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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### degree

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

*synonym*: level, qualification, diploma

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

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

### geography

*n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

*synonym*: landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

### pole

*n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

*synonym*: rod, staff, shaft

(1) a fishing **pole**, (2) the plus **pole**

The North **Pole** is the northernmost point on Earth.

### trek

*n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot

*synonym*: journey, expedition, hike

(1) horseback **trek**, (2) **trek** expedition

He was preparing for a long **trek** through the mountains.

## shave

*v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

*synonym*: trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

## 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.

## herculean

*adj.* requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules

*synonym*: challenging, formidable, strenuous

(1) **herculean** effort, (2) make **herculean** progress

Completing this project in such a short amount of time will be a **herculean** task.

## inlet

*n.* a small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river, usually leading inland

*synonym*: cove, bayou, estuary

(1) **inlet** valve, (2) **inlet** temperature

The boat sailed through the narrow **inlet** and into the harbor.

## solely

*adv.* only; exclusively; entirely; without any others being involved or present

*synonym*: exclusively, only, purely

(1) **solely** responsible, (2) **solely** focused

Its online sales **solely** drive the company's profits.

## 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.

## drag

*v.* to pull or haul with force

*synonym* : haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

## sled

*n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses

*synonym* : sleigh, toboggan, sledge

(1) pull a **sled**, (2) **sled** dog

We used a **sled** to slide down the hill in the snow.

## clip

*n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

*synonym* : buckle, hook, pin

(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**

He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

## pound

*n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

## gear

*n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

*synonym* : equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever  
She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

## 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.

## massive

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid  
*synonym*: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars  
The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

## headwind

*n.* a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption  
*synonym*: opposition

(1) facing **headwind**, (2) flying in a **headwind**  
The cyclists had to contend with strong **headwinds** during the race.

## crack

*v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking  
*synonym*: snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board  
He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

## crevasse

*n.* a deep crack or fissure, especially in a glacier or the Earth's surface, often caused by stress or movement; a dangerous and treacherous gap or opening  
*synonym*: crevice, fissure, gap

(1) fall into a **crevasse**, (2) dangerous **crevasse**  
The mountaineer carefully crossed the glacier **crevasse** to continue climbing the icy peak.

## precarious

*adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

*synonym* : precariousness, instability, uncertainty

(1) **precarious** job, (2) **precarious** financial situation

She had a **precarious** hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

## underneath

*adv.* under or below something else

*synonym* : below, under, beneath

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

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

## abyss

*n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void

*synonym* : chasm, cavity, gulf

(1) the **abyss** of time, (2) an **abyss** of hopelessness

The deep sea is an **abyss** of mystery and discovery.

## punchline

*n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax

*synonym* : joke, climax, comedic ending

(1) have no **punchline**, (2) the final **punchline**

The **punchline** of the joke was hilarious.

## horizon

*n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

*synonym* : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

## uphill

*adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope

*synonym* : skyward, ascending, difficult

(1) an **uphill** road, (2) an **uphill** task

The road is **uphill** for a while.

## buddy

*n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team  
*synonym* : mate, peer, associate

(1) my golf **buddy**, (2) **buddy** movie

He was the first **buddy** in the military training camp.

## fin

*n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

*synonym* : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

## desert

*n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

## crisis

*n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

*synonym* : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

## affected

*adj.* influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere

*synonym* : artificial, pretentious, stilted

(1) **affected** way of walking, (2) the **affected** part

Her **affected** accent made it difficult to take her seriously.

## sand

*n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

*synonym* : grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

## 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.

## capable

*adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise

*synonym*: able, competent, proficient

(1) **capable** worker, (2) **capable** leader

She is highly **capable** of handling multiple tasks at once.

## adventure

*n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

*synonym*: experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

## 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.

## 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.

## inspire

*v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

*synonym* : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

## dedication

*n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important

*synonym* : devotion, faithfulness, loyalty

(1) **dedication** to public service, (2) **dedication** ceremony

We are very impressed with your strong **dedication** to quality.

## expedition

*n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

*synonym* : journey, trip, voyage

(1) **expedition** team, (2) a polar **expedition**

The **expedition** to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.

