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Session 1: Word List

cult *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

evolution *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
synonym : elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

loose *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

synonym : relaxed, unconsolidated, open

(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair

The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.

planet *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

toddler

n. a young child who has recently learned to walk
synonym: child, infant, youngster

(1) an active **toddler**, (2) **toddler** in nappy

A **toddler** needs constant supervision and firm control.

havoc

n. widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

synonym: destruction, devastation, ruin

(1) cause **havoc**, (2) play **havoc** in the mind

The storm wreaked **havoc** on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

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.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

meme

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym: buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

cosmos

n. another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

synonym: universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

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.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

Darwinism

n. the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection,

survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment

synonym: evolution, natural selection

(1) digital **Darwinism**, (2) economic **Darwinism**

The concept of Social **Darwinism** was often misused to justify socioeconomic inequalities.

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.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym: cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

paraphrase

v. to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

synonym: rephrase, reword, reinterpret

(1) **paraphrase** a poem into prose, (2) **paraphrase** the meaning

He **paraphrased** the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

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.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym : alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

doubt

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

synonym : distrust, suspect, mistrust

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

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

measured

adj. done with careful consideration or calculated precision; controlled or regulated in manner or speech; deliberate and thoughtful

synonym : calculated, deliberate, thought-out

(1) **measured** analysis, (2) **measured** tone of voice

Her **measured** response to the criticism showed her ability to remain calm and composed under pressure.

beak

n. the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird

synonym : nib, pecker, snoot

(1) sharp **beak**, (2) a tip of the **beak**

The bird's **beak** evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym : ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

calculated

adj. done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance

synonym: premeditated, willful, deliberate

(1) **calculated** bankruptcy, (2) **calculated** crime

The company made a **calculated** decision to invest in new technology.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym: raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

unrestricted

adj. not limited or confined in any way

synonym: open, available, free

(1) **unrestricted** access, (2) have **unrestricted** options

Capitalism allows **unrestricted** property ownership for individuals.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

offspring

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant

synonym : children, descendants, heirs

(1) female **offspring**, (2) produce **offspring**

How many **offspring** does the average lion have?

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym : equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym : idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

algorithm

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

synonym : logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing

We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

evolutionary

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

synonym :

developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process

Evolutionary algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

synonym: fluctuation, change, variance

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

heredity

n. the passing of traits or characteristics from parents to their offspring through genetic information; the study of how traits are inherited and passed down through generations

synonym: inheritance, genetics, lineage

(1) **heredity** factors, (2) genetic **heredity**

We can't control the color of our eyes because it's determined by **heredity**.

chaos

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

synonym: disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym: helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

slide

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

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

foresight

n. the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

synonym : prescience, prediction, clairvoyance

(1) strategic **foresight**, (2) **foresight** planning

With **foresight**, she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

gene

n. the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.

synonym : factor, cistron

(1) **gene** expression, (2) **gene** cloning

A defective **gene** is responsible for the disease.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym : develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

extinct

adj. no longer in existence

synonym : dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano

Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

selfish

adj. concerned primarily with one's profit or pleasure without regard for others; forming or arising from a person's self or interest

synonym : egocentric, self-centered, narcissistic

(1) **selfish** motive, (2) **selfish** desire

His **selfish** ambition caused him to step on others to climb the corporate ladder.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym : anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

clumsy

adj. lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome

synonym : awkward, ungainly, inept

(1) **clumsy** at sports, (2) **clumsy** attempt

The **clumsy** waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.

drift

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

synonym : float, wander, freewheel

(1) **drift** down the stream, (2) **drift** away on a raft

I **drifted** around for years in Europe before going to university.

primeval

adj. relating to or existing at the earliest ages; ancient, primitive, or prehistoric

synonym : ancient, primal, archaic

(1) **primeval** forests, (2) archaic **primeval** cultures

The cave paintings offer a glimpse into **primeval** human art.

imitation

n. a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something

synonym : fabrication, replica, fake

(1) **imitation** antique, (2) artificial **imitation**

Many individuals believe that children learn languages through **imitation**.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

mime

n. a form of acting or performance in which gestures, body movements, and facial expressions are used to convey meaning or tell a story without the use of spoken words; a performer who specializes in this art form

synonym : gesture, pantomimist, actor

(1) hilarious **mime** act, (2) **mime** artist

The **mime's** silent performance captivated the audience, leaving them in awe.

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.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym : center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

definition

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

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

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

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

abbreviate

v. to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise

synonym: shorten, truncate, condense

(1) **abbreviate** words, (2) **abbreviate** a long document

I will **abbreviate** the title of the article to save space.

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.

malign

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence

synonym: defame, vilify, (adjective) evil

(1) **malign** influence, (2) **malign** the politician in the media

The article **maligned** the company's reputation with false accusations.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
synonym: equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

fetch

v. to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something

synonym: retrieve, bring, get

(1) **fetch** the mail, (2) **fetch** a ball

Could you help me **fetch** the ball from the other side of the field?

