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Session 1: Word List

inversion

n. the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things

synonym: reversal, upside-down, turnaround

(1) temperature **inversion**, (2) **inversion** layer

The **inversion** of the mortgage market led to a decrease in home values.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym: expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym: complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must
Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

ignorance

n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

synonym: unintelligence, inexperience, unawareness

(1) **ignorance** of the law, (2) **ignorance** is bliss

His **ignorance** of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

enunciate

v. to say, pronounce, or utter words clearly

synonym: articulate, pronounce, say

(1) **enunciate** a new strategy, (2) **enunciate** each word

The doctrine of the country was **enunciated** by its first king.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

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.

requisite

adj. necessary or essential for a particular purpose, outcome, or condition; required or indispensable

synonym: needed, necessary, essential

(1) **requisite** experience, (2) **requisite** qualifications

Attention to detail is a **requisite** skill for a successful architect.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes
I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

condense

v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

synonym: compress, compact, shorten

(1) **condense** the text, (2) **condense** water vapor
I need to **condense** all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life
Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

purport

v. to claim or suggest that something is true or has a particular character or quality; (noun) the intended meaning of a communication

synonym: claim, allege, assert

(1) **purport** to answer the question, (2) the main **purport** of his speech

The document **purports** to have been signed by the president, but the signature is a forgery.

qualified

adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

synonym: eligible, skillful, accomplished

(1) a **qualified** doctor, (2) **qualified** in medicine
We seek a person **qualified** for the post.

wisdom

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

synonym: sagacity, discernment, insight

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

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

achievement

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

synonym: accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**

This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

creationist

n. a person who believes in the literal interpretation of religious texts, particularly the Bible, and holds that the universe and living things were created by a divine or supernatural force rather than through natural processes

(1) **creationist** claim, (2) **creationist** theory

The old-earth **creationist** believed God created the universe and all life on earth.

pamphlet

n. a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

synonym: brochure, leaflet, booklet

(1) propaganda **pamphlet**, (2) **pamphlet** in English

The political organization handed out **pamphlets** to raise awareness about their cause.

intelligent

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym: brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have

limited motor output for safety.

puzzling

adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

synonym : baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

adore

v. to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence

synonym : cherish, worship, idolize

(1) truly **adore** him, (2) **adore** the way she styles her hair

Children seem to **adore** chocolate ice cream no matter where they're from.

cute

adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

synonym : attractive, charming, adorable

(1) act **cute**, (2) super **cute** dress

The baby's chubby cheeks and big eyes made her look so **cute**.

amuse

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

synonym : entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests

He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym : back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

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.

detect

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

synonym : catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders
The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym : choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat
The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

crude

adj. being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

synonym : unrefined, native, vulgar

(1) price of **crude** oil, (2) **crude** manners

His **crude** jokes made her angry.

intrinsically

adv. from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within

synonym : inherently, essentially, fundamentally

(1) **intrinsically** motivated, (2) **intrinsically** valuable

The kindness of strangers is **intrinsically** rewarding, even when no reward is expected.

glucose

n. a type of sugar that is found in plants, especially fruit, and is an essential energy source in living things

synonym : sugar, blood sugar

(1) blood **glucose** test, (2) **glucose** level

The doctor injected **glucose** into his patient's veins.

molecule

n. a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds

synonym : particle, element, atom

(1) small **molecules**, (2) **molecule** behavior
The shape of the DNA **molecule** is a double helix.

blind

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

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

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

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

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**.

chimpanzee

n. a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

synonym : ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

mate

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

synonym : companion, partner, spouse

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

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

hallucinate

v. to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use

(1) start to **hallucinate**, (2) **hallucinate** with drug

Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may **hallucinate**.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym : evidently, obviously, supposedly

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

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

bald

adj. having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair

synonym : hairless, smooth, bare

(1) **bald** head, (2) become **bald**

He is completely **bald**, having lost all his hair due to chemotherapy.

oddly

adv. in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar

synonym : strangely, peculiarly, weirdly

(1) behave **oddly**, (2) **oddly** familiar

He walked into the party with an **oddly** dressed companion, causing everyone to stare.

