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Session 1: Word List

simplicity

n. the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

synonym : easiness, plainness, modesty

(1) a life of **simplicity**, (2) refined **simplicity**

He liked the car because of the **simplicity** of the design.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym : direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

dummy

n. a model or imitation of something that is used as a substitute; a person who is perceived as lacking intelligence or acting foolishly

synonym : mannequin, puppet, figurine

(1) **dummy** address, (2) the crash test **dummy**

The ventriloquist's **dummy** was incredibly lifelike and entertaining.

idiot

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

synonym : dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**

He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

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

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

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

vacation

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

synonym : leave, recess, break

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

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

achieve

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

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

cape

n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

synonym : shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) **cape** cod, (2) red **cape**

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

pants

n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

synonym : trousers, breeches, slacks

(1) woolly **pants**, (2) pajama **pants**

I always wear **pants** when I go outside, even in the summer.

khaki

n. a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable,

dust-resistant fabric of the same name

synonym : tan, beige, sand

(1) **khaki** jacket, (2) **khaki** shorts

The safari guide wore a **khaki** hat to protect himself from the sun.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym : trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

visa

n. an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization

synonym : permit, authorization

(1) work **visa**, (2) student **visa**

I must apply for a **visa** to travel to India for my friend's wedding.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

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.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

trauma

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

synonym: agony, injury, ordeal

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

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

idyllic

adj. pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly

simple

synonym: picturesque, pastoral, scenic

(1) **idyllic** setting, (2) **idyllic** vacation

The village was known for its **idyllic** way of life and picturesque scenery.

approaching

adj. drawing nearer in time or space; coming close to someone or something

synonym: nearing, coming, getting closer

(1) **approaching** deadline, (2) **approaching** retirement

The **approaching** storm clouds filled the sky with ominous darkness.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

blues

n. a style of music characterized by its melancholic and soulful qualities, often featuring vocals, guitar, or harmonica; a feeling of sadness or despondency

synonym: depression, sadness, melancholy

(1) post-holiday **blues**, (2) the **blues** genre

I love listening to the **blues** when I need to relax and unwind.

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.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

premier

adj. first in importance, order, or position; leading

synonym: first, leading, top

(1) **premier** league, (2) **premier** position

He is the **premier** player on the team and always leads them to victory.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

entrepreneur

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

synonym: founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**

Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

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.

silicon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

(1) **silicon** wafer, (2) crystalline **silicon**

Silicon is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

opt

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

synonym: choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding

I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym: educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

default

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym: fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

associate

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

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

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

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

tofu

n. a soft, custard-like food made from mashed soybeans that have been soaked, ground, and cooked; also known as bean curd and commonly used in vegetarian and vegan cuisine as a protein source or meat substitute

synonym : bean curd

(1) **tofu** burger, (2) silken **tofu**

The health benefits of **tofu** include low cholesterol and high calcium content.

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.

paranoid

adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you

(1) **paranoid** about issues, (2) **paranoid** disorder

A **paranoid** person may have delusions that people want to harm.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym: toil, moil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

undergraduate

n. a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution

synonym: college student, freshman

(1) engineering **undergraduate**, (2) **undergraduate** course

The class was composed of both **undergraduate** and graduate students.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

wacky

adj. funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way

synonym: absurd, eccentric, ludicrous

(1) **wacky** value, (2) **wacky** plan for selling more books

His friend was a pretty wild and **wacky** character.

passee

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

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

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

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

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym : employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

graphic

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

synonym : illustrative, picturesque, visual

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

The **graphic** novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

logo

n. a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

synonym : emblem, symbol, crest

(1) **logo** design, (2) brand **logo**

The company's **logo** was on the side of the building.

mentor

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

synonym : adviser, coach, tutor

(1) **mentor** for life, (2) fashion **mentor**

As a **mentor**, he helped me realize my career.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym : figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

purity

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

synonym : sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym : civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

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.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym : quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym : thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

humming

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

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

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

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

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym : pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

catching

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

synonym : contagious, alluring, captivating

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

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

realm

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

synonym : domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility

Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

intertwine

v. to twist together or become twisted together

synonym : interweave, interlace, entwine

(1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story

The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym : admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

graphics

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

synonym : drawings, illustrations, pictures

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

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

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym : extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

floral

adj. relating to or resembling flowers

synonym : flowery, blooming

(1) **floral** kingdom, (2) **floral** design

The **floral** arrangements at the wedding were breathtakingly beautiful.

theme

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

synonym : subject, topic, motif

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

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

firework

n. a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited

synonym : pyrotechnic, sparkler, firecracker

(1) **firework** discharge, (2) grand **firework** display

The children were excited to see the **firework** show.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same
Essentially, a society is an organism.