## interactive

*adj.* acting reciprocally; mutually responsive

*synonym* : reciprocal, responsive, mutual

(1) **interactive** experience, (2) an **interactive** device

The new video game has an **interactive** storyline that allows players to make choices that affect the game's outcome.

## stud

*n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

*synonym* : beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

## deplete

*v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or



### materials

*synonym* : exhaust, consume, use up

(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores

If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

### ozone

*n.* a poisonous gas with the chemical formula O<sub>3</sub>, which has a strong smell

(1) **ozone** depletion, (2) atmospheric **ozone**

The **ozone** layer is vital for blocking some harmful sun rays.

### crossing

*n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect

*synonym* : intersection, junction

(1) **crossing** bridge, (2) a **crossing-keeper**

The busy road was closed for a few hours for a railway **crossing**.

### snowdrift

*n.* a mound or bank of snow that has been blown together by the wind, typically forming a large pile or drift

*synonym* : snowbank, snow heap, drift

(1) deep **snowdrift**, (2) get stuck in a **snowdrift**

A massive **snowdrift** completely blocked the road after the blizzard.

### weigh

*v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

*synonym* : consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

### nap

*n.* a short sleep, especially during the day

*synonym* : rest, doze, drowse

(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**

She woke the kids up from their **nap**.

## incidentally

*adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing

*synonym* : by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned  
**Incidentally**, I know the answer to that question.

## 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.

## 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.

## extreme

*adj.* very great in amount or degree

*synonym* : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

## butt

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

*synonym* : hit, punch, strike

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

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

## bacon

*n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig

*synonym* : ham, pork belly, gammon

(1) **bacon** and eggs, (2) **bacon** sandwich

I love the smell of **bacon** sizzling in the morning.

## calorie

*n.* unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce

(1) **calorie** calculation, (2) reduce my **calorie** intake

It would be best if you burned off **calories** through vigorous exercise.

## burning

*adj.* intense or scorching heat

*synonym*: scorching, blazing, smoldering

(1) **burning** desire, (2) **burning** passion

The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a **burning** inferno.

## battery

*n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

*synonym*: electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

## equip

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

*synonym*: prepare, furnish, provide

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

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

## virtually

*adv.* almost completely

*synonym*: almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical

**Virtually** all the parties signed the contract.

## needle

*n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

*synonym*: thorn, spike, pin

(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**

The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

## infect

*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

*synonym*: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

## blister

*n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely

*synonym*: sore, vesicle, pustule

(1) **blister** after walking for miles, (2) **blister** treatment

The new hiking shoes gave me a **blister** on my heel after just a few miles of walking.

## drain

*v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

*synonym*: draw off, bleed

(1) **drain** water from the swamp, (2) **drain** excess liquid

Push the button and let the water **drain** away.

## inspiring

*adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

*synonym*: exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe-**inspiring** sight

An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

## brilliantly

*adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

*synonym*: brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit

He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

## 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.

## elementary

*adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects

*synonym* : fundamental, basic, primary

(1) **elementary** math, (2) **elementary** level

**Elementary** school students must learn basic math and reading skills.

## courtyard

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

*synonym* : patio, garden, atrium

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

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

## pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym* : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## ray

*n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

*synonym* : beam, light, glimmer

(1) opaque to X- **rays**, (2) effect of cosmic **rays**

Gamma **rays** penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

## huddle

*v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

*synonym*: cluster, crowd, group

(1) **huddle** in a temporary shelter, (2) **huddle** around the open fire

The children **huddled** together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

## disbelief

*n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

*synonym*: doubt, mistrust, incredulity

(1) **disbelief** in the authority, (2) ask in **disbelief**

His reaction was one of complete **disbelief**.

## endurance

*n.* the ability to withstand hardship, stress, or adversity; the ability to persist in the face of difficulty or challenge; the act of sustaining or maintaining something over time

*synonym*: stamina, perseverance, resilience

(1) **endurance** training, (2) mental **endurance**

The marathon runner's **endurance** was impressive as he crossed the finish line.

## grand

*adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

*synonym*: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

## smoker

*n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

(1) **smoker** behavior, (2) an inveterate **smoker**

Many **smokers** are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.

