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Session 1: Word List

barrel

n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

synonym: cask, firkin, drum

(1) a **barrel** of beer, (2) \$30 a **barrel**

One rotten apple spoils the whole **barrel**.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

assistant

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

synonym: aide, helper, associate

(1) an unwilling **assistant**, (2) **assistant** professor

An executive **assistant** director administers each branch.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym : cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet
She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym : convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

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.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

unique

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

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

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

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

anonymous

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source

synonym : nameless, unidentified, unnamed

(1) **anonymous** letter, (2) **anonymous** house

She received several **anonymous** calls.

arch

n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

synonym : turn, bow, arc

(1) the **arch** of a person's foot, (2) an **arch-shaped** stone structure

The **arch** bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

registration

n. the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

synonym : enrollment, registry, record-keeping

(1) **registration** agency, (2) **registration** for a course

The online **registration** process was quick and easy to complete.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym : strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym: nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

viral

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code

This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

whatnot

n. unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios

synonym: odds and ends, gizmos, etcetera

(1) books and **whatnot**, (2) clothes and **whatnot**

I need to pick up some groceries, toiletries, and **whatnot** at the store.

meme

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

synonym : buzzword, trend

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

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

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym : echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

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.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

rebirth

n. the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation

synonym: renewal, rejuvenation, resurrection

(1) undergo a **rebirth**, (2) **rebirth** of democracy

The phoenix is a symbol of **rebirth**, rising from the ashes to be reborn anew.

bait

n. a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way

synonym: lure, enticement, temptation

(1) **bait** and switch, (2) fishing **bait**

The **bait** brought the fish into the trap.

classic

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

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

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

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

thanksgiving

n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

synonym: gratitude, appreciation, recognition

(1) **thanksgiving** traditions, (2) **thanksgiving** parade

My family gathers together every year for **thanksgiving** dinner.

parade

n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

synonym: procession, march, rally

(1) a military **parade**, (2) **parade** route

The annual Fourth of July **parade** is popular in the town square.

handful

n. a small quantity or number, usually referring to the amount that can be held in one hand; a person or thing that is difficult to control or manage

synonym : small number, couple, few

(1) literal **handful**, (2) just a **handful** of participants

She only had a **handful** of pens left in her bag.

mainstream

n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

synonym : prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs

His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

codify

v. to organize or arrange laws or rules into a systematic code

synonym : systematize, organize, arrange

(1) **codify** lessons, (2) **codify** the law into a document

They began to **codify** the rules and regulations of the organization.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym : especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically**

American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

pornography

n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

synonym : obscenity, indecency, smut

(1) **pornography** addiction, (2) violent **pornography**

The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of **pornography** easier than ever before.

exception

n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

synonym : anomaly, rarity, exemption

(1) make an **exception**, (2) without **exception**

She was the **exception** to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

spare

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

synonym : extra, excess, (verb) afford

(1) **spare** parts, (2) **spare** cost

I made plans to spend my **spare** time beneficially.

slide

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

synonym : glide, drift, drop

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

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

assure

v. to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true

synonym : ensure, guarantee, promise

(1) **assure** safety, (2) **assure** quality

I want to **assure** you that you have my full support.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

exploit

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

synonym : use, abuse, control

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

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

touched

adj. affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration

synonym : affected, moved, emotional

(1) **touched-hearted** audience, (2) emotionally **touched** by the speech

He gave a **touched** smile as he read the heartfelt message in the card from his daughter.

poll

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

synonym : survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

nominate

v. to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor

synonym : appoint, designate, elect

(1) **nominate** him for an award, (2) **nominate** government representatives

The organization **nominated** her to be the next president.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

approval

n. the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable

synonym: acceptance, endorsement, permission

(1) a written **approval**, (2) express my **approval**

This project took a lot of time to get the president's **approval**.

AI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

synonym: robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

fancy

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

synonym : imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**

I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym : refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

marble

n. a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

synonym : stone, rock, sphere

(1) **marble** statues, (2) artificial **marble**

The floor was made of white and black **marble** arranged in a checkerboard pattern.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

significance

n. the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy

synonym : importance, value, worth

(1) **significance** level, (2) mystical **significance**

The **significance** of his discovery cannot be overstated.

organ

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

synonym : function, structure

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

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

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

cruise

n. a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace

synonym : sail, voyage, journey

(1) the **cruise** line, (2) adaptive **cruise** control

The family took a **cruise** to the Caribbean for their vacation.