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.

display

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

synonym: show, exhibit, present

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

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

pejorative

adj. expressing contempt, disapproval, or criticism; derogatory; having a negative connotation or intended to belittle or demean

synonym: derogatory, insulting, disrespectful

(1) **pejorative** language, (2) **pejorative** term

The coach's **pejorative** comments about the team's effort were unhelpful and demotivating.

fiber

n. thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

synonym: yarn, thread, wool

(1) carbon **fiber**, (2) synthetic **fiber**

We must consume dietary **fiber** to maintain good health.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

complication

n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

synonym: confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without

complication

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term

complications.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

emission

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

synonym: emanation, radiation, discharge

(1) global **emissions** of greenhouse gases, (2) the

emission of light

There are five distinct **emissions** at five unique wavelengths.

drawing

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

synonym: sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design

She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for her artwork.

caddy

n. a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs

synonym: container, carrier, holder

(1) golf **caddy**, (2) **caddy** spoon

The tea **caddy** was a beautiful antique with intricate designs carved into the wood.

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.

depressed

adj. sad and without any hope

synonym : despondent, despairing, sad

(1) **depressed** feeling, (2) the market is **depressed**
After his mother died, he got **depressed**.

concerned

adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention

synonym : worried, caring, involved

(1) persons **concerned**, (2) **concerned** citizen
I am **concerned** about the safety of the children playing in the park.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym : modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders
Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

clementine

n. a small, sweet citrus fruit that is a cross between a mandarin orange and a sweet orange, typically easy to peel and seedless

synonym : mandarin, tangerine, satsuma

(1) **clementine** juice, (2) seedless **clementine**
The **clementine** zest added a delightful aroma to the dessert.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym : pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily
The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

sculpture

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

synonym :

statuary, carving, modeling

(1) create **sculpture**, (2) abstract **sculpture**

The ancient Greek **sculptures** are known for their realism and attention to detail.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

fry

v. to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil

synonym: cook, roast, bake

(1) **fry** an egg, (2) **fry** over low heat

She devoted herself to **frying** the chicken in a pan until it was crispy and golden brown.

scan

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

synonym: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF

She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym: program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**
The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

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.

spacious

adj. (especially of a room or building) very large and plenty of space

synonym: big, roomy, ample

(1) a **spacious** room, (2) **spacious** country
They gazed blankly at the **spacious** skies.

amber

n. a hard, translucent, yellow-orange or brownish-yellow fossil resin that is used in jewelry and ornamentation and often contains insects or other small organisms that were trapped inside when the resin was sticky; also used to describe the color that resembles this type of resin

synonym: resin, fossilized tree sap, golden stone

(1) **amber** resin, (2) **amber** ale

The bracelet was made of beautiful **amber** stones.

grain

n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

synonym: seed, piece, cereal

(1) a **grain** of sand, (2) flour made from **grain**

Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen **grains**.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

expressive

adj. capable of conveying thoughts, emotions, or ideas effectively; showing or revealing one's thoughts or feelings clearly and vividly; characterized by a high degree of expressiveness

synonym : meaningful, communicative, eloquent

(1) **expressive** artwork, (2) **expressive** language

Her **expressive** dance moves captivated the audience during the performance.

crinkle

v. to form wrinkles, creases, or folds in a surface, especially in cloth or paper, often causing it to make a rustling sound; to make a rustling or crackling sound

synonym : wrinkle, crumple, crease

(1) **crinkle** my nose, (2) bag **crinkle** as I open

Her eyes **crinkled** with laughter as she told us a joke.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym : flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

fleck

n. a small patch, spot, or discoloration, often caused by dirt, grime, or a foreign substance

synonym : spot, speck, dot

(1) **fleck** of paint, (2) **fleck** of dust

A small **fleck** of red wine ruined the white shirt.

pretzel

n. a type of baked bread product that is twisted into a knot-like shape, usually sprinkled with salt, and often served as a snack or appetizer

(1) chocolate **pretzel**, (2) **pretzel** stand

I love snacking on **pretzels** while watching a movie at home.

butt

v. to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the

remaining end of a smoked cigarette

synonym: hit, punch, strike

(1) **butt** into several people, (2) cigarette **butt**

The goats often **butt** heads when they are fighting for dominance.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym: compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

antenna

n. an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects

synonym: feeler, receiver

(1) **antenna** of insect, (2) extend the TV **antenna**

He had a special **antenna** for public relations

tenure

n. the holding or possessing of a specific position, job, or property; the right to hold a position or property for a period of time

synonym: term, occupancy, possession

(1) **tenure** track, (2) job **tenure**

The professor's **tenure** at the university ends this year, and she is still determining her future career options.

staple

adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used

synonym: essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop

Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

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.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym: dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

manual

adj. done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject

synonym: by hand, (noun) handbook, (noun) tutorial

(1) car with **manual** transmissions, (2) look at the **manual**

This machine cuts metal by **manual** control.