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**.

earring

n. a piece of jewelry, typically worn on the earlobe, consisting of a decorative item, often a gemstone or a metal design, attached to a post or a ring that passes through the earlobe

synonym: ear drop, stud, jewelry

(1) diamond **earring**, (2) gold **earring**

She bought a beautiful pair of pearl **earrings** for her sister's wedding.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

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.

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.

fest

n. a festive celebration, often one that lasts for several days and involves music, food, and other forms of entertainment

synonym : celebration, carnival

(1) film **fest**, (2) beer **fest**

The music **fest** was a huge success, with thousands of people in attendance.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

posh

adj. elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status

synonym : elegant, fancy, luxurious

(1) **posh** district, (2) **posh** restaurant

The CEO's office was decorated in a **posh** and elegant style.

pardon

v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

synonym : forgive, excuse, absolve

(1) **pardon** me, (2) supplicate for **pardon**

The governor decided to **pardon** the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

inaudible

adj. unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard

synonym: unhearable, faint, unheard

(1) **inaudible** whisper, (2) **inaudible** sound

The speaker's voice was **inaudible** over the background noise.

sink

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

synonym: descend, drop, plummet

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

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

toilet

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

synonym: bathroom, lavatory, washroom

(1) **toilet** paper, (2) **toilet** seat

She walked to the **toilet** to freshen up before the meeting.

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.

jungle

n. an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

synonym: wilderness, forest

(1) middle of the **jungle**, (2) **jungle** exploration
This village is still in a dense **jungle**.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym: use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

potentially

adv. in a possible state or condition; possibly

synonym: likely, possibly, probably

(1) **potentially** affected, (2) **potentially** lucrative

The organization assisted in the de-escalation of **potentially** violent situations.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

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**.

invert

v. to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something

synonym: turn upside down, reverse, flip

(1) **invert** a glass, (2) **invert** position

He decided to **invert** his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.

shorthand

n. a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

synonym: stenography, speedwriting, tachygraphy

(1) learn **shorthand**, (2) write in **shorthand**

The secretary's **shorthand** was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

machinery

n. a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something

synonym: apparatus, appliance, equipment

(1) heavy **machinery**, (2) inactive **machinery**

The **machinery** of audit formally issued a business improvement order.

conventional

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

synonym: ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan

She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

synonym: one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

enhance

v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

synonym: improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla

The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

mating

n. the act of pairing a male and female for reproductive purposes

synonym: intercourse, copulation, procreation

(1) **mating** season, (2) **mating** behavior

Before copulating with the female, the male bird performs a **mating** dance.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym: gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently

Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym: pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

technique

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

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

inevitably

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

synonym: unavoidably, necessarily, surely

(1) **inevitably** decline with age, (2) **inevitably** reach the consumer

Because of his excellent performance, he will **inevitably** be promoted.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

peculiar

adj. odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

synonym: bizarre, abnormal, odd

(1) **peculiar** way, (2) **peculiar** people

The juice has a **peculiar** taste.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

parasite

n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

synonym: hitchhiker, leech, saprophyte

(1) blood-sucking **parasite**, (2) **parasite** disease

Tapeworms are **parasites** that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

symbiotic

adj. involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist

(1) **symbiotic** economy, (2) **symbiotic** bacteria

We have a mutually **symbiotic** connection with them.

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.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

gesture

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

synonym: motion, expression, gesticulation

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

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

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

techno

n. a style of electronic dance music that originated in Detroit in the 1980s and is characterized by a repetitive, synthesized beat and minimalist sound effects; the use of advanced technology or techniques in a particular field

(1) **techno** beat, (2) **techno** festival

The club's playlist featured a lot of **techno** music.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to

vacate the property.

storage

n. the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

synonym: storehouse, depository, warehousing

(1) a **storage** battery, (2) **storage** at low temperature

We store customer data in cloud **storage**.

clay

n. a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

synonym: ceramics, pottery, dirt

(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground

The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired shape.

tablet

n. a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

synonym: notepad, pill, medication

(1) a multivitamin **tablet**, (2) **tablet** keyboard

The new **tablet** device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

implant

v. to insert or fix an artificial device in a person's body; to put an idea, attitude, etc., firmly in the mind

synonym: insert, fix, place

(1) **implant** genes in the animals, (2) **implant** into the uterus

The doctor will **implant** a pacemaker to regulate his heart rate.

cusp

n. a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved

synonym : point, apex, tip

(1) **cusp** of change, (2) a single **cusp**

The project was on the **cusp** of success and needed a little more funding.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

equation

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

(1) the **equation** of poverty with ignorance, (2) a chemical **equation**

In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic **equations**.

concentration

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

synonym : attention, engagement, assiduity

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

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

productive

adj. resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value

synonym : efficient, fruitful, successful

(1) low **productive** capacity, (2) **productive** meeting

The new employee proved extremely **productive**, completing projects ahead of schedule.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym : calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh

three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

communicate

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

synonym: convey, share, transmit

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

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

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

civilization

n. a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

synonym: society, culture, community

(1) **civilization** decline, (2) lost **civilization**

The rise and fall of **civilizations** can be studied through history and archaeology.