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.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

preference

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

synonym : taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

stimulus

n. something that causes growth or arouses action
synonym: incitement, inspiration, motivation

(1) a response to a **stimulus**, (2) economic **stimulus**

This book provides children with ideas and a **stimulus** for outside recreation.

owe

v. to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;

synonym: have an obligation, incur

(1) **owe** \$100 to my friend, (2) **owe** him a grudge

She **owes** her friend a favor for helping her move.

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.

gull

n. a seabird with long wings, short legs, and usually black and white or grey and white feathers

synonym: seagull

(1) a white sea **gull**, (2) **gull** family

Because **gulls** are gliding birds, their wings are long and slender.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

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.

orangutan

n. a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits

(1) **orangutan** arm, (2) female **orangutan**

The researcher found new species of **orangutan** on the island.

chick

n. a baby bird, especially a young chicken
synonym : biddy, fledgling, nestling

(1) baby **chick**, (2) **chick** sorting

The majority of the **chicks** are raised on local family farms.

peck

v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

synonym : beak, nibble, pick

(1) **peck** on the cheek, (2) **peck** at feed

The wood **pecker** would peck at the tree high up in the branches.

tweak

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

synonym : nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy

synonym : cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

diaper

n. a soft, absorbent piece of material worn by babies and young children around their waist and between their legs to catch urine and feces

synonym : napkin, nappy

(1) **diaper** bag, (2) cloth **diaper**

I need to buy a pack of **diapers** for my baby before we run out.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym : lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

affection

n. a feeling of fondness, love, or attachment towards someone or something; a gentle or tender feeling; often used to describe a warm or caring relationship between individuals

synonym : love, fondness, tenderness

(1) deep **affection**, (2) show **affection**

Her unwavering **affection** for animals led her to become a veterinarian.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

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.

adorable

adj. inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable

synonym : cute, lovely, charming

(1) **adorable** baby, (2) **adorable** puppy

My friend's daughter is **adorable**, with curly hair and big brown eyes.

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.

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.

built-in

adj. included as an integral part of something

synonym: integrated, inherent, equipped

(1) **built-in** feature, (2) **built-in** battery

The new car had a **built-in** navigation system.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

succeed

v. to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor

synonym: achieve, accomplish, triumph

(1) **succeed** beyond expectations, (2) **succeed** academically

I hope to **succeed** in my career and live a happy life.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

neural

adj. of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain

synonym : sensory, neuron, nervous

(1) **neural** stem cells, (2) **neural** networks in AI

There was a disturbance of **neural** function.

grub

n. the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously

synonym : larva, food, chow

(1) cook up some **grubs**, (2) **grub** for potatoes

The garden was infested with beetle **grubs**, causing damage to the plant roots.

clerical

adj. relating to the clergy (= the official leaders of the religious activities) or the work of a clerk; of or relating to the clergy

synonym : priestly, ecclesiastical, religious

(1) **clerical** power, (2) **clerical** duties

The **clerical** collar indicated that he was a member of the clergy.

bumper

n. a device, typically made of rubber or metal, that projects from the front or rear of a vehicle and absorbs impact in the event of a collision; a metal bar on a vehicle used to push objects out of the way

synonym : buffer, guard, fender

(1) **bumper** crop, (2) **bumper** sale

The **bumper** of my car was dented in the accident.