## sedentary

*adj.* characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement

*synonym* : inactive, stationary, immobile

(1) **sedentary** desk job, (2) **sedentary** behavior

His **sedentary** lifestyle and lack of exercise contributed to his declining health.

## fiber

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

*synonym* : yarn, thread, wool

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

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

## standing

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

*synonym* : upright, vertical, (noun) position

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

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

## Session 2: Spelling

1. bu\_\_\_\_g desire *adj.* intense or scorching heat
2. ne\_\_\_e prick *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
3. 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
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5. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
6. vi\_\_\_\_\_ly identical *adv.* almost completely
7. ma\_\_\_\_e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
8. oz\_\_e depletion *n.* a poisonous gas with the chemical formula O<sub>3</sub>, which has a strong smell
9. spacious co\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

ANSWERS: 1. burning, 2. needle, 3. communicate, 4. calorie, 5. pretension, 6. virtually, 7. massive, 8. ozone, 9. courtyard



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16. 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

ANSWERS: 10. herculean, 11. blister, 12. brilliantly, 13. courtyard, 14. capable, 15. doubt, 16. process

17. am\_\_\_\_\_g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
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20. sh\_\_e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
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23. eventually pe\_\_r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
24. ded\_\_\_\_\_on ceremony *n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important
25. sm\_\_\_\_r behavior *n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
26. und\_\_\_\_\_th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
27. b\_\_t into several people *v.* to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the remaining end of a smoked cigarette

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35. af\_\_\_\_\_ed way of walking *adj.* influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere
36. in\_\_t temperature *n.* a small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river, usually leading inland

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46. gr\_\_d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

ANSWERS: 37. probable, 38. nap, 39. quest, 40. degree, 41. infect, 42. headwind, 43. sand, 44. underneath, 45. horizon, 46. grand

47. an up\_\_\_l road *adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope
48. flying in a he\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption
49. cr\_\_k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
50. horse s\_\_d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
51. inc\_\_\_\_\_lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
52. dispel do\_\_ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
53. an int\_\_\_\_\_ve device *adj.* acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
54. su\_\_\_\_\_e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
55. de\_\_\_e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

ANSWERS: 47. uphill, 48. headwind, 49. crack, 50. stud, 51. incidentally, 52. doubt, 53. interactive, 54. survive, 55. degree

56. ex\_\_\_\_e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
57. bri\_\_\_\_ly executed *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
58. effect of cosmic r\_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
59. a polar exp\_\_\_\_on *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
60. an inveterate sm\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
61. s\_\_d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
62. in\_\_\_\_t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
63. in\_\_\_\_e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
64. ba\_\_n and eggs *n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig
65. thousands of po\_\_ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
66. back f\_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 56. extreme, 57. brilliantly, 58. ray, 59. expedition, 60. smoker, 61. sand, 62. infect, 63. inspire, 64. bacon, 65. pound, 66. fin

67. eq\_\_p our children with some special skills      *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
68. com\_\_\_\_\_te well with my advisor      *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
69. the final pu\_\_\_\_\_ne      *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
70. my golf bu\_\_y      *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
71. mental en\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the ability to withstand hardship, stress, or adversity; the ability to persist in the face of difficulty or challenge; the act of sustaining or maintaining something over time
72. in\_\_\_\_\_e a feeling of curiosity      *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
73. an ab\_\_s of hopelessness      *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
74. ma\_\_\_\_\_e stars      *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
75. we\_\_h a cargo      *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
76. de\_\_\_\_\_e glycogen stores      *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

ANSWERS: 67. equip, 68. communicate, 69. punchline, 70. buddy, 71. endurance, 72. inspire, 73. abyss, 74. massive, 75. weigh, 76. deplete

77. a cr\_\_k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
78. bl\_\_\_\_r after walking for miles *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
79. se\_\_\_\_ry desk job *adj.* characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement
80. d\_\_g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
81. a cr\_\_\_\_ng-keeper *n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
82. inc\_\_\_\_lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
83. the event ho\_\_\_\_n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
84. dr\_\_n excess liquid *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
85. awe-in\_\_\_\_ng sight *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
86. ded\_\_\_\_on to public service *n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important