galaxy

n. an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity

synonym: star cluster, nebula, star system

(1) elliptic **galaxy**, (2) a **galaxy** of famous actors

The Milky Way **galaxy** has numerous water-bearing planets.

formation

n. the way something is created naturally or the way it has been arranged

synonym: establishment, organization, creation

(1) a rock **formation**, (2) **formation** flight

Character **formation** is one of the goals of education.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym: essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the

country's growth.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

guise

n. the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

synonym: appearance, pretense, masquerade

(1) in the **guise** of a woman, (2) under the **guise** of friendship

They operated an illegal business under the **guise** of an employment agency.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

synonym: charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

fraction

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

synonym: piece, part, fragment

(1) a **fractional** share of the vote, (2) a numerator in a **fraction**

He spent only a **fraction** of his earnings.

probe

n. a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

synonym: investigation, inquiry, examination

(1) a lunar **probe**, (2) **probe** for inside information

NASA sent a **probe** to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

peter

v. to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

synonym: decrease, drop, lower

(1) eventually **peter** out, (2) begin to **peter** out

The music just **petered** out.

ward

n. a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care

synonym: room, division, unit

(1) a children's **ward**, (2) **ward** nurse

The patient was moved to the intensive care **ward** for further treatment.

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.

agon

n. a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

synonym: struggle, conflict, fight

(1) emotional **agon**, (2) an **agon** of creativity

The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international **agon**.

kitten

n. a young cat

synonym: catling, kitling, puss

(1) **kitten** formula, (2) newborn **kitten**

The **kitten's** fur was so fluffy that it looked like it was always

moving.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

myelin

n. a white fatty substance that covers around nerves, helping them to send signals effectively

synonym : medulla

(1) **myelin** encasing the axons, (2) **myelin** protein

Myelin sheath allows electrical impulses to travel quickly and efficiently along the nerve cells.

myelinated

adj. having a layer of myelin (= a fatty substance) around nerve fibers, which serves to insulate and speed up the transmission of nerve impulses

synonym : insulated, covered in myelin, nerve-coated

(1) **myelinated** white matter, (2) **myelinated** axons

Myelinated nerves conduct signals faster than unmyelinated nerves.

organ

n. a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

synonym : function, structure

(1) **organ** bleeding, (2) damage to internal **organs**

These infections have the potential to impact practically every **organ** system.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

experiment

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

synonym: experimentation, investigation

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

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

merge

v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

synonym: combine, join, coalesce

(1) **merge** into a new party, (2) **merge** those systems into a new one

This consulting firm decided to **merge** the two companies into one.

replicate

v. to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results

synonym: duplicate, imitate, reproduce

(1) **replicate** the cell, (2) **replicate** data

The experiment was **replicated** several times to ensure accuracy.

convenient

adj. useful, helpful, or quick to do

synonym: timely, fortunate, suitable

(1) **convenient** way, (2) **convenient** location

The airport offers five **convenient** access routes.

piggyback

n. a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (verb) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or

support

(1) **piggyback** on her success, (2) **piggyback** equipment
The little girl wanted a **piggyback** ride on her father's shoulders.

viable

adj. capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
synonym: feasible, possible, attainable

(1) achieve a **viable** relationship, (2) develop a **viable** therapy

Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more **viable**.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

utterly

adv. completely or absolutely

synonym: absolutely, completely, perfectly

(1) **utterly** changed, (2) **utterly** ignorant

We are **utterly** opposed to any form of terrorism.

destabilize

v. to cause something to become less stable or secure

synonym: unsettle, disrupt, upset

(1) **destabilize** the market, (2) **destabilize** a good relationship

The political crisis **destabilized** the country and caused widespread turmoil.

squishy

adj. soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed

synonym: soft, spongy, mushy

(1) **squishy** texture, (2) a **squishy** story

The **squishy** foam ball is perfect for squeezing to relieve stress.

oxygen

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

(1) the hydrogen binds the **oxygen**, (2) lack of **oxygen**

The passenger grabbed for the **oxygen** mask.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

damage

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

synonym: harm, impair, injure

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

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

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym: frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

Session 2: Spelling

1. gene va_____on
n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
2. elliptic ga____y
n. an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity
3. reg_____ss tread
adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
4. cr_____re of habit
n. a living being, especially an animal
5. fe__h the mail
v. to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something
6. des_____ze a good relationship
v. to cause something to become less stable or secure
7. ob_____s reasons
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
8. ine_____ly decline with age
adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
9. 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
10. unr_____ted access
adj. not limited or confined in any way
11. hilarious m__e act
n. a form of acting or performance in which gestures, body movements, and facial expressions are used to convey meaning or tell a story without the use of spoken words; a performer who specializes in this art form

ANSWERS: 1. variation, 2. galaxy, 3. regardless, 4. creature, 5. fetch, 6. destabilize, 7. obvious, 8. inevitably, 9. photograph, 10. unrestricted, 11. mime

