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Session 1: Word List

bass

n. the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

synonym : low-pitch, resonance

(1) **bass** guitar, (2) **bass** fisherman

The **bass** in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.

accordion

n. a musical instrument that is played by pressing buttons or keys, causing bellows to expand and compress air over metal reeds, producing sound

synonym : squeezebox, concertina

(1) **accordion** music, (2) an **accordion** pleat

He played a beautiful melody on his **accordion**, charming everyone in the audience.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym : parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

giant

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

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

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

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

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.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym : proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

transmission

n. the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

synonym : transportation, communication, broadcast

(1) **transmission** speed, (2) the **transmission** gears of a car

Education is the **transmission** of civilization.

presentation

n. the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise

synonym : exhibition, display, speech

(1) **presentation** skills, (2) **presentation** slides

She gave a fantastic **presentation** at the conference and received a standing ovation.

gentle

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

synonym : mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

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.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym: being, animal, organism

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

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists

had ever seen before.

hummingbird

n. a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction

(1) **hummingbird** feeder, (2) **hummingbird** nest

Watching a **hummingbird** at a flower is like observing a miniature ballet of nature.

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.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

dread

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

synonym: fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

hypnotic

adj. inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

synonym: soothing, soporific, slumberous

(1) mild **hypnotic**, (2) **hypnotic** effect

His voice had a **hypnotic** quality for me.

ramble

v. to walk, travel or talk in a seemingly random or aimless manner, often digressing from topic to topic without any clear purpose or direction

synonym : wander, meander, stroll

(1) **ramble** down the road, (2) **ramble** through the woods
I like to **ramble** through the park, exploring its hidden paths and natural beauty.

scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

synonym : jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support
Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

catbird

n. a type of passerine bird known for its cat-like vocalizations and distinctive black and grey plumage

(1) **catbird** seat, (2) black **catbird**

The **catbird's** beautiful song filled the air with melody.

bug

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

synonym : insect, bacterium, microbe

(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes

I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.

vein

n. a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation

synonym : artery, blood vessel, capillary

(1) spider **vein**, (2) collapsed **vein**

The nurse inserted the needle into the **vein** in his arm to draw blood.

thoughtful

adj. characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought

synonym : considerate, attentive, kind

(1) **thoughtful** consideration, (2) **thoughtful** gift

The company's CEO made a **thoughtful** decision to offer

employees more flexibility in their work schedules.

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**.

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.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

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.

shipment

n. a quantity of goods or cargo that is sent or transported from one place to another, especially by land, sea, or air; the act or process of sending or dispatching goods

synonym: delivery, consignment, cargo

(1) international **shipment**, (2) delayed **shipment**

Tracking the package **shipment** was made easy with the provided tracking number.

electrical

adj. relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering

Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

tangerine

n. a sweet, juicy citrus fruit that is smaller and sweeter than an orange, usually with a reddish-orange peel

synonym : mandarin, citrus, clementine

(1) **tangerine** peel, (2) **tangerine** flavor

I love the taste of fresh **tangerine** juice in the morning.

nuclear

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

synonym : atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

submarine

n. a type of underwater vehicle or vessel that can operate beneath the surface of the water; (adjective) beneath the surface of the sea

synonym : sub, underwater vessel, sea-craft

(1) a **submarine** volcano, (2) **submarine** cable

The military **submarine** disappeared without a trace.

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

shield

n. a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

synonym : guard, protection, safeguard

(1) a heat **shield**, (2) a **shield** for protecting against a bullet
Lead is an effective **shield** against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.

wipe

v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

synonym : clean, brush, swab

(1) **Wipe** off dirt, (2) **wipe** with water
Please **wipe** your sweat with this towel.

fluid

n. a substance that can flow and is not solid

synonym : liquid, aqua, sap

(1) plenty of **fluids**, (2) **fluid** assets

She was diagnosed with a **fluid** buildup in her lungs.

spray

n. a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

synonym : mist, aerosol, atomizer

(1) a **spray** of mist, (2) an insect **spray**

The artist used a **spray** paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.

headlight

n. a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead

synonym : headlamp, beam, lamp

(1) **headlight** adjustment, (2) **headlight** switch

My car's **headlight** must be replaced before I drive again at night.