sequence

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

synonym: arrangement, succession, series

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

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

eerie

adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural

synonym: bizarre, creepy, dreadful

(1) **eerie** silence, (2) the **eerie** whistle of dropping bombs

The street was entirely silent and a bit **eerie**.

sushi

n. a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed

synonym : raw fish, sashimi, nigiri

(1) **sushi** bar, (2) **sushi** roll

I love going out for **sushi** with my friends on Friday nights.

challenging

adj. difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle

synonym : difficult, demanding, arduous

(1) **challenging** task, (2) mentally **challenging**

The advanced math problem was **challenging**, but the student was determined to solve it.

simplify

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

synonym : streamline, clarify, elucidate

(1) **simplify** my life, (2) **simplify** the process

Please **simplify** your explanation for the children.

laundry

n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

synonym : wash, clothes, linen

(1) send out the **laundry**, (2) **laundry** room

I need to do the **laundry** before I run out of clean clothes.

pile

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

synonym : accumulation, heap, stack

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

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

lobby

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

synonym : entrance, hall, anteroom

(1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**

That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

saran

n. a trade name for a type of plastic that is often used in food packaging; a thin, clear, plastic film that is made from vinylidene chloride

synonym: plastic wrap, cling film, food wrap

(1) **saran** film, (2) stretchable **saran**

Make sure to use microwave-safe **saran** wrap to avoid melting.

wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

synonym: surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working

conditions.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

finite

adj. having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.

synonym : delimited, defined, limited

(1) **finite** resources, (2) **finite** decimal

Human beings have a **finite** lifespan, so we yearn for the idea of immortality.

chairperson

n. the officer who presides over organization meetings

synonym : director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a

chairperson

The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.

horizontal

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

synonym : even, lying, parallel

(1) **horizontal** lines, (2) **horizontal** stripes

Airplanes need **horizontal** tails to improve stability.

axis

n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

synonym : central, core, pole

(1) vertical **axis**, (2) a coordinate **axis**

The earth's **axis** of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym : health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

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**.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym : resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym : sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

cocky

adj. overly confident or arrogant; having an excessive belief in one's abilities or importance

synonym : arrogant, conceited, egotistical

(1) **cocky** confidence, (2) **cocky** behavior

His **cocky** attitude often got him in trouble with his coworkers.

freshman

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

synonym : freshie, newcomer, rookie

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

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

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

infant

n. a baby or very young child

synonym : baby, newborn, tot

(1) **infant** daughter, (2) **infant** food

Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

mate

n. a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game

synonym : companion, partner, spouse

(1) smoking **mate**, (2) dog-loving **mate**

I need to find a **mate** for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

synonym: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature

The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. fl__k of paint
n. a small patch, spot, or discoloration, often caused by dirt, grime, or a foreign substance
2. pho_____ph memories
n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
3. pre-mo___n agricultural society
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
4. the DNA se_____ce
n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
5. the degree of pu___y
n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
6. de_____t on the mortgage
v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
7. the bl__s genre
n. a style of music characterized by its melancholic and soulful qualities, often featuring vocals, guitar, or harmonica; a feeling of sadness or despondency

ANSWERS: 1. fleck, 2. photograph, 3. modern, 4. sequence, 5. purity, 6. default, 7. blues

8. pej_____ve term *adj.* expressing contempt, disapproval, or criticism; derogatory; having a negative connotation or intended to belittle or demean
9. st___e commodities *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
10. wa___y value *adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way
11. student v___a *n.* an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization
12. television i___n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
13. id_____c setting *adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple
14. i___n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
15. fr_____an orientation *n.* a first-year student, typically in college or high school
16. the tr___d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

ANSWERS: 8. pejorative, 9. staple, 10. wacky, 11. visa, 12. icon, 13. idyllic, 14. icon, 15. freshman, 16. trend

17. computer gr____cs *n.* images, designs, or drawings used in websites, books, magazines, etc.
18. common in____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
19. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
20. bag cr____e as I open *v.* to form wrinkles, creases, or folds in a surface, especially in cloth or paper, often causing it to make a rustling sound; to make a rustling or crackling sound
21. o_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
22. ca____ng disease *adj.* attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling
23. the in____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
24. ad____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
25. cigarette b__t *v.* to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the remaining end of a smoked cigarette
26. la____y room *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

ANSWERS: 17. graphics, 18. invention, 19. calm, 20. crinkle, 21. opt, 22. catching, 23. invention, 24. addition, 25. butt, 26. laundry

27. la__h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
28. 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.
29. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
30. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
31. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
32. the em_____on of light *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
33. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
34. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
35. stretchable sa__n *n.* a trade name for a type of plastic that is often used in food packaging; a thin, clear, plastic film that is made from vinylidene chloride