12. eventually pe__r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
13. gold ea_____g *n.* a piece of jewelry, typically worn on the earlobe, consisting of a decorative item, often a gemstone or a metal design, attached to a post or a ring that passes through the earlobe
14. mye_____ed axons *adj.* having a layer of myelin (= a fatty substance) around nerve fibers, which serves to insulate and speed up the transmission of nerve impulses
15. cl___y attempt *adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
16. in_____le sound *adj.* unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard
17. pot_____ly affected *adv.* in a possible state or condition; possibly
18. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
19. diamond ea_____g *n.* a piece of jewelry, typically worn on the earlobe, consisting of a decorative item, often a gemstone or a metal design, attached to a post or a ring that passes through the earlobe
20. pot_____ly lucrative *adv.* in a possible state or condition; possibly
21. ju___e exploration *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
22. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

ANSWERS: 12. peter, 13. earring, 14. myelinated, 15. clumsy, 16. inaudible, 17. potentially, 18. perspective, 19. earring, 20. potentially, 21. jungle, 22. nowhere

23. des_____ze the market *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
24. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
25. 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
26. lack of ox___n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
27. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
28. ecology and evo_____ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
29. dr__t away on a raft *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
30. f_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
31. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
32. under the gu__e of friendship *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
33. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 23. destabilize, 24. concept, 25. stick, 26. oxygen, 27. consequence, 28. evolutionary, 29. drift, 30. fee, 31. nowhere, 32. guise, 33. biology

34. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
35. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
36. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
37. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
38. en_____e value *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
39. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
40. ma___g season *n.* the act of pairing a male and female for reproductive purposes
41. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
42. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
43. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
44. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
45. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 34. mass, 35. crucial, 36. probable, 37. probable, 38. enhance, 39. quest, 40. mating, 41. humming, 42. evolve, 43. universal, 44. germ, 45. damage

46. ch__s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
47. the hydrogen binds the ox___n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
48. ki___n formula *n.* a young cat
49. play ha__c in the mind *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
50. origin of the co___s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
51. strategic fo_____ht *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
52. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
53. fe__h a ball *v.* to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something
54. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
55. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

ANSWERS: 46. chaos, 47. oxygen, 48. kitten, 49. havoc, 50. cosmos, 51. foresight, 52. misunderstand, 53. fetch, 54. extraordinary, 55. passe

56. middle of the ju___e *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
57. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
58. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
59. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
60. in___t position *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
61. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
62. hand ge_____e *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
63. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
64. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
65. the eq_____on of poverty with ignorance *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
66. me__e those systems into a new one *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

ANSWERS: 56. jungle, 57. core, 58. possibility, 59. struggle, 60. invert, 61. principle, 62. gesture, 63. creature, 64. breed, 65. equation, 66. merge

67. va_____on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
68. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
69. ut_____y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
70. develop a vi_____e therapy *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
71. begin to pe__r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
72. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
73. par_____se the meaning *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
74. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
75. racial or_____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
76. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
77. a rock fo_____on *n.* the way something is created naturally or the way it has been arranged
78. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 67. variation, 68. ancestor, 69. utterly, 70. viable, 71. peter, 72. doubt, 73. paraphrase, 74. invention, 75. origin, 76. misunderstand, 77. formation, 78. brain

79. ma___g behavior *n.* the act of pairing a male and female for reproductive purposes
80. abb_____te words *v.* to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise
81. ma___n influence *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
82. my___n encasing the axons *n.* a white fatty substance that covers around nerves, helping them to send signals effectively
83. pronounce m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
84. or__n bleeding *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
85. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
86. the RSA al_____hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

ANSWERS: 79. mating, 80. abbreviate, 81. malign, 82. myelin, 83. meme, 84. organ, 85. secondly, 86. algorithm

87. se____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
88. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
89. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
90. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
91. cal_____ed bankruptcy *adj.* done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance
92. my____n protein *n.* a white fatty substance that covers around nerves, helping them to send signals effectively
93. an active to_____r *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
94. 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
95. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
96. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 87. secondly, 88. slide, 89. basis, 90. regardless, 91. calculated, 92. myelin, 93. toddler, 94. stick, 95. breed, 96. survival

97. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
98. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
99. pa_____te disease *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
100. pe_____ar people *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
101. pa___n me *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
102. a fr_____onal share of the vote *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
103. sq_____y texture *adj.* soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed
104. a sq_____y story *adj.* soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed
105. a st_____e battery *n.* the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information
106. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

ANSWERS: 97. perspective, 98. branch, 99. parasite, 100. peculiar, 101. pardon, 102. fraction, 103. squishy, 104. squishy, 105. storage, 106. frank

107. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
108. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
109. pr_____al forests *adj.* relating to or existing at the earliest ages; ancient, primitive, or prehistoric
110. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
111. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
112. con_____nt location *adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do
113. pro_____ve meeting *adj.* resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value
114. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
115. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
116. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
117. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
118. ine_____ly reach the consumer *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
119. soft c__y ground *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

ANSWERS: 107. possibility, 108. vary, 109. primeval, 110. relation, 111. germ, 112. convenient, 113. productive, 114. par, 115. aid, 116. shell, 117. adapt, 118. inevitably, 119. clay

120. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
121. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
122. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
123. me_____ed analysis *adj.* done with careful consideration or calculated precision; controlled or regulated in manner or speech; deliberate and thoughtful
124. genetic he_____ty *n.* the passing of traits or characteristics from parents to their offspring through genetic information; the study of how traits are inherited and passed down through generations
125. a lo__e tongue *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
126. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
127. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
128. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
129. a single c__p *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
130. ge_____e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

ANSWERS: 120. suppose, 121. hunt, 122. technique, 123. measured, 124. heredity, 125. loose, 126. exploit, 127. humming, 128. vary, 129. cusp, 130. gesture

131. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
132. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
133. par_____se a poem into prose *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
134. economic Da_____sm *n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment
135. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
136. im_____on antique *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
137. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
138. te___o festival *n.* a style of electronic dance music that originated in Detroit in the 1980s and is characterized by a repetitive, synthesized beat and minimalist sound effects; the use of advanced technology or techniques in a particular field
139. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 131. frank, 132. prop, 133. paraphrase, 134. Darwinism, 135. amazing, 136. imitation, 137. writ, 138. techno, 139. suppose

140. sy_____ic economy *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
141. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
142. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
143. damage to internal or__ns *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
144. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
145. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
146. a numerator in a fr_____on *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
147. or____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
148. produce of_____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
149. pi_____ck equipment *n.* a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (verb) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or support

ANSWERS: 140. symbiotic, 141. opportune, 142. extraordinary, 143. organ, 144. experiment, 145. advantage, 146. fraction, 147. origin, 148. offspring, 149. piggyback

150. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
151. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
152. his research area of
con_____ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
153. blood-sucking pa_____te *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
154. me__e into a new party *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
155. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
156. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
157. achieve a vi_____e relationship *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
158. w__d nurse *n.* a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care
159. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
160. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
161. fo_____on flight *n.* the way something is created naturally or the way it has been arranged

ANSWERS: 150. equivalent, 151. religion, 152. concentration, 153. parasite, 154. merge, 155. climate, 156. technological, 157. viable, 158. ward, 159. economical, 160. passe, 161. formation

162. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
163. re_____te data *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
164. fo_____ht planning *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
165. to_____r in nappy *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
166. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
167. abb_____te a long document *v.* to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise
168. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
169. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
170. beer f__t *n.* a festive celebration, often one that lasts for several days and involves music, food, and other forms of entertainment

ANSWERS: 162. unique, 163. replicate, 164. foresight, 165. toddler, 166. survival, 167. abbreviate, 168. evolve, 169. economical, 170. fest

171. remove lo__e hair *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
172. m__e artist *n.* a form of acting or performance in which gestures, body movements, and facial expressions are used to convey meaning or tell a story without the use of spoken words; a performer who specializes in this art form
173. a tip of the b__k *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
174. archaic pr____al cultures *adj.* relating to or existing at the earliest ages; ancient, primitive, or prehistoric
175. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
176. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
177. in the gu__e of a woman *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
178. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

ANSWERS: 171. loose, 172. mime, 173. beak, 174. primeval, 175. cult, 176. prop, 177. guise, 178. slide

179. me_____ed tone of voice *adj.* done with careful consideration or calculated precision; controlled or regulated in manner or speech; deliberate and thoughtful
180. im_____t genes in the animals *v.* to insert or fix an artificial device in a person's body; to put an idea, attitude, etc., firmly in the mind
181. get a con_____nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
182. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
183. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
184. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
185. in_____le whisper *adj.* unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard
186. te___o beat *n.* a style of electronic dance music that originated in Detroit in the 1980s and is characterized by a repetitive, synthesized beat and minimalist sound effects; the use of advanced technology or techniques in a particular field
187. he_____ty factors *n.* the passing of traits or characteristics from parents to their offspring through genetic information; the study of how traits are inherited and passed down through generations

ANSWERS: 179. measured, 180. implant, 181. conventional, 182. basis, 183. unique, 184. circumstance, 185. inaudible, 186. techno, 187. heredity

188. re_____te the cell *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
189. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
190. en_____e the flavor of the vanilla *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
191. c__p of change *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
192. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
193. al_____hm for image processing *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
194. mye_____ed white matter *adj.* having a layer of myelin (= a fatty substance) around nerve fibers, which serves to insulate and speed up the transmission of nerve impulses
195. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
196. a multivitamin ta___t *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

ANSWERS: 188. replicate, 189. moth, 190. enhance, 191. cusp, 192. damage, 193. algorithm, 194. myelinated, 195. circumstance, 196. tablet

197. a con_____nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
198. pi_____ck on her success *n.* a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (verb) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or support
199. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
200. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
201. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
202. p__h restaurant *adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status
203. sc___d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
204. heavy ma_____ry *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something

ANSWERS: 197. conventional, 198. piggyback, 199. incredible, 200. fir, 201. sink, 202. posh, 203. scared, 204. machinery