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.

debug

v. to remove errors or problems from a system or program, often through troubleshooting or testing

synonym: fix, troubleshoot, rectify

(1) **debug** a program, (2) **debug** a website

I had to **debug** the code several times before it would run correctly.

humor

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

synonym: comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**

My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

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.

knob

n. a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet

synonym: handle, lever

(1) handy **knob**, (2) **knob** closure

The **knob** on the drawer was loose and needed to be tightened.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

functional

adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

synonym: applicable, practical, usable

(1) field of **functional** medicine, (2) **functional** deafness

The mobile phone was still **functional** even after being dropped.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 10. en_____te a new strategy | <i>v.</i> to say, pronounce, or utter words clearly |
| 11. pa_____et in English | <i>n.</i> a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject |

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62. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
63. bu___r sale *n.* a device, typically made of rubber or metal, that projects from the front or rear of a vehicle and absorbs impact in the event of a collision; a metal bar on a vehicle used to push objects out of the way

ANSWERS: 53. nurture, 54. requisite, 55. phrase, 56. stimulus, 57. owe, 58. creative, 59. chick, 60. functional, 61. reward, 62. probable, 63. bumper

64. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
65. an ab____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
66. pr____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
67. economic st____us *n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
68. p__k on the cheek *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
69. the evo____ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
70. ne____l stem cells *adj.* of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain
71. psy____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
72. temperature in____on *n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things
73. ig____ce is bliss *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
74. 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
75. price of cr__e oil *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

ANSWERS: 64. obvious, 65. absolute, 66. propose, 67. stimulus, 68. peck, 69. evolutionary, 70. neural, 71. psychology, 72. inversion, 73. ignorance, 74. stick, 75. crude

76. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
77. de__g a program *v.* to remove errors or problems from a system or program, often through troubleshooting or testing
78. walk ba____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
79. cl____al duties *adj.* relating to the clergy (= the official leaders of the religious activities) or the work of a clerk; of or relating to the clergy
80. su____d academically *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
81. me__y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
82. an int____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
83. chi____ee society *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
84. field of fun____al medicine *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
85. student ach____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
86. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 76. obvious, 77. debug, 78. backward, 79. clerical, 80. succeed, 81. messy, 82. intelligent, 83. chimpanzee, 84. functional, 85. achievement, 86. brain

87. hal_____te with drug *v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
88. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
89. a remarkable ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
90. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
91. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
92. a particular pre_____ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
93. ig_____ce of the law *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
94. pu_____t to answer the question *v.* to claim or suggest that something is true or has a particular character or quality; (noun) the intended meaning of a communication
95. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
96. ne___l networks in AI *adj.* of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain
97. sardonic hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

ANSWERS: 87. hallucinate, 88. fundamental, 89. achievement, 90. apparently, 91. fundamental, 92. preference, 93. ignorance, 94. purport, 95. principle, 96. neural, 97. humor

98. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
99. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
100. chi_____ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
101. truly ad__e him *v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence
102. cre_____st theory *n.* a person who believes in the literal interpretation of religious texts, particularly the Bible, and holds that the universe and living things were created by a divine or supernatural force rather than through natural processes
103. ad_____le baby *adj.* inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable
104. vitreous hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
105. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
106. qu_____ed in medicine *adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
107. co_____se the text *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

ANSWERS: 98. brain, 99. absolute, 100. chimpanzee, 101. adore, 102. creationist, 103. adorable, 104. humor, 105. essential, 106. qualified, 107. condense

108. in____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
109. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
110. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
111. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
112. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
113. 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
114. cloth di____r *n.* a soft, absorbent piece of material worn by babies and young children around their waist and between their legs to catch urine and feces
115. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
116. bu____in feature *adj.* included as an integral part of something
117. int_____lly valuable *adv.* from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within

ANSWERS: 108. instinct, 109. moth, 110. reward, 111. apparently, 112. spot, 113. probe, 114. diaper, 115. psychology, 116. built-in, 117. intrinsically

118. g__l family *n.* a seabird with long wings, short legs, and usually black and white or grey and white feathers
119. g__b for potatoes *n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
120. or_____an arm *n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits
121. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
122. act c__e *adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way
123. a tip of the b__k *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
124. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
125. 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
126. handy k__b *n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet
127. cook up some g__bs *n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously

ANSWERS: 118. gull, 119. grub, 120. orangutan, 121. probable, 122. cute, 123. beak, 124. moth, 125. probe, 126. knob, 127. grub

128. mo____le behavior *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
129. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
130. show af____on *n.* a feeling of fondness, love, or attachment towards someone or something; a gentle or tender feeling; often used to describe a warm or caring relationship between individuals
131. cl____al power *adj.* relating to the clergy (= the official leaders of the religious activities) or the work of a clerk; of or relating to the clergy
132. collaborate with co____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
133. ba____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
134. at____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
135. his meal pre____ces *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
136. ad__e the way she styles her hair *v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence
137. propaganda pa____et *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

ANSWERS: 128. molecule, 129. critic, 130. affection, 131. clerical, 132. colleague, 133. backward, 134. attract, 135. preference, 136. adore, 137. pamphlet

138. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
139. become b__d *adj.* having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair
140. su_____d beyond expectations *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
141. di____r bag *n.* a soft, absorbent piece of material worn by babies and young children around their waist and between their legs to catch urine and feces
142. ad_____le puppy *adj.* inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable
143. pr____r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
144. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
145. re_____te qualifications *adj.* necessary or essential for a particular purpose, outcome, or condition; required or indispensable
146. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
147. small mo_____les *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds

ANSWERS: 138. principle, 139. bald, 140. succeed, 141. diaper, 142. adorable, 143. prefer, 144. nurture, 145. requisite, 146. attract, 147. molecule

148. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
149. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
150. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
151. am__e guests *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
152. od__y familiar *adv.* in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar
153. bu_____in battery *adj.* included as an integral part of something
154. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
155. wi___m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
156. dog-loving m__e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
157. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
158. de___t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

ANSWERS: 148. experiment, 149. essential, 150. colleague, 151. amuse, 152. oddly, 153. built-in, 154. neuroscience, 155. wisdom, 156. mate, 157. instinct, 158. detect

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. My wife seems to be in ill _____.
n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
2. _____ 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
3. The baby's chubby cheeks and big eyes made her look so _____.
adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way
4. The new car had a _____ navigation system.
adj. included as an integral part of something
5. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
6. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
7. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
8. The document _____ to have been signed by the president, but the signature is a forgery.
v. to claim or suggest that something is true or has a particular character or quality; (noun) the intended meaning of a communication

ANSWERS: 1. humor, 2. Evolutionary, 3. cute, 4. built-in, 5. fundamental, 6. spot, 7. rewards, 8. purports

9. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

10. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

11. He walked into the party with an _____ dressed companion, causing everyone to stare.

adv. in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar

12. The government is eager to _____ international investment.

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

13. 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

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

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

15. The _____ collar indicated that he was a member of the clergy.

adj. relating to the clergy (= the official leaders of the religious activities) or the work of a clerk; of or relating to the clergy

16. The shape of the DNA _____ is a double helix.

n. a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds

ANSWERS: 9. absolute, 10. colleague, 11. oddly, 12. attract, 13. beak, 14. wisdom, 15. clerical, 16. molecule

17. His _____ of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

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

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

19. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

20. 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

21. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

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

22. I hope to _____ in my career and live a happy life.

v. to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor

23. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

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

24. My friend's daughter is _____ with curly hair and big brown eyes.

adj. inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable

ANSWERS: 17. ignorance, 18. psychology, 19. neuroscience, 20. moth, 21. blind, 22. succeed, 23. evolved, 24. adorable,

25. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
26. 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
27. The security camera has _____ four intruders.
- v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
28. I need to find a _____ for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.
- n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
29. The kindness of strangers is _____ rewarding, even when no reward is expected.
- adv.* from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within
30. This book provides children with ideas and a _____ for outside recreation.
- n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
31. The old-earth _____ believed God created the universe and all life on earth.
- n.* a person who believes in the literal interpretation of religious texts, particularly the Bible, and holds that the universe and living things were created by a divine or supernatural force rather than through natural processes