louse

n. a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a

contemptible or despicable person

synonym : bug, insect, parasite

(1) pubic **louse**, (2) **louse** egg

The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one **louse**.

atomic

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

synonym : tiny, microscopic, nuclear

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

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

underwater

adv. below or under the surface of the water

synonym : submerged, undersea, submarine

(1) hold my breath **underwater**, (2) seals sleep **underwater**

He is good at swimming **underwater**.

cave

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

synonym : cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**

Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

deform

v. to change or distort the shape or appearance of something; to become misshapen or distorted

synonym : distort, contort, mangle

(1) **deform** the shape, (2) **deform** his way of life

The heat from the fire **deformed** the plastic parts of the appliance.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym : existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

swarm

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

synonym : horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**

A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

protozoa

n. a diverse group of single-celled microorganisms that are classified as eukaryotic, meaning they have a distinct nucleus and other membrane-bound organelles found in a wide range of environments, from soil to water to the bodies of humans and animals

synonym : microorganism, unicellular organism, amoeba

(1) free-living **protozoa**, (2) **protozoa** species

The water in the lake was contaminated with high levels of **protozoa**, making it unsafe for swimming or drinking.

enlist

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

synonym : join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

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

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

degree

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

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

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

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

pilot

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

synonym : aviator, flyer, chief

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

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

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

violin

n. a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

synonym : fiddle

(1) **violin** soloist, (2) play the **violin**

The cello is a member of the **violin** family.

jersey

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

synonym : shirt, sweater, top

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

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

uptick

n. a slight increase or upward trend in something, such as a stock price or a particular statistic or trend

synonym : increase, rise, surge

(1) **uptick** in crime, (2) a dramatic **uptick** in sales

There was a noticeable **uptick** in customer complaints after implementing the new policy.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

backstage

adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

synonym : behind-the-scenes, offstage, private

(1) **backstage** access, (2) **backstage** crew

The **backstage** preparations for the concert took hours to complete.

pony

n. a small horse

synonym : cayuse

(1) **pony** engine, (2) a spotted **pony**

At this ranch, children can experience riding a **pony**.

swear

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

synonym : declare, assert, curse

(1) **swear** an oath, (2) **swear** a blue streak

I **swear** I didn't mean to break your vase.

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.

standing

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

synonym : upright, vertical, (noun) position

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

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

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

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

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

wreck

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

synonym : collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

ahold

adv. to take hold of something, to grasp firmly

synonym : totally, completely, firmly

(1) grab **ahold** of the rope, (2) take **ahold** of the situation

I was able to get **ahold** of the concert tickets before they sold out.

mysterious

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

synonym : enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves
He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

corridor

n. a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure

synonym : hallway, passageway, aisle

(1) walk along a **corridor**, (2) air **corridor**

The long **corridor** was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.

grave

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

synonym : tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

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.

solicit

v. to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty

synonym : request, seek, ask

(1) **solicit** advice, (2) **solicit** patronage

The company **solicited** donations from its employees for the charity event.

wan

adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

synonym : pale, pallid, ashen

(1) **wan** light, (2) a **wan** smile

His **wan** complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

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.

lamine

n. a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring

synonym: veneer, coating, layer

(1) **lamine** flooring, (2) **lamine** table

The countertop in my kitchen is made of durable **lamine** material.

badge

n. a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

synonym: emblem, insignia

(1) security **badge**, (2) **badge** holder

The police officer flashed his **badge** to prove his identity.

doll

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

synonym: puppet, dolly, toy

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

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

anthem

n. a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

synonym: hymn, song, paeon

(1) a national **anthem**, (2) **anthem** singer

The **anthem** of the country was played during the ceremony.

tread

v. to step or walk on something

synonym: step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path
He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

alphabet

n. a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

synonym: ABC's

(1) letters of an **alphabet**, (2) an **alphabet** of manual signs
He strove to memorize the Hebrew **alphabet**.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

turkey

n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

(1) swell like a **turkey**, (2) **turkey** breast meat

They prepared a stuffed **turkey** for Thanksgiving.