205. 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
206. im_____e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
207. im_____t into the uterus *v.* to insert or fix an artificial device in a person's body; to put an idea, attitude, etc., firmly in the mind
208. ut_____y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
209. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
210. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
211. newborn ki____n *n.* a young cat
212. a chemical eq_____on *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
213. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
214. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
215. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 205. photograph, 206. imitate, 207. implant, 208. utterly, 209. concept, 210. definition, 211. kitten, 212. equation, 213. exploit, 214. amazing, 215. incredible

216. cl___y at sports *adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
217. dr__t down the stream *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
218. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
219. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
220. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
221. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
222. lost civ_____ion *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
223. female of_____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
224. midst of ch__s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
225. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
226. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 216. clumsy, 217. drift, 218. survive, 219. fir, 220. relation, 221. opportune, 222. civilization, 223. offspring, 224. chaos, 225. ancestor, 226. biology

227. ex____t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
228. ta____t keyboard *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
229. a lunar pr__e *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
230. im____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
231. pr____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
232. low pro____ve capacity *adj.* resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value
233. p__h district *adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status
234. con____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
235. supplicate for pa____n *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

ANSWERS: 227. extinct, 228. tablet, 229. probe, 230. imitate, 231. principle, 232. productive, 233. posh, 234. concentration, 235. pardon

236. learn sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
237. pe_____ar way *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
238. the evo_____ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
239. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
240. cause ha__c *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
241. ma___n the politician in the media *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
242. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
243. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
244. to ___t paper *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
245. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something

ANSWERS: 236. shorthand, 237. peculiar, 238. evolutionary, 239. quest, 240. havoc, 241. malign, 242. core, 243. intelligence, 244. toilet, 245. par

246. write in sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
247. emotional a__n *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
248. c__y animation *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
249. g__e expression *n.* the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.
250. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
251. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
252. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

ANSWERS: 246. shorthand, 247. agon, 248. clay, 249. gene, 250. advantage, 251. universe, 252. branch

253. inactive ma_____ry *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
254. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
255. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
256. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
257. sy_____ic bacteria *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
258. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
259. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
260. se_____h motive *adj.* concerned primarily with one's profit or pleasure without regard for others; forming or arising from a person's self or interest
261. film f__t *n.* a festive celebration, often one that lasts for several days and involves music, food, and other forms of entertainment
262. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
263. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

ANSWERS: 253. machinery, 254. technological, 255. intelligence, 256. slightly, 257. symbiotic, 258. universal, 259. shell, 260. selfish, 261. fest, 262. survive, 263. adapt

264. sc___d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
265. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
266. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
267. se_____h desire *adj.* concerned primarily with one's profit or pleasure without regard for others; forming or arising from a person's self or interest
268. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
269. a ga___y of famous actors *n.* an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity
270. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
271. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
272. call and co_____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
273. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
274. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 264. scared, 265. religion, 266. planet, 267. selfish, 268. communicate, 269. galaxy, 270. compete, 271. aid, 272. complain, 273. technique, 274. communicate

275. sl____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
276. pr__e for inside information *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
277. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
278. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
279. civ_____ion decline *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
280. sharp b__k *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
281. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
282. a children's w__d *n.* a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care

ANSWERS: 275. slightly, 276. probe, 277. experiment, 278. process, 279. civilization, 280. beak, 281. sink, 282. ward

283. cr____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
284. st____e at low temperature *n.* the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information
285. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
286. a cold cl____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
287. cal____ed crime *adj.* done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance
288. have unr____ted options *adj.* not limited or confined in any way
289. the def____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
290. co____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
291. religious m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
292. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 283. crucial, 284. storage, 285. doubt, 286. climate, 287. calculated, 288. unrestricted, 289. definition, 290. complain, 291. meme, 292. planet

293. con_____nt way *adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do
294. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
295. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
296. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
297. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
298. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
299. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
300. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

ANSWERS: 293. convenient, 294. mass, 295. estimate, 296. cult, 297. consequence, 298. process, 299. struggle, 300. evolution

301. artificial im_____on *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
302. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
303. exploration of co____s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
304. long-ex_____t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
305. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
306. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
307. in____t a glass *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
308. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
309. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
310. to____t seat *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
311. g__e cloning *n.* the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.

ANSWERS: 301. imitation, 302. invention, 303. cosmos, 304. extinct, 305. universe, 306. brain, 307. invert, 308. writ, 309. fee, 310. toilet, 311. gene

312. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
313. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
314. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
315. digital Da_____sm *n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment
316. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
317. an a__n of creativity *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
318. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
319. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
320. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

ANSWERS: 312. obvious, 313. equivalent, 314. evolution, 315. Darwinism, 316. moth, 317. agon, 318. hunt, 319. estimate, 320. compete

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The concept of Social _____ was often misused to justify socioeconomic inequalities.
 - n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment

2. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
 - n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

3. Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the _____.
 - n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

4. She bought a beautiful pair of pearl _____ for her sister's wedding.
 - n.* a piece of jewelry, typically worn on the earlobe, consisting of a decorative item, often a gemstone or a metal design, attached to a post or a ring that passes through the earlobe

5. The music just _____ out.
 - v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

6. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
 - v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 1. Darwinism, 2. equivalent, 3. cosmos, 4. earrings, 5. petered, 6. damage

7. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.
- n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
8. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
9. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
- n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
10. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
- n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
11. His _____ ambition caused him to step on others to climb the corporate ladder.
- adj.* concerned primarily with one's profit or pleasure without regard for others; forming or arising from a person's self or interest
12. Many species have become _____ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.
- adj.* no longer in existence
13. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
14. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
- adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 7. basis, 8. evolved, 9. religion, 10. survival, 11. selfish, 12. extinct, 13. invention, 14. Technological

15. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

16. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

17. Before copulating with the female, the male bird performs a _____ dance.

n. the act of pairing a male and female for reproductive purposes

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

19. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

20. The new employee proved extremely _____ completing projects ahead of schedule.

adj. resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value

21. The inspector discovered _____ bolts under the fuel rods.

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

22. The speaker's voice was _____ over the background noise.

adj. unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard

23. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

ANSWERS: 15. unique, 16. cores, 17. mating, 18. probable, 19. universal, 20. productive, 21. loose, 22. inaudible, 23. slightly

24. This village is still in a dense _____.
- n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
25. The new _____ device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.
- n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
26. Her _____ response to the criticism showed her ability to remain calm and composed under pressure.
- adj.* done with careful consideration or calculated precision; controlled or regulated in manner or speech; deliberate and thoughtful
27. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.
- n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
28. The rise and fall of _____ can be studied through history and archaeology.
- n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
29. With _____ she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.
- n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
30. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 24. jungle, 25. tablet, 26. measured, 27. chaos, 28. civilizations, 29. foresight, 30. process

31. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
32. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
33. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.
adj. extremely vital or necessary
34. They operated an illegal business under the _____ of an employment agency.
n. the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
35. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
36. A defective _____ is responsible for the disease.
n. the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.
37. A _____ needs constant supervision and firm control.
n. a young child who has recently learned to walk
38. The secretary's _____ was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.
n. a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

ANSWERS: 31. perspective, 32. amazing, 33. crucial, 34. guise, 35. slide, 36. gene, 37. toddler, 38. shorthand

39. The little girl wanted a _____ ride on her father's shoulders.
- n.* a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (verb) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or support
40. The article _____ the company's reputation with false accusations.
- v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
41. The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international _____.
- n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
42. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.
- n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
43. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
- adj.* unbelievable; enormous
44. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
45. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.
- n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

ANSWERS: 39. piggyback, 40. maligned, 41. agon, 42. concentration, 43. incredible, 44. cult, 45. algorithm

46. He _____ the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.
- v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
47. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
- n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
48. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
- n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
49. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
50. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
51. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
- adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
52. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet _____.
- n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
53. Pakistan's _____ budget was still being reviewed.
- n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

ANSWERS: 46. paraphrased, 47. Climate, 48. biology, 49. opportune, 50. germ, 51. secondly, 52. meme, 53. aid

54. I'm _____ of insects.

adj. afraid or frightened

55. The Milky Way _____ has numerous water-bearing planets.

n. an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity

56. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

57. The _____ of audit formally issued a business improvement order.

n. a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something

58. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

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

59. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

n. a living being, especially an animal

60. We have a mutually _____ connection with them.

adj. involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist

61. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 54. scared, 55. galaxy, 56. estimated, 57. machinery, 58. communicate, 59. creature, 60. symbiotic, 61. ancestor

62. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

63. Because of his excellent performance, he will _____ be promoted.

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

64. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

65. We can't control the color of our eyes because it's determined by _____.

n. the passing of traits or characteristics from parents to their offspring through genetic information; the study of how traits are inherited and passed down through generations

66. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

67. This consulting firm decided to _____ the two companies into one.

v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

68. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

69. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

70. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

ANSWERS: 62. hunt, 63. inevitably, 64. compete, 65. heredity, 66. circumstances, 67. merge, 68. breeds, 69. obvious, 70. quest

71. In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic _____.
- n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
72. The storm wreaked _____ on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.
- n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
73. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
- v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
74. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
75. The airport offers five _____ access routes.
- adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do
76. _____ nerves conduct signals faster than unmyelinated nerves.
- adj.* having a layer of myelin (= a fatty substance) around nerve fibers, which serves to insulate and speed up the transmission of nerve impulses
77. The juice has a _____ taste.
- adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
78. The _____ fur was so fluffy that it looked like it was always moving.
- n.* a young cat
79. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
- adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

ANSWERS: 71. equations, 72. havoc, 73. adapt, 74. suppose, 75. convenient, 76. Myelinated, 77. peculiar, 78. kitten's, 79. economical

80. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
81. The CEO's office was decorated in a _____ and elegant style.
adj. elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status
82. I _____ around for years in Europe before going to university.
v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
83. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
84. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
85. We have finally lost our last _____.
n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
86. These infections have the potential to impact practically every _____ system.
n. a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
87. The club's playlist featured a lot of _____ music.
n. a style of electronic dance music that originated in Detroit in the 1980s and is characterized by a repetitive, synthesized beat and minimalist sound effects; the use of advanced technology or techniques in a particular field