ANSWERS: 27. launch, 28. cafeteria, 29. aft, 30. contemporary, 31. medical, 32. emission, 33. complexity, 34. mold, 35. saran

36. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
37. chocolate pr____l *n.* a type of baked bread product that is twisted into a knot-like shape, usually sprinkled with salt, and often served as a snack or appetizer
38. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
39. the se____ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
40. beyond the re__m of possibility *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
41. lo__y for legislation *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
42. post-holiday bl__s *n.* a style of music characterized by its melancholic and soulful qualities, often featuring vocals, guitar, or harmonica; a feeling of sadness or despondency
43. va____y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
44. flour made from gr__n *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

ANSWERS: 36. pave, 37. pretzel, 38. strength, 39. sequence, 40. realm, 41. lobby, 42. blues, 43. valley, 44. grain

45. pa____id disorder *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
46. send out the la____y *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
47. a rock fr__k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
48. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
49. f_y an egg *v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil
50. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
51. du__y address *n.* a model or imitation of something that is used as a substitute; a person who is perceived as lacking intelligence or acting foolishly
52. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
53. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

ANSWERS: 45. paranoid, 46. laundry, 47. freak, 48. competition, 49. fry, 50. mold, 51. dummy, 52. brand, 53. wrap

54. in___t food *n.* a baby or very young child
55. vertical a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
56. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
57. hu_____ze a room *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
58. an_____a of insect *n.* an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects
59. a con_____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
60. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
61. co_____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
62. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
63. cle_____ne juice *n.* a small, sweet citrus fruit that is a cross between a mandarin orange and a sweet orange, typically easy to peel and seedless
64. fr__k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected

ANSWERS: 54. infant, 55. axis, 56. hire, 57. humanize, 58. antenna, 59. confession, 60. confuse, 61. compose, 62. exciting, 63. clementine, 64. freak

65. 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
66. co__y confidence *adj.* overly confident or arrogant; having an excessive belief in one's abilities or importance
67. resolve without com_____ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
68. 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
69. ac_____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
70. b__t into several people *v.* to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the remaining end of a smoked cigarette
71. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
72. engineering und_____ate *n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
73. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
74. the market is de_____ed *adj.* sad and without any hope

ANSWERS: 65. mess, 66. cocky, 67. complication, 68. mess, 69. academic, 70. butt, 71. architect, 72. undergraduate, 73. classic, 74. depressed

75. gr____c design *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
76. fi___e decimal *adj.* having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.
77. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
78. brand l__o *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
79. wh__k up the volume *v.* to hit someone or something hard or noisily
80. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
81. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
82. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
83. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
84. fl___l design *adj.* relating to or resembling flowers
85. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
86. aut_____lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control

ANSWERS: 75. graphic, 76. finite, 77. chip, 78. logo, 79. whack, 80. responsible, 81. architect, 82. bunch, 83. amazing, 84. floral, 85. dimension, 86. automatically

87. car with ma___l transmissions *adj.* done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject
88. 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.
89. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
90. st___e crop *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
91. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
92. a short va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
93. basin-shaped va_____y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
94. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
95. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
96. 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

ANSWERS: 87. manual, 88. cafeteria, 89. discovery, 90. staple, 91. addition, 92. vacation, 93. valley, 94. lab, 95. passe, 96. stare

97. co__y behavior *adj.* overly confident or arrogant; having an excessive belief in one's abilities or importance
98. me___r for life *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
99. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
100. the crash test du__y *n.* a model or imitation of something that is used as a substitute; a person who is perceived as lacking intelligence or acting foolishly
101. honor gr____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
102. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
103. vice cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
104. public re__m *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
105. su__i roll *n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
106. gr____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

ANSWERS: 97. cocky, 98. mentor, 99. vision, 100. dummy, 101. graduate, 102. strike, 103. chairperson, 104. realm, 105. sushi, 106. graduate

107. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
108. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
109. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
110. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
111. citrus gr___e *n.* a small group of trees growing closely together
112. summer va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
113. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
114. the ee___e whistle of dropping bombs *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
115. bo___g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
116. abstract sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
117. sa___n film *n.* a trade name for a type of plastic that is often used in food packaging; a thin, clear, plastic film that is made from vinylidene chloride

ANSWERS: 107. entrepreneur, 108. associate, 109. extreme, 110. complexity, 111. grove, 112. vacation, 113. software, 114. eerie, 115. boring, 116. sculpture, 117. saran

118. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
119. work v__a *n.* an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization
120. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
121. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
122. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
123. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
124. seedless cle_____ne *n.* a small, sweet citrus fruit that is a cross between a mandarin orange and a sweet orange, typically easy to peel and seedless
125. refined sim_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
126. g__e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
127. cr_____e my nose *v.* to form wrinkles, creases, or folds in a surface, especially in cloth or paper, often causing it to make a rustling sound; to make a rustling or crackling sound