offline

adj. not connected to the internet

synonym : disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

activism

n. the policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change

synonym : advocacy, campaign

(1) antitrust **activism**, (2) digital **activism**

Internet **activism** has been crucial in raising awareness about critical social issues.

grassroots

adj. of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group

synonym : fundamental, major, elemental

(1) a **grassroots** movement for nuclear disarmament,
(2) the **grassroots** factor in making the decision

The feeling among the company's **grassroots** is that the CEO is not radical enough.

dusty

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

synonym : stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
synonym : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**
Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

outpouring

n. a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time

synonym : outflow, surge, torrent

(1) artistic **outpouring**, (2) emotional **outpouring**

The **outpouring** of support from the community was overwhelming after the tragic event.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

detective

n. a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them

synonym : gumshoe, investigator, hawkshaw

(1) **detective** work, (2) **detective** movie

The **detective** diligently pursued his cases.

mash

v. to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions;
(*noun*) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

synonym : crush, grind, pulverize

(1) **mash** his words, (2) potato **mash**

She **mashed** the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym : capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

intriguing

adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

synonym : fascinating, captivating, arresting

(1) **intriguing** concept, (2) **intriguing** character

The novel's plot was **intriguing** and kept readers in their seats.

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

synonym: reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

endangered

adj. at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

synonym: at risk, threatened, vulnerable

(1) **endangered** species, (2) **endangered** ecosystem

The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of **endangered** animals.

moving

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

synonym: emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

persistent

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

synonym: tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual
The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

privacy

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
synonym: seclusion, aloneness, solitariness

(1) **privacy** abuse, (2) trespass on a person's **privacy**
This conduct would be an invasion of **privacy**.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym: forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

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.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

anonymity

n. the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information

synonym: obscurity, secrecy, namelessness

(1) comment with **anonymity**, (2) protect **anonymity**

The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their **anonymity** online.

wrestling

n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

synonym : grappling, fighting, brawling

(1) **wrestling** match, (2) arm **wrestling**

He had always been interested in sumo **wrestling** and decided to try it.

downside

n. the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure

synonym : drawback, negative, disadvantage

(1) major **downside**, (2) **downside** of globalization

The **downside** of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

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**.

outlet

n. a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out

synonym : opening, vent, aperture

(1) an **outlet** for water, (2) media **outlet**

The **outlet** in the bathroom was faulty, so I had to use a different one for my hair dryer.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym: barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

attribute

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

synonym: ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

thread

n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

synonym: filament, string, yarn

(1) **thread** a catheter, (2) start a new **thread**

The detective followed a **thread** of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

presentation

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

synonym : exhibition, display, speech

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

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

bleep

n. a short, high-pitched electronic sound or beep, typically used to censor or replace offensive or inappropriate language in broadcasts or recordings; a sound made to attract attention or indicate a notification

synonym : beep, signal, tone

(1) **bleep** sound, (2) **bleep** censor

The **bleep** on the radar indicated an incoming aircraft.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym : excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

synonym : advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading
We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym : attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival
The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym : subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist
Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life
The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym : trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

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.

offensive

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

synonym : disrespectful, abusive, attacking

(1) assume the **offensive**, (2) an **offensive** smell

His **offensive** philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

obscene

adj. offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

synonym : improper, nasty, lewd

(1) **obscene** literature, (2) an **obscene** story

He made an **obscene** gesture.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

awkward

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

synonym : embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation difficult.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym : equality, standard, balance

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

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

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value
We would **appreciate** an early reply.

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.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners
Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

adapt

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

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed
I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me
The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

Session 2: Spelling

1. st__k a key in a lock
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
2. of ____e course
adj. not connected to the internet
3. violent por _____hy
n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
4. app _____ly unrelated
adv. based on what you have heard or read
5. artistic out _____ng
n. a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time
6. hold a pr _____t
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
7. make an ex _____on
n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
8. damage to internal or __ns
n. a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

ANSWERS: 1. stick, 2. offline, 3. pornography, 4. apparently, 5. outpouring, 6. protest, 7. exception, 8. organ

9. heavy tr____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
10. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
11. as___e safety *v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true
12. take a qu_____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
13. 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
14. me _____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
15. tr____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
16. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
17. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 9. traffic, 10. par, 11. assure, 12. quotation, 13. stick, 14. mention, 15. traffic, 16. resonate, 17. doe

18. fishing b__t *n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way
19. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
20. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
21. an ob_____e story *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
22. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
23. pa___e route *n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
24. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
25. tha_____