xylophone

n. a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths that are struck with mallets to produce musical tones; a percussion instrument that is commonly used in orchestras, bands, and music ensembles

(1) **xylophone** music, (2) tune the **xylophone**

The **xylophone** player gave an impressive performance in the school orchestra.

session

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

synonym: conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a national an___m
n. a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
2. st_____ng water
adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
3. g__e scene
v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
4. plenty of fl__ds
n. a substance that can flow and is not solid
5. bachelor's de___e
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
6. pubic lo__e
n. a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
7. ca_____ng disease
adj. attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling
8. ta_____ne peel
n. a sweet, juicy citrus fruit that is smaller and sweeter than an orange, usually with a reddish-orange peel
9. the morning se_____n
n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

ANSWERS: 1. anthem, 2. standing, 3. gore, 4. fluid, 5. degree, 6. louse, 7. catching, 8. tangerine, 9. session

10. an insect sp__y *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
11. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
12. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
13. spider v__n *n.* a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation
14. a spotted p__y *n.* a small horse
15. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
16. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
17. pi__t production *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
18. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 10. spray, 11. mysterious, 12. degree, 13. vein, 14. pony, 15. spirit, 16. creature, 17. pilot, 18. probable

19. swell like a tu___y *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
20. black ca____d *n.* a type of passerine bird known for its cat-like vocalizations and distinctive black and grey plumage
21. walk along a co____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
22. the house was a wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
23. tu___y breast meat *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
24. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
25. nu____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
26. his social st____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

ANSWERS: 19. turkey, 20. catbird, 21. corridor, 22. wreck, 23. turkey, 24. stick, 25. nuclear, 26. standing

27. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
28. W__e off dirt *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
29. tr__d a similar path *v.* to step or walk on something
30. letters of an al____et *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
31. domiciliary c__es *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
32. a sw__m of mosquitoes *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
33. his majestic pr____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
34. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
35. la____te flooring *n.* a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring
36. ta____ne flavor *n.* a sweet, juicy citrus fruit that is smaller and sweeter than an orange, usually with a reddish-orange peel
37. en__t in a cause *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
38. security ba__e *n.* a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

ANSWERS: 27. nation, 28. wipe, 29. tread, 30. alphabet, 31. cave, 32. swarm, 33. presence, 34. march, 35. laminate, 36. tangerine, 37. enlist, 38. badge

39. tho_____ul consideration *adj.* characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought
40. la_____te table *n.* a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring
41. hum_____rd feeder *n.* a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction
42. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
43. a su_____ne volcano *n.* a type of underwater vehicle or vessel that can operate beneath the surface of the water; (adjective) beneath the surface of the sea
44. an ac_____on pleat *n.* a musical instrument that is played by pressing buttons or keys, causing bellows to expand and compress air over metal reeds, producing sound
45. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
46. so_____t advice *v.* to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
47. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 39. thoughtful, 40. laminate, 41. hummingbird, 42. release, 43. submarine, 44. accordion, 45. monitor, 46. solicit, 47. introduction

48. degree in ele_____al engineering *adj.* relating to electricity
49. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
50. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
51. in a ge____e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
52. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
53. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
54. ge____e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
55. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
56. hum_____rd nest *n.* a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction
57. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
58. up____k in crime *n.* a slight increase or upward trend in something, such as a stock price or a particular statistic or trend
59. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 48. electrical, 49. fantastic, 50. violent, 51. gentle, 52. grab, 53. amazing, 54. gentle, 55. probable, 56. hummingbird, 57. stick, 58. uptick, 59. introduction

60. 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
61. the wh____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
62. a heat sh___d *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
63. ca____d seat *n.* a type of passerine bird known for its cat-like vocalizations and distinctive black and grey plumage
64. b__s guitar *n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
65. ac_____on music *n.* a musical instrument that is played by pressing buttons or keys, causing bellows to expand and compress air over metal reeds, producing sound
66. a sh___d for protecting against a bullet *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
67. answer in a wh____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
68. im_____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

ANSWERS: 60. mess, 61. whisper, 62. shield, 63. catbird, 64. bass, 65. accordion, 66. shield, 67. whisper, 68. imitate