ANSWERS: 118. photograph, 119. visa, 120. hire, 121. quest, 122. gap, 123. weird, 124. clementine, 125. simplicity, 126. gore, 127. crinkle

128. ee__e silence *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
129. int_____ne story *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
130. look at the ma___l *adj.* done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject
131. job te___e *n.* the holding or possessing of a specific position, job, or property; the right to hold a position or property for a period of time
132. am__r resin *n.* a hard, translucent, yellow-orange or brownish-yellow fossil resin that is used in jewelry and ornamentation and often contains insects or other small organisms that were trapped inside when the resin was sticky; also used to describe the color that resembles this type of resin
133. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
134. high pu___y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
135. si_____fy my life *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
136. th__e park *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

ANSWERS: 128. eerie, 129. intertwine, 130. manual, 131. tenure, 132. amber, 133. unfortunately, 134. purity, 135. simplify, 136. theme

137. app_____ng retirement *adj.* drawing nearer in time or space; coming close to someone or something
138. gr_____cs engine *n.* images, designs, or drawings used in websites, books, magazines, etc.
139. crystalline si_____n *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
140. hor_____al lines *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
141. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
142. cha_____ng task *adj.* difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle
143. pajama pa___s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
144. kh___i jacket *n.* a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name
145. a bu___h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
146. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

ANSWERS: 137. approaching, 138. graphics, 139. silicon, 140. horizontal, 141. display, 142. challenging, 143. pants, 144. khaki, 145. bunch, 146. paradox

147. t__u burger *n.* a soft, custard-like food made from mashed soybeans that have been soaked, ground, and cooked; also known as bean curd and commonly used in vegetarian and vegan cuisine as a protein source or meat substitute
148. co_____ed citizen *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
149. pa_____id about issues *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
150. te___e track *n.* the holding or possessing of a specific position, job, or property; the right to hold a position or property for a period of time
151. a fountain of wi___m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
152. c__e cod *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
153. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
154. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
155. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 147. tofu, 148. concerned, 149. paranoid, 150. tenure, 151. wisdom, 152. cape, 153. gap, 154. relation, 155. brain

156. id____c vacation *adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple
157. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
158. ex____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
159. fr____an year *n.* a first-year student, typically in college or high school
160. fl___l kingdom *adj.* relating to or resembling flowers
161. la____h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
162. kh__i shorts *n.* a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name
163. de____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
164. fi___e resources *adj.* having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.
165. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
166. hu____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
167. a di____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 156. idyllic, 157. essentially, 158. exciting, 159. freshman, 160. floral, 161. launch, 162. khaki, 163. depress, 164. finite, 165. modern, 166. humming, 167. digital

168. fl__k of dust *n.* a small patch, spot, or discoloration, often caused by dirt, grime, or a foreign substance
169. si____fy the process *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
170. com_____ion of structure *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
171. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
172. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
173. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
174. red c__e *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
175. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
176. extend the TV an_____a *n.* an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects
177. a gr_____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
178. record driving aut_____lly *adv.* without needing a direct human control

ANSWERS: 168. fleck, 169. simplify, 170. complication, 171. amazing, 172. suddenly, 173. confession, 174. cape, 175. depress, 176. antenna, 177. grateful, 178. automatically

179. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
180. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
181. g__e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
182. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
183. tr___a care *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
184. und_____ate course *n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
185. p__l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
186. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
187. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
188. pr_____r position *adj.* first in importance, order, or position; leading
189. wh__k him with a stick *v.* to hit someone or something hard or noisily
190. 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

ANSWERS: 179. steer, 180. wrap, 181. gore, 182. quest, 183. trauma, 184. undergraduate, 185. peel, 186. lab, 187. competition, 188. premier, 189. whack, 190. stare

191. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
192. de_____ed feeling *adj.* sad and without any hope
193. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
194. in____t daughter *n.* a baby or very young child
195. ca__y spoon *n.* a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs
196. int_____ne thread *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
197. a gr_____c description of an accident *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
198. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
199. hor_____al stripes *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
200. hu_____ze my pet *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

ANSWERS: 191. weird, 192. depressed, 193. develop, 194. infant, 195. caddy, 196. intertwine, 197. graphic, 198. pave, 199. horizontal, 200. humanize

201. de_____t settings v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
202. ac_____e milestones v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
203. pr_____r league *adj.* first in importance, order, or position; leading
204. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
205. sp_____us country *adj.* (especially of a room or building) very large and plenty of space
206. st___e up a conversation v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
207. create sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
208. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

ANSWERS: 201. default, 202. achieve, 203. premier, 204. calm, 205. spacious, 206. strike, 207. sculpture, 208. emission