ANSWERS: 77. crack, 78. blister, 79. sedentary, 80. drag, 81. crossing, 82. incidentally, 83. horizon, 84. drain, 85. inspiring, 86. dedication



87. oasis in the de\_\_\_t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
88. cr\_\_\_s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
89. ba\_\_\_\_\_y charging *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
90. ex\_\_\_\_\_e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
91. begin to pe\_\_r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
92. cigarette b\_\_t *v.* to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the remaining end of a smoked cigarette
93. st\_\_\_\_\_ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
94. a g\_\_r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
95. en\_\_\_\_\_ce training *n.* the ability to withstand hardship, stress, or adversity; the ability to persist in the face of difficulty or challenge; the act of sustaining or maintaining something over time

ANSWERS: 87. desert, 88. crisis, 89. battery, 90. extreme, 91. peter, 92. butt, 93. standing, 94. gear, 95. endurance

96. so\_\_\_y focused *adv.* only; exclusively; entirely; without any others being involved or present
97. eq\_\_p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
98. ele\_\_\_\_\_ry math *adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects
99. have no pu\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
100. gastronomic ad\_\_\_\_\_res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
101. ge\_\_\_\_\_hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
102. ca\_\_\_\_\_e leader *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
103. in\_\_\_\_\_ng stories *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
104. a dry ba\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
105. reduce my ca\_\_\_\_\_e intake *n.* unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce

ANSWERS: 96. solely, 97. equip, 98. elementary, 99. punchline, 100. adventure, 101. geography, 102. capable, 103. inspiring, 104. battery, 105. calorie

106. bu\_\_y movie *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
107. bu\_\_\_\_g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat
108. pull a s\_\_d *n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses
109. d\_\_g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
110. exp\_\_\_\_\_on team *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
111. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
112. ele\_\_\_\_\_ry level *adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects
113. pre\_\_\_\_\_us financial situation *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
114. the most am\_\_\_\_\_g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
115. the ab\_\_s of time *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void

ANSWERS: 106. buddy, 107. burning, 108. sled, 109. drag, 110. expedition, 111. pretension, 112. elementary, 113. precarious, 114. amazing, 115. abyss

116. sports g\_\_r *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
117. 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
118. horseback t\_\_k *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
119. dangerous cr\_\_\_\_se *n.* a deep crack or fissure, especially in a glacier or the Earth's surface, often caused by stress or movement; a dangerous and treacherous gap or opening
120. an up\_\_\_\_l task *adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope
121. short video c\_\_p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
122. int\_\_\_\_ve experience *adj.* acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
123. a f\_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 116. gear, 117. process, 118. trek, 119. crevasse, 120. uphill, 121. clip, 122. interactive, 123. fin

124. su\_\_\_\_e a blizzard      *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
125. tie c\_\_p      *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
126. dr\_\_n water from the swamp      *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
127. the plus p\_\_e      *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
128. s\_\_d dog      *n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses
129. the qu\_\_t for truth      *n.* a long or challenging search for something
130. pre\_\_\_\_us job      *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
131. ext\_\_\_\_ary ability      *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
132. fall into a cr\_\_\_\_se      *n.* a deep crack or fissure, especially in a glacier or the Earth's surface, often caused by stress or movement; a dangerous and treacherous gap or opening

ANSWERS: 124. survive, 125. clip, 126. drain, 127. pole, 128. sled, 129. quest, 130. precarious, 131. extraordinary, 132. crevasse

133. ask in di\_\_\_\_\_ef *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
134. sh\_\_e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
135. in\_\_t valve *n.* a small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river, usually leading inland
136. get stuck in a sn\_\_\_\_\_ft *n.* a mound or bank of snow that has been blown together by the wind, typically forming a large pile or drift
137. financial cr\_\_\_s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
138. his social st\_\_\_\_\_ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
139. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
140. di\_\_\_\_\_ef in the authority *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
141. hu\_\_\_e in a temporary shelter *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
142. hu\_\_\_e around the open fire *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
143. vi\_\_\_\_\_ly all countries *adv.* almost completely
144. cr\_\_\_\_\_ng bridge *n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect

ANSWERS: 133. disbelief, 134. shave, 135. inlet, 136. snowdrift, 137. crisis, 138. standing, 139. extraordinary, 140. disbelief, 141. huddle, 142. huddle, 143. virtually, 144. crossing

145. wall s\_\_d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
146. so\_\_\_y responsible *adv.* only; exclusively; entirely; without any others being involved or present
147. a gr\_\_d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
148. atmospheric oz\_\_e *n.* a poisonous gas with the chemical formula O<sub>3</sub>, which has a strong smell
149. t\_\_k expedition *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
150. ba\_\_n sandwich *n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig
151. daytime n\_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
152. synthetic fi\_\_r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
153. carbon fi\_\_r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
154. de\_\_\_t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
155. opaque to X-r\_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

ANSWERS: 145. stud, 146. solely, 147. grand, 148. ozone, 149. trek, 150. bacon, 151. nap, 152. fiber, 153. fiber, 154. desert, 155. ray

156. three-fourths of a po\_\_d

*n.* the standard unit of money in the UK;  
the standard unit of weight equal to 16  
ounces

ANSWERS: 156. pound



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. If we continue to \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.
  - v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
  
2. The North \_\_\_\_\_ is the northernmost point on Earth.
  - n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
  
3. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
  
4. Solar gravity creates \_\_\_\_\_ pressures and temperatures.
  - adj. very great in amount or degree
  
5. The music just \_\_\_\_\_ out.
  - v. to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
  
6. This year's \_\_\_\_\_ gathering will be held in Canada.
  - adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
  
7. An \_\_\_\_\_ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.
  - adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
  
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ layer is vital for blocking some harmful sun rays.
  - n. a poisonous gas with the chemical formula O<sub>3</sub>, which has a strong smell

ANSWERS: 1. deplete, 2. Pole, 3. adventures, 4. extreme, 5. petered, 6. grand, 7. inspiring, 8. ozone

9. \_\_\_\_\_ all the parties signed the contract.

*adv.* almost completely

10. His reaction was one of complete \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

11. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the \_\_\_\_\_ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

*n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

12. He played the piano \_\_\_\_\_ at the concert.

*adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

13. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.

*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

14. Push the button and let the water \_\_\_\_\_ away.

*v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

15. The acupuncturist inserted \_\_\_\_\_ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

*n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

16. He \_\_\_\_\_ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

*v.* to pull or haul with force

17. It would be best if you burned off \_\_\_\_\_ through vigorous exercise.

*n.* unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce

ANSWERS: 9. Virtually, 10. disbelief, 11. horizon, 12. brilliantly, 13. infect, 14. drain, 15. needles, 16. dragged, 17. calories

18. The Chinese word for \_\_\_\_\_ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

*n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

19. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.

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

20. 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

21. We used a \_\_\_\_\_ to slide down the hill in the snow.

*n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses

22. It seems \_\_\_\_\_ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

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

23. The penny fell \_\_\_\_\_ the piano.

*adv.* under or below something else

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.

*n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

25. Many \_\_\_\_\_ are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.

*n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

ANSWERS: 18. crisis, 19. amazing, 20. communicate, 21. sled, 22. probable, 23. underneath, 24. expedition, 25. smokers

26. The new hiking shoes gave me a \_\_\_\_\_ on my heel after just a few miles of walking.
- n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
27. The road is \_\_\_\_\_ for a while.
- adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope
28. He that would eat the kernel must \_\_\_\_\_ the nut.
- v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
29. Gamma \_\_\_\_\_ penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.
- n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
30. The construction company \_\_\_\_\_ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
- v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
31. These birds can only \_\_\_\_\_ in temperate climates.
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
32. \_\_\_\_\_ I know the answer to that question.
- adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
33. The new video game has an \_\_\_\_\_ storyline that allows players to make choices that affect the game's outcome.
- adj.* acting reciprocally; mutually responsive

ANSWERS: 26. blister, 27. uphill, 28. crack, 29. rays, 30. equipped, 31. survive, 32. Incidentally, 33. interactive

34. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
35. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the joke was hilarious.
- n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
37. \_\_\_\_\_ school students must learn basic math and reading skills.
- adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects
38. The children \_\_\_\_\_ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.
- v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
39. She woke the kids up from their \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
40. She received her \_\_\_\_\_ in psychology from the university.
- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
41. The unique style of this martial arts \_\_\_\_\_ many action film producers.
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 34. pounds, 35. pretensions, 36. punchline, 37. Elementary, 38. huddled, 39. nap, 40. degree, 41. inspired

42. Its online sales \_\_\_\_\_ drive the company's profits.

*adv.* only; exclusively; entirely; without any others being involved or present

43. She checked her \_\_\_\_\_ before embarking on the hike.

*n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

44. The goats often \_\_\_\_\_ heads when they are fighting for dominance.

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

45. He was the first \_\_\_\_\_ in the military training camp.

*n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team

46. 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

47. The deep sea is an \_\_\_\_\_ of mystery and discovery.

*n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void

48. Her \_\_\_\_\_ accent made it difficult to take her seriously.

*adj.* influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere

49. He narrated the \_\_\_\_\_ story of his adventure.

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

ANSWERS: 42. solely, 43. gear, 44. butt, 45. buddy, 46. process, 47. abyss, 48. affected, 49. extraordinary

50. She did well on her \_\_\_\_\_ exam.

*n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

51. The mountaineer carefully crossed the glacier \_\_\_\_\_ to continue climbing the icy peak.

*n.* a deep crack or fissure, especially in a glacier or the Earth's surface, often caused by stress or movement; a dangerous and treacherous gap or opening

52. The cyclists had to contend with strong \_\_\_\_\_ during the race.

*n.* a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption

53. She had a \_\_\_\_\_ hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

*adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

54. The engine did not start because the \_\_\_\_\_ was flat.

*n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

55. The busy road was closed for a few hours for a railway \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect

56. The recent economic downturn has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ layoffs.

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

57. He bought a new \_\_\_\_\_ to attach the strap to his watch.

*n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 50. geography, 51. crevasse, 52. headwinds, 53. precarious, 54. battery, 55. crossing, 56. massive, 57. stud

58. That supermarket tried to \_\_\_\_\_ certain costs by saving electricity.  
*v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
59. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ 1 pound 3 oz.  
*v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
60. We must consume dietary \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain good health.  
*n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
61. \_\_\_\_\_ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.  
*n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
62. Completing this project in such a short amount of time will be a \_\_\_\_\_ task.  
*adj.* requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules
63. She is highly \_\_\_\_\_ of handling multiple tasks at once.  
*adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
64. He fastens some sheets of paper with a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
65. The marathon runner's \_\_\_\_\_ was impressive as he crossed the finish line.  
*n.* the ability to withstand hardship, stress, or adversity; the ability to persist in the face of difficulty or challenge; the act of sustaining or maintaining something over time

ANSWERS: 58. shave, 59. weighs, 60. fiber, 61. Doubt, 62. herculean, 63. capable, 64. clip, 65. endurance



66. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a \_\_\_\_\_ inferno.  
*adj.* intense or scorching heat
67. The hotel's beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.  
*n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
68. The shark's powerful \_\_\_\_\_ allowed it to swim at high speeds.  
*n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
69. A massive \_\_\_\_\_ completely blocked the road after the blizzard.  
*n.* a mound or bank of snow that has been blown together by the wind, typically forming a large pile or drift
70. The \_\_\_\_\_ concert was packed with fans.  
*adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
71. His \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle and lack of exercise contributed to his declining health.  
*adj.* characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement
72. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach was warm and golden.  
*n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
73. We are very impressed with your strong \_\_\_\_\_ to quality.  
*n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important

ANSWERS: 66. burning, 67. courtyard, 68. fins, 69. snowdrift, 70. standing, 71. sedentary, 72. sand, 73. dedication

74. This region is predominantly \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

75. I love the smell of \_\_\_\_\_ sizzling in the morning.

*n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig

76. He was preparing for a long \_\_\_\_\_ through the mountains.

*n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot

77. That adventurer traveled in \_\_\_\_\_ of buried treasure.

*n.* a long or challenging search for something

78. The boat sailed through the narrow \_\_\_\_\_ and into the harbor.

*n.* a small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river, usually leading inland

ANSWERS: 74. desert, 75. bacon, 76. trek, 77. quest, 78. inlet