69. je___y material *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
70. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
71. pre_____ion slides *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
72. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
73. play the vi___n *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
74. hold my breath und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
75. ba__e holder *n.* a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations
76. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
77. de___m his way of life *v.* to change or distort the shape or appearance of something; to become misshapen or distorted
78. en___t for a soldier *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

ANSWERS: 69. jersey, 70. brain, 71. presentation, 72. quest, 73. violin, 74. underwater, 75. badge, 76. moth, 77. deform, 78. enlist

79. fabric of the je___y *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
80. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
81. he_____ht switch *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
82. a w_n smile *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
83. pr_____oa species *n.* a diverse group of single-celled microorganisms that are classified as eukaryotic, meaning they have a distinct nucleus and other membrane-bound organelles found in a wide range of environments, from soil to water to the bodies of humans and animals
84. take ah__d of the situation *adv.* to take hold of something, to grasp firmly
85. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
86. so_____t patronage *v.* to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
87. 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
88. fl__d assets *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid

ANSWERS: 79. jersey, 80. amazing, 81. headlight, 82. wan, 83. protozoa, 84. ahold, 85. quest, 86. solicit, 87. brand, 88. fluid

89. g__e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
90. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
91. de___t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
92. the mouth of the c__e *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
93. w__e with water *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
94. im_____e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
95. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
96. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
97. an ele_____al storm *adj.* relating to electricity
98. the tra_____ion gears of a car *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
99. mo_____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
100. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent

ANSWERS: 89. gore, 90. defeat, 91. defeat, 92. cave, 93. wipe, 94. imitate, 95. underneath, 96. march, 97. electrical, 98. transmission, 99. monitor, 100. fantastic

101. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
102. the court se____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
103. lo__e egg *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
104. p__y engine *n.* a small horse
105. ra___e through the woods *v.* to walk, travel or talk in a seemingly random or aimless manner, often digressing from topic to topic without any clear purpose or direction
106. gr__e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
107. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
108. collapsed v__n *n.* a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation

ANSWERS: 101. brain, 102. session, 103. louse, 104. pony, 105. ramble, 106. grave, 107. nation, 108. vein

109. su_____ne cable *n.* a type of underwater vehicle or vessel that can operate beneath the surface of the water; (adjective) beneath the surface of the sea
110. hy_____ic effect *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
111. dr__d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
112. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
113. at___c nucleus *adj.* of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)
114. tr__d water *v.* to step or walk on something
115. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
116. ba_____ge crew *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
117. an___m singer *n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
118. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

ANSWERS: 109. submarine, 110. hypnotic, 111. dread, 112. doll, 113. atomic, 114. tread, 115. grab, 116. backstage, 117. anthem, 118. bug

119. tune the xy_____ne *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths that are struck with mallets to produce musical tones; a percussion instrument that is commonly used in orchestras, bands, and music ensembles
120. xy_____ne music *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths that are struck with mallets to produce musical tones; a percussion instrument that is commonly used in orchestras, bands, and music ensembles
121. air co_____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
122. a dramatic up___k in sales *n.* a slight increase or upward trend in something, such as a stock price or a particular statistic or trend
123. the evidence of the pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
124. ca_____ng fire *adj.* attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling
125. 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
126. sw___r an oath *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

ANSWERS: 119. xylophone, 120. xylophone, 121. corridor, 122. uptick, 123. presence, 124. catching, 125. mess, 126. swear

127. tho_____ul gift *adj.* characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought
128. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
129. use of nu_____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
130. ba_____ge access *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
131. pre_____ion skills *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
132. free-living pr_____oa *n.* a diverse group of single-celled microorganisms that are classified as eukaryotic, meaning they have a distinct nucleus and other membrane-bound organelles found in a wide range of environments, from soil to water to the bodies of humans and animals
133. international sh_____nt *n.* a quantity of goods or cargo that is sent or transported from one place to another, especially by land, sea, or air; the act or process of sending or dispatching goods

ANSWERS: 127. thoughtful, 128. creature, 129. nuclear, 130. backstage, 131. presentation, 132. protozoa, 133. shipment