209. an ac____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
210. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
211. carbon fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
212. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
213. am__r ale *n.* a hard, translucent, yellow-orange or brownish-yellow fossil resin that is used in jewelry and ornamentation and often contains insects or other small organisms that were trapped inside when the resin was sticky; also used to describe the color that resembles this type of resin
214. pej____ve language *adj.* expressing contempt, disapproval, or criticism; derogatory; having a negative connotation or intended to belittle or demean
215. technical dr____g *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
216. synthetic fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

ANSWERS: 209. academic, 210. chip, 211. fiber, 212. vision, 213. amber, 214. pejorative, 215. drawing, 216. fiber

217. a cl____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
218. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
219. fi____rk discharge *n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
220. app____ng deadline *adj.* drawing nearer in time or space; coming close to someone or something
221. exp____ve language *adj.* capable of conveying thoughts, emotions, or ideas effectively; showing or revealing one's thoughts or feelings clearly and vividly; characterized by a high degree of expressiveness
222. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
223. billionaire ent____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
224. woolly pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
225. a hotel lo__y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

ANSWERS: 217. classic, 218. pile, 219. firework, 220. approaching, 221. expressive, 222. brain, 223. entrepreneur, 224. pants, 225. lobby

226. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
227. a sp_____us room *adj.* (especially of a room or building) very large and plenty of space
228. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
229. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
230. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
231. wi_____m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
232. what an id__t *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
233. o_t out of society *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
234. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
235. psychic tr____a *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
236. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
237. id__t driver *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

ANSWERS: 226. medical, 227. spacious, 228. extreme, 229. apparently, 230. contemporary, 231. wisdom, 232. idiot, 233. opt, 234. software, 235. trauma, 236. unfortunately, 237. idiot

238. a life of sim_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
239. central th__e *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
240. dr_____g for design *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
241. co_____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
242. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
243. su__i bar *n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
244. f_y over low heat *v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil
245. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
246. smoking m__e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
247. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 238. simplicity, 239. theme, 240. drawing, 241. compose, 242. responsible, 243. sushi, 244. fry, 245. grateful, 246. mate, 247. brand

248. the pa____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
249. persons co_____ed *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
250. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
251. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
252. dog-loving m__e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
253. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
254. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
255. the meeting elected a cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
256. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
257. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
258. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 248. paradox, 249. concerned, 250. suddenly, 251. confuse, 252. mate, 253. moth, 254. apparently, 255. chairperson, 256. achieve, 257. steer, 258. discovery

259. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
260. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
261. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
262. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
263. mentally cha_____ng *adj.* difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle
264. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
265. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
266. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 259. labor, 260. associate, 261. humming, 262. digital, 263. challenging, 264. display, 265. relation, 266. develop

267. l__o design *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
268. wa__y plan for selling more books *adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way
269. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
270. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
271. a coordinate a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
272. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
273. fashion me___r *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
274. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
275. golf ca__y *n.* a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs

ANSWERS: 267. logo, 268. wacky, 269. moth, 270. pile, 271. axis, 272. labor, 273. mentor, 274. strength, 275. caddy

276. si____n wafer *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
277. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
278. pr_____l stand *n.* a type of baked bread product that is twisted into a knot-like shape, usually sprinkled with salt, and often served as a snack or appetizer
279. exp_____ve artwork *adj.* capable of conveying thoughts, emotions, or ideas effectively; showing or revealing one's thoughts or feelings clearly and vividly; characterized by a high degree of expressiveness
280. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
281. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
282. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
283. a bamboo gr__e *n.* a small group of trees growing closely together
284. silken t__u *n.* a soft, custard-like food made from mashed soybeans that have been soaked, ground, and cooked; also known as bean curd and commonly used in vegetarian and vegan cuisine as a protein source or meat substitute

ANSWERS: 276. silicon, 277. dimension, 278. pretzel, 279. expressive, 280. scan, 281. trend, 282. essentially, 283. grove, 284. tofu

285. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
286. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
287. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
288. grand fi____rk display *n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
289. bo____g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
290. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
291. a gr__n of sand *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
292. ca____ng fire *adj.* attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling

ANSWERS: 285. aft, 286. passe, 287. peel, 288. firework, 289. boring, 290. scan, 291. grain, 292. catching

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

2. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

3. Her passions are in the _____ of real-world political affairs.
n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

4. They gazed blankly at the _____ skies.
adj. (especially of a room or building) very large and plenty of space

5. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.
adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

6. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.
adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

7. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

8. The _____ arrangements at the wedding were breathtakingly beautiful.
adj. relating to or resembling flowers

ANSWERS: 1. vision, 2. weird, 3. realm, 4. spacious, 5. academic, 6. classic, 7. amazing, 8. floral