ANSWERS: 80. definition, 81. posh, 82. drifted, 83. writ, 84. misunderstand, 85. prop, 86. organ, 87. techno

88. How many _____ does the average lion have?

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant

89. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

90. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

91. She made a facial _____ to express disagreement.

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

92. They study the _____ of the universe.

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

93. The cave paintings offer a glimpse into _____ human art.

adj. relating to or existing at the earliest ages; ancient, primitive, or prehistoric

94. The doctor will _____ a pacemaker to regulate his heart rate.

v. to insert or fix an artificial device in a person's body; to put an idea, attitude, etc., firmly in the mind

95. His _____ showed highly positive results.

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

96. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 88. offspring, 89. intelligence, 90. exploit, 91. gesture, 92. evolution, 93. primeval, 94. implant, 95. experiments, 96. universe

97. He decided to _____ his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.
v. to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
98. The new strategy will _____ the profitability of our company.
v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
99. The governor decided to _____ the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.
v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
100. We are _____ opposed to any form of terrorism.
adv. completely or absolutely
101. The company made a _____ decision to invest in new technology.
adj. done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance
102. The bird's _____ evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.
n. the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
103. Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more _____.
adj. capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
104. The _____ foam ball is perfect for squeezing to relieve stress.
adj. soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed

ANSWERS: 97. invert, 98. enhance, 99. pardon, 100. utterly, 101. calculated, 102. beak, 103. viable, 104. squishy

105. 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

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

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

107. The smell of fresh _____ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

- n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

108. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

109. _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

- adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

110. The _____ silent performance captivated the audience, leaving them in awe.

- n.* a form of acting or performance in which gestures, body movements, and facial expressions are used to convey meaning or tell a story without the use of spoken words; a performer who specializes in this art form

111. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

- n.* the first existence or beginning of something

ANSWERS: 105. stick, 106. sink, 107. fir, 108. advantages, 109. Evolutionary, 110. mime's, 111. origin

112. Capitalism allows _____ property ownership for individuals.
adj. not limited or confined in any way
113. _____ sheath allows electrical impulses to travel quickly and efficiently along the nerve cells.
n. a white fatty substance that covers around nerves, helping them to send signals effectively
114. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.
n. a state of being equal to someone or something
115. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
116. 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
117. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
118. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
119. 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

ANSWERS: 112. unrestricted, 113. Myelin, 114. par, 115. branch, 116. moth, 117. frank, 118. principle, 119. photograph

120. The experiment was _____ several times to ensure accuracy.

- v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results

121. The _____ waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.

- adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome

122. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.

- adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

123. We store customer data in cloud _____.

- n.* the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

124. 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

125. She walked to the _____ to freshen up before the meeting.

- n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

126. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.

- v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

127. Could you help me _____ the ball from the other side of the field?

- v.* to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something

ANSWERS: 120. replicated, 121. clumsy, 122. regardless, 123. storage, 124. passe, 125. toilet, 126. complaining, 127. fetch

128. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.
n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
129. 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
130. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
131. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
132. The lawyer's ____ for the case was \$10,000.
n. a sum of money charged for a particular service
133. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
134. The music ____ was a huge success, with thousands of people in attendance.
n. a festive celebration, often one that lasts for several days and involves music, food, and other forms of entertainment
135. I will _____ the title of the article to save space.
v. to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise
136. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

ANSWERS: 128. shell, 129. humming, 130. concept, 131. imitated, 132. fee, 133. survive, 134. fest, 135. abbreviate, 136. technique

137. Tapeworms are _____ that live in the intestines of humans and animals.
n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
138. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
139. She is very _____ in her thoughts.
adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
140. The political crisis _____ the country and caused widespread turmoil.
v. to cause something to become less stable or secure
141. 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
142. He spent only a _____ of his earnings.
n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
143. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.
adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
144. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
145. NASA sent a _____ to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.
n. a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

ANSWERS: 137. parasites, 138. extraordinary, 139. conventional, 140. destabilized, 141. relations, 142. fraction, 143. nowhere, 144. Doubt, 145. probe

146. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

147. The organization assisted in the de-escalation of _____ violent situations.

adv. in a possible state or condition; possibly

148. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

149. 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

150. The patient was moved to the intensive care _____ for further treatment.

n. a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care

151. There is a lot of _____ in the colors of flowers in the garden.

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

152. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

153. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

154. The sculptor carefully molded the _____ into the desired shape.

n. a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

ANSWERS: 146. planet, 147. potentially, 148. vary, 149. brain, 150. ward, 151. variation, 152. consequences, 153. mass, 154. clay

155. Character _____ is one of the goals of education.

n. the way something is created naturally or the way it has been arranged

156. He could not _____ against temptation.

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

157. Many individuals believe that children learn languages through _____.

n. a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something

158. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

159. The passenger grabbed for the _____ mask.

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

160. The project was on the _____ of success and needed a little more funding.

n. a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved

ANSWERS: 155. formation, 156. struggle, 157. imitation, 158. possibility, 159. oxygen, 160. cusp