134. locust sw__m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
135. sc_____le my mind *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
136. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
137. sw__r a blue streak *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
138. a worthless wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
139. delayed sh_____nt *n.* a quantity of goods or cargo that is sent or transported from one place to another, especially by land, sea, or air; the act or process of sending or dispatching goods
140. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
141. sc_____le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
142. mild hy_____ic *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
143. de__m the shape *v.* to change or distort the shape or appearance of something; to become misshapen or distorted

ANSWERS: 134. swarm, 135. scramble, 136. moth, 137. swear, 138. wreck, 139. shipment, 140. equip, 141. scramble, 142. hypnotic, 143. deform

144. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
145. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
146. grab ah__d of the rope *adv.* to take hold of something, to grasp firmly
147. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
148. w_n light *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
149. at___c bomb *adj.* of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)
150. seals sleep und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
151. a test pi__t *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
152. number of b_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
153. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
154. he_____ht adjustment *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
155. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 144. mysterious, 145. release, 146. ahold, 147. equip, 148. wan, 149. atomic, 150. underwater, 151. pilot, 152. bug, 153. violent, 154. headlight, 155. giant

156. an al____et of manual signs *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
157. a rock fr__k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
158. ra___e down the road *v.* to walk, travel or talk in a seemingly random or aimless manner, often digressing from topic to topic without any clear purpose or direction
159. dr__d getting old *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
160. a sp___y of mist *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
161. 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
162. fr__k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
163. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
164. b__s fisherman *n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
165. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 156. alphabet, 157. freak, 158. ramble, 159. dread, 160. spray, 161. brand, 162. freak, 163. giant, 164. bass, 165. doll

166. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
167. tra_____ion speed *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
168. gr__e mistake *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
169. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
170. vi___n soloist *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

ANSWERS: 166. underneath, 167. transmission, 168. grave, 169. spirit, 170. violin

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The artist used a _____ paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.
 - n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

2. The _____ preparations for the concert took hours to complete.
 - adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

3. 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

4. The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one _____.
 - n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person

5. 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

6. The company's CEO made a _____ decision to offer employees more flexibility in their work schedules.
 - adj.* characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought

7. Bats reside in sheltered _____.
 - n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

ANSWERS: 1. spray, 2. backstage, 3. moth, 4. louse, 5. mess, 6. thoughtful, 7. caves

8. The nurse inserted the needle into the _____ in his arm to draw blood.
n. a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation
9. Actuators convert _____ pulses into motion.
adj. relating to electricity
10. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
n. a living being, especially an animal
11. 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
12. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.
v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
13. I _____ I didn't mean to break your vase.
v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
14. The _____ scent of freshly baked bread made my mouth water.
adj. attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling
15. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 8. vein, 9. electrical, 10. creature, 11. brand, 12. marched, 13. swear, 14. catching, 15. spirit

16. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.

- v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

17. The hunter _____ the deer with an arrow.

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

18. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.

- n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

19. His ____ complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

- adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

20. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

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

21. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

22. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

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

- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 16. whispered, 17. gored, 18. presence, 19. wan, 20. degree, 21. grab, 22. introduction, 23. probable

24. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
25. I always wear my favorite basketball player's _____ to the games.
n. a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
26. Local business owners _____ to find skilled workers.
v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
27. They prepared a stuffed _____ for Thanksgiving.
n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
28. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
29. The cello is a member of the _____ family.
n. a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
30. The long _____ was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.
n. a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
31. I was able to get _____ of the concert tickets before they sold out.
adv. to take hold of something, to grasp firmly

ANSWERS: 24. fantastic, 25. jersey, 26. scrambled, 27. turkey, 28. amazing, 29. violin, 30. corridor, 31. ahold

32. I love the taste of fresh _____ juice in the morning.

- n.* a sweet, juicy citrus fruit that is smaller and sweeter than an orange, usually with a reddish-orange peel

33. Carbon has an _____ mass of 12.

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

34. I like to _____ through the park, exploring its hidden paths and natural beauty.

- v.* to walk, travel or talk in a seemingly random or aimless manner, often digressing from topic to topic without any clear purpose or direction