9. Her eyes _____ with laughter as she told us a joke.
- v.* to form wrinkles, creases, or folds in a surface, especially in cloth or paper, often causing it to make a rustling sound; to make a rustling or crackling sound
10. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.
- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
11. The tea _____ was a beautiful antique with intricate designs carved into the wood.
- n.* a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs
12. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
- n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
13. The goats often _____ heads when they are fighting for dominance.
- v.* to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the remaining end of a smoked cigarette
14. A small _____ of red wine ruined the white shirt.
- n.* a small patch, spot, or discoloration, often caused by dirt, grime, or a foreign substance
15. I must apply for a _____ to travel to India for my friend's wedding.
- n.* an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization

ANSWERS: 9. crinkled, 10. mold, 11. caddy, 12. architect, 13. butt, 14. fleck, 15. visa

16. His friend was a pretty wild and _____ character.

adj. funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way

17. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

v. to give somebody a job

18. Please _____ your explanation for the children.

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

19. He had a special _____ for public relations

n. an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects

20. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

21. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

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

22. The vines _____ to form a thick canopy overhead.

v. to twist together or become twisted together

23. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 16. wacky, 17. hire, 18. simplify, 19. antenna, 20. purity, 21. achieve, 22. intertwine, 23. digital

24. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
25. Do you have a plan for a long _____
n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
26. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.
adv. based on what you have heard or read
27. The company's _____ was on the side of the building.
n. a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
28. He is the _____ player on the team and always leads them to victory.
adj. first in importance, order, or position; leading
29. Rice and beans are a _____ food in many cultures.
adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used
30. Necessity is the mother of _____.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
31. 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
32. The earth's _____ of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.
n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

ANSWERS: 24. complexity, 25. vacation?, 26. apparently, 27. logo, 28. premier, 29. staple, 30. invention, 31. mess, 32. axis

33. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.

- v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

34. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

35. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

- adj.* very great in amount or degree

36. The ancient Greek _____ are known for their realism and attention to detail.

- n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

37. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

- n.* a long or challenging search for something

38. The class was composed of both _____ and graduate students.

- n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution

39. The bracelet was made of beautiful _____ stones.

- n.* a hard, translucent, yellow-orange or brownish-yellow fossil resin that is used in jewelry and ornamentation and often contains insects or other small organisms that were trapped inside when the resin was sticky; also used to describe the color that resembles this type of resin

ANSWERS: 33. scanned, 34. develop, 35. extreme, 36. sculptures, 37. quest, 38. undergraduate, 39. amber

40. The storm had _____ all paint off the siding.
v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
41. The prisoner made a full _____ and admitted to his crime.
n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
42. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.
v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
43. They walked through the _____ of trees and admired the natural beauty.
n. a small group of trees growing closely together
44. The street was entirely silent and a bit _____.
adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
45. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
46. The oil price continued their downward _____.
n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing
47. The structure is _____ of three main components.
v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
48. He also continued to struggle with serious long-term _____.
n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

ANSWERS: 40. peeled, 41. confession, 42. steer, 43. grove, 44. eerie, 45. medical, 46. trend, 47. composed, 48. complications

49. Her _____ dance moves captivated the audience during the performance.

adj. capable of conveying thoughts, emotions, or ideas effectively; showing or revealing one's thoughts or feelings clearly and vividly; characterized by a high degree of expressiveness

50. The village was known for its _____ way of life and picturesque scenery.

adj. pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple

51. Her research team made an important _____.

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

52. He liked the car because of the _____ of the design.

n. the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

53. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

54. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

55. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

56. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

ANSWERS: 49. expressive, 50. idyllic, 51. discovery, 52. simplicity, 53. software, 54. competition, 55. icons, 56. wisdom

57. I love going out for _____ with my friends on Friday nights.
- n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
58. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
- n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
59. He acted like an _____ and spilled his drink all over the floor.
- n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
60. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.
- n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
61. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
- v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
62. I always wear _____ when I go outside, even in the summer.
- n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
63. The ventriloquist's _____ was incredibly lifelike and entertaining.
- n.* a model or imitation of something that is used as a substitute; a person who is perceived as lacking intelligence or acting foolishly
64. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
- n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

ANSWERS: 57. sushi, 58. addition, 59. idiot, 60. dimensions, 61. Wrap, 62. pants, 63. dummy, 64. lab

65. A _____ person may have delusions that people want to harm.
adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
66. I love listening to the _____ when I need to relax and unwind.
n. a style of music characterized by its melancholic and soulful qualities, often featuring vocals, guitar, or harmonica; a feeling of sadness or despondency
67. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.
n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
68. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.
adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
69. She was _____ for the help he provided.
adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
70. I need to find a _____ for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.
n. a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
71. The _____ storm clouds filled the sky with ominous darkness.
adj. drawing nearer in time or space; coming close to someone or something
72. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 65. paranoid, 66. blues, 67. chip, 68. boring, 69. grateful, 70. mate, 71. approaching, 72. humming