ANSWERS: 25. creative, 26. brain, 27. detected, 28. mate, 29. intrinsically, 30. stimulus, 31. creationist

32. Her _____ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.
- n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
33. The _____ of the mortgage market led to a decrease in home values.
- n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things
34. 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
35. Children seem to _____ chocolate ice cream no matter where they're from.
- v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence
36. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.
- adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
37. I need to _____ all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.
- v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
38. This _____ has never been formally accepted.
- n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
39. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 32. preference, 33. inversion, 34. probe, 35. adore, 36. Intelligent, 37. condense, 38. achievement, 39. obvious

40. Her unwavering _____ for animals led her to become a veterinarian.
n. a feeling of fondness, love, or attachment towards someone or something; a gentle or tender feeling; often used to describe a warm or caring relationship between individuals
41. Many zoos have _____ exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.
n. a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
42. I need to buy a pack of _____ for my baby before we run out.
n. a soft, absorbent piece of material worn by babies and young children around their waist and between their legs to catch urine and feces
43. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
44. Attention to detail is a _____ skill for a successful architect.
adj. necessary or essential for a particular purpose, outcome, or condition; required or indispensable
45. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
46. He didn't _____ the plan, even though he had time.
v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
47. The researcher found new species of _____ on the island.
n. a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits

ANSWERS: 40. affection, 41. chimpanzee, 42. diapers, 43. backward, 44. requisite, 45. essential, 46. tweak, 47. orangutan

48. The garden was infested with beetle _____ causing damage to the plant roots.
n. the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
49. 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
50. The majority of the _____ are raised on local family farms.
n. a baby bird, especially a young chicken
51. He _____ himself by playing video games during his free time.
v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
52. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
53. I had to _____ the code several times before it would run correctly.
v. to remove errors or problems from a system or program, often through troubleshooting or testing
54. There was a disturbance of _____ function.
adj. of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain
55. The mobile phone was still _____ even after being dropped.
adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

ANSWERS: 48. grubs, 49. stick, 50. chicks, 51. amused, 52. prefer, 53. debug, 54. neural, 55. functional

56. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
57. We seek a person _____ for the post.
adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
58. The wood _____ would peck at the tree high up in the branches.
v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
59. The detective found the clues _____ and couldn't solve the case immediately.
adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
60. The doctor injected _____ into his patient's veins.
n. a type of sugar that is found in plants, especially fruit, and is an essential energy source in living things
61. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
62. His _____ jokes made her angry.
adj. being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
63. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
64. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 56. architecture, 57. qualified, 58. pecker, 59. puzzling, 60. glucose, 61. critics, 62. crude, 63. experiments, 64. propose

65. The doctrine of the country was _____ by its first king.
v. to say, pronounce, or utter words clearly
66. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.
adj. disorganized and untidy
67. Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may _____.
v. to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
68. We bought a Spanish _____ book.
n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together
69. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
70. He is completely _____ having lost all his hair due to chemotherapy.
adj. having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair
71. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
72. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
73. The political organization handed out _____ to raise awareness about their cause.
n. a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

ANSWERS: 65. enunciated, 66. messy, 67. hallucinate, 68. phrase, 69. nurture, 70. bald, 71. principle, 72. instinct, 73. pamphlets

74. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

adv. based on what you have heard or read

75. The _____ on the drawer was loose and needed to be tightened.

n. a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet

76. The _____ of my car was dented in the accident.

n. a device, typically made of rubber or metal, that projects from the front or rear of a vehicle and absorbs impact in the event of a collision; a metal bar on a vehicle used to push objects out of the way

77. She _____ her friend a favor for helping her move.

v. to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

79. Because _____ are gliding birds, their wings are long and slender.

n. a seabird with long wings, short legs, and usually black and white or grey and white feathers

ANSWERS: 74. apparently, 75. knob, 76. bumper, 77. owes, 78. probable, 79. gulls