35. 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

36. The _____ of the country was played during the ceremony.

- n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

37. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

- n.* a long or challenging search for something

38. The _____ in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.

- n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

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

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

40. Lead is an effective _____ against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.

- n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

ANSWERS: 32. tangerine, 33. atomic, 34. ramble, 35. brain, 36. anthem, 37. quest, 38. bass, 39. giant, 40. shield

41. His voice had a _____ quality for me.

adj. inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

42. He strove to memorize the Hebrew _____.

n. a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

43. The military _____ disappeared without a trace.

n. a type of underwater vehicle or vessel that can operate beneath the surface of the water; (adjective) beneath the surface of the sea

44. Parliament is now in _____.

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

45. The _____ concert was packed with fans.

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

46. She gave a fantastic _____ at the conference and received a standing ovation.

n. the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise

47. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

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

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

ANSWERS: 41. hypnotic, 42. alphabet, 43. submarine, 44. session, 45. standing, 46. presentation, 47. gentle, 48. nation

49. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

50. Education is the _____ of civilization.

n. the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

51. The countertop in my kitchen is made of durable _____ material.

n. a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring

52. He is good at swimming _____.

adv. below or under the surface of the water

53. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

54. The water in the lake was contaminated with high levels of _____ making it unsafe for swimming or drinking.

n. a diverse group of single-celled microorganisms that are classified as eukaryotic, meaning they have a distinct nucleus and other membrane-bound organelles found in a wide range of environments, from soil to water to the bodies of humans and animals

55. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

ANSWERS: 49. mysterious, 50. transmission, 51. laminate, 52. underwater, 53. nuclear, 54. protozoa, 55. defeat

56. Please _____ your sweat with this towel.

- v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

57. She was diagnosed with a _____ buildup in her lungs.

- n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid

58. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

59. The penny fell _____ the piano.

- adv.* under or below something else

60. A _____ of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

- n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

61. The _____ beautiful song filled the air with melody.

- n.* a type of passerine bird known for its cat-like vocalizations and distinctive black and grey plumage

62. There was a noticeable _____ in customer complaints after implementing the new policy.

- n.* a slight increase or upward trend in something, such as a stock price or a particular statistic or trend

63. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

- v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

ANSWERS: 56. wipe, 57. fluid, 58. violent, 59. underneath, 60. swarm, 61. catbird's, 62. uptick, 63. equipped

64. Tracking the package _____ was made easy with the provided tracking number.
- n.* a quantity of goods or cargo that is sent or transported from one place to another, especially by land, sea, or air; the act or process of sending or dispatching goods
65. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass _____ outside the city during the war.
- n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
66. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.
- n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
67. Watching a _____ at a flower is like observing a miniature ballet of nature.
- n.* a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction
68. We all _____ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.
- v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
69. He played a beautiful melody on his _____ charming everyone in the audience.
- n.* a musical instrument that is played by pressing buttons or keys, causing bellows to expand and compress air over metal reeds, producing sound

ANSWERS: 64. shipment, 65. graves, 66. doll, 67. hummingbird, 68. dread, 69. accordion,

70. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
- v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
71. The company _____ donations from its employees for the charity event.
- v. to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
72. My car's _____ must be replaced before I drive again at night.
- n. a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
73. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.
- n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected
74. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
75. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
76. At this ranch, children can experience riding a _____.
- n. a small horse
77. The heat from the fire _____ the plastic parts of the appliance.
- v. to change or distort the shape or appearance of something; to become misshapen or distorted

ANSWERS: 70. imitated, 71. solicited, 72. headlight, 73. freak, 74. release, 75. stick, 76. pony, 77. deformed

78. He _____ carefully on the slippery ice.

v. to step or walk on something

79. I found a stink ____ crawling across the ceiling.

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

80. The _____ exercised great care in landing.

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

81. He decided to _____ in the military after graduating from high school.

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

82. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

83. The _____ player gave an impressive performance in the school orchestra.

n. a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths that are struck with mallets to produce musical tones; a percussion instrument that is commonly used in orchestras, bands, and music ensembles

84. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

85. The police officer flashed his _____ to prove his identity.

n. a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

ANSWERS: 78. treads, 79. bug, 80. pilot, 81. enlist, 82. wreck, 83. xylophone, 84. monitor, 85. badge

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