front; frontal can also refer to a meteorological term for a weather system that is moving from west to east
34. The actress wore a stunning _____ pendant around her neck.
- n.* a small, raised, typically oval, carving or portrait, usually made of a contrasting material (such as shell or stone) and often set in a larger piece of jewelry or decorative item; a brief appearance or performance by a well-known person in a film, play, or other medium
35. The ceramic _____ shattered on the kitchen floor when I accidentally dropped it.
- n.* a small, usually handleless pot with a spout used for boiling or brewing tea; it often has a lid to prevent heat loss during steeping and is typically made of ceramic or metal
36. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.
- n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
37. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.
- n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
38. The grand entrance hall had a magnificent marble _____ that curved gracefully upwards.
- n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety

ANSWERS: 32. courtyard, 33. frontal, 34. cameo, 35. teapot, 36. headquarters, 37. optimist, 38. stairway

39. The construction workers poured a large _____ of concrete for the foundation of the building.
- n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
40. They walked through the _____ of trees and admired the natural beauty.
- n.* a small group of trees growing closely together
41. You can live very _____ in Southeast Asia.
- adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner
42. The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of _____ to the retiring athlete.
- n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
43. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
44. I had to _____ my entire presentation because the formatting was off.
- v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
45. Please _____ your seatbelt before the plane takes off.
- v.* to secure or attach something firmly or tightly; to make something stay in place or become immovable
46. The _____ details on the building's facade were simply stunning.
- adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 39. slab, 40. grove, 41. cheaply, 42. homage, 43. sect, 44. redo, 45. fasten, 46. sculptural

47. The physicist specializes in _____.
- n.* a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound
48. The young couple's _____ energy was infectious, and everyone around them was smiling.
- adj.* full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production
49. The captain of the _____ navigated through the narrow canal with ease.
- n.* a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner
50. The historical building featured a distinctive _____ roof, adding charm to its architectural design.
- n.* a type of roof with two slopes on each of its four sides, the lower slope being steeper and the upper slope being flatter, giving the roof a distinctive appearance
51. The transportation board accepted the _____ proposal for a bus rapid transit system.
- n.* a person who studies or is an expert in the design, planning, and development of urban areas, especially in improving the quality of life for the people who live and work there
52. The _____ of the old building added to its architectural charm.
- n.* a decorative, horizontal molding that crowns a building or furniture; a ledge or shelf along the top of a wall

ANSWERS: 47. acoustics, 48. exuberant, 49. barge, 50. mansard, 51. urbanist's, 52. cornice

53. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
54. The _____ sunset over the ocean was a peaceful sight to behold.
adj. calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries
55. He practiced his _____ techniques with a partner.
n. the art or practice of fighting with swords, especially with foils, épées, or sabers, according to certain rules
56. A happy group of friends occupies the _____ of the picture.
n. the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
57. He was a _____ leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.
adj. practical rather than idealistic
58. We must ensure that all medical testing on animals is conducted in a _____ way.
adj. having or showing compassion, kindness, and sympathy toward others, especially toward those who are suffering
59. The construction worker wore a hard hat to protect his head from _____ beams or wires.
adj. sticking out or projecting from a surface; extending beyond a boundary or limit
60. She looked _____ in her wrinkled shirt and mismatched socks.
adj. characterized by a lack of order or neatness; careless, disorganized, or careless in appearance or performance

ANSWERS: 53. creditor, 54. serene, 55. fencing, 56. foreground, 57. pragmatic, 58. humane, 59. protruding, 60. sloppy

61. The two lines were perfectly _____ to each other.
adj. forming, situated at, or being at a right angle to a given line or plane; upright or vertical; at right angles to the horizon
62. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much
63. The _____ architecture of the building was a contrast to the traditional designs in the neighborhood.
adj. relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
64. The interests of the two countries _____.
v. to hit something violently when moving
65. The new _____ on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.
n. a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
66. Two-percent interest will _____ on your savings account.
v. (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
67. The intricate details and flawless craftsmanship in the furniture demonstrate exquisite _____.
n. the quality or skill with which something, especially a crafted item or construction, has been made or done; the level of artistry and craftsmanship displayed in a particular piece of work
68. The bull rider held on tightly during the _____ event.
n. a public exhibition of cowboy skills, particularly in North America, featuring events such as calf-roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding

ANSWERS: 61. perpendicular, 62. terrify, 63. postmodern, 64. collide, 65. billboard, 66. accrue, 67. workmanship, 68. rodeo

69. We got stuck in a traffic jam on the _____ for over an hour.
- n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
70. The musician's incredible solo momentarily _____ the lead singer.
- v.* to distract attention from someone or something else, often intentionally; to move upstage in a theater, away from the audience, thus taking a more prominent position on the stage; (adverb) at or toward the rear of the stage
71. _____ bees are boring holes into the wall.
- n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
72. The _____ in the room added natural light and a beautiful view of the stars at night.
- n.* a window or opening in a roof or ceiling that allows natural light to enter a room or space from above
73. The inventor created a _____ that could turn salt water into drinking water.
- n.* a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual
74. The adept _____ carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.
- n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
75. The artist's _____ sculptures were on display at the museum.
- n.* the art or craft of working with metals, particularly in a decorative or functional context; objects produced through metalworking techniques

ANSWERS: 69. freeway, 70. upstaged, 71. Carpenter, 72. skylight, 73. contraption, 74. craftsman, 75. metalwork

76. The elegant chandelier in the _____ was the centerpiece of the grand entrance.
- n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event
77. The statue was placed on a _____ in the center of the park.
- n.* a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed
78. The farmer built a _____ fence around his garden to keep the animals out.
- n.* a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters
79. The _____ opening was the part of the stage in front of the curtain.
- n.* the part of a theater stage that is framed by an arch and is in front of the curtain
80. Nothing _____ me more than being lied to.
- v.* to annoy or irritate someone; to be a source of annoyance or irritation to someone; (noun) something that irritates or annoys you; a source of annoyance or irritation
81. Patience is the _____ of all sores.
- n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
82. I always keep a stack of _____ on my desk while I eat to prevent any messes.
- n.* a small piece of cloth or paper used for wiping one's mouth and hands while eating; a decorative cloth placed on a table for formal occasions

ANSWERS: 76. foyer, 77. pedestal, 78. picket, 79. proscenium, 80. peeves, 81. plaster, 82. napkins

83. The _____ along the highway prevents vehicles from going off the road's edge.
- n.* a sturdy metal or wooden railing or barrier placed beside a road, bridge, or other dangerous areas to prevent vehicles or people from going over the edge; a protective barrier or railing used to prevent falls or accidents
84. The stargazing enthusiasts used their high-powered _____ to study the constellations in the night sky.
- n.* (often used in plural form) a device or instrument designed for use with both eyes simultaneously, enabling a viewer to see objects in a three-dimensional perspective and with greater depth perception; (adjective) relating to or involving both eyes, especially when viewing through a device such as a pair of binoculars; involving or requiring the use of both eyes
85. The _____ work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.
- n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill
86. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
87. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.
- n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
88. The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of _____.
- n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite

ANSWERS: 83. guardrail, 84. binoculars, 85. miller's, 86. resilient, 87. addicts, 88. limestone

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