73. The superhero wore a flowing _____ as part of their costume.
- n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
74. The _____ has the authority to approve or deny any request.
- n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
75. She is talented at _____ and has won several awards for her artwork.
- n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
76. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
- v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
77. The economic recession _____ the housing market.
- v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
78. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
- adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
79. The professor's _____ at the university ends this year, and she is still determining her future career options.
- n.* the holding or possessing of a specific position, job, or property; the right to hold a position or property for a period of time
80. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.
- adj.* belonging to the same or present time

ANSWERS: 73. cape, 74. chairperson, 75. drawing, 76. display, 77. depressed, 78. passe, 79. tenure, 80. Contemporary

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

v. to hit someone or something hard or noisily

82. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

83. After his mother died, he got _____.

adj. sad and without any hope

84. The _____ scent of freshly baked bread made my mouth water.

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

85. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

86. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

87. I love snacking on _____ while watching a movie at home.

n. a type of baked bread product that is twisted into a knot-like shape, usually sprinkled with salt, and often served as a snack or appetizer

88. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

89. That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

ANSWERS: 81. whacked, 82. suddenly, 83. depressed, 84. catching, 85. modern, 86. emissions, 87. pretzels, 88. freak, 89. lobby

90. Mozart was an _____ prodigy.

n. a baby or very young child

91. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

92. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

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

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

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

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

95. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

96. My dream is to become a great _____ designer like her.

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

97. 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

ANSWERS: 90. infant, 91. gap, 92. strike, 93. trauma, 94. freshman, 95. labor, 96. graphics, 97. relations

98. The _____ zest added a delightful aroma to the dessert.

n. a small, sweet citrus fruit that is a cross between a mandarin orange and a sweet orange, typically easy to peel and seedless

99. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

100. As a _____ he helped me realize my career.

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

101. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

102. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

103. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

104. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

105. The _____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 98. clementine, 99. exciting, 100. mentor, 101. bunch, 102. brand, 103. confused, 104. valley, 105. aft

106. Make sure to use microwave-safe _____ wrap to avoid melting.

n. a trade name for a type of plastic that is often used in food packaging; a thin, clear, plastic film that is made from vinylidene chloride

107. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

108. I am _____ about the safety of the children playing in the park.

adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention

109. The advanced math problem was _____ but the student was determined to solve it.

adj. difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle

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

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

111. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

112. We must consume dietary _____ to maintain good health.

n. thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

ANSWERS: 106. saran, 107. default, 108. concerned, 109. challenging, 110. unfortunately, 111. graduate, 112. fiber

113. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

114. His _____ attitude often got him in trouble with his coworkers.

- adj.* overly confident or arrogant; having an excessive belief in one's abilities or importance

115. The charity event aims to _____ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

- v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

116. _____ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

- n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

117. I decided to _____ for premature retirement.

- v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities

118. 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

119. 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.

ANSWERS: 113. photograph, 114. cocky, 115. humanize, 116. Silicon, 117. opt, 118. stare, 119. cafeteria

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

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

121. 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

122. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

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

123. This machine cuts metal by _____ control.

adj. done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject

124. The coach's _____ comments about the team's effort were unhelpful and demotivating.

adj. expressing contempt, disapproval, or criticism; derogatory; having a negative connotation or intended to belittle or demean

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

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

126. The _____ novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

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

127. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

ANSWERS: 120. piles, 121. brain, 122. associate, 123. manual, 124. pejorative, 125. theme, 126. graphic, 127. paved

128. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

129. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.

adv. without needing a direct human control

130. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

131. The ____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

132. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly ____ and at peace.

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

133. The health benefits of ____ include low cholesterol and high calcium content.

n. a soft, custard-like food made from mashed soybeans that have been soaked, ground, and cooked; also known as bean curd and commonly used in vegetarian and vegan cuisine as a protein source or meat substitute

134. Human beings have a _____ lifespan, so we yearn for the idea of immortality.

adj. having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.

135. I need to do the _____ before I run out of clean clothes.

n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

136. There are many theories to explain this _____.

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

ANSWERS: 128. strength, 129. automatically, 130. Essentially, 131. moth, 132. calm, 133. tofu, 134. finite, 135. laundry, 136. paradox

137. The safari guide wore a _____ hat to protect himself from the sun.
n. a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name
138. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
139. The hunter _____ the deer with an arrow.
v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
140. The children were excited to see the _____ show.
n. a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
141. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.
n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
142. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
143. She devoted herself to _____ the chicken in a pan until it was crispy and golden brown.
v. to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil
144. Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen _____.
n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

ANSWERS: 137. khaki, 138. responsible, 139. gored, 140. firework, 141. Entrepreneurs, 142. launch, 143. frying, 144. grains

145. Airplanes need _____ tails to improve stability.

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

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

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

ANSWERS: 145. horizontal, 146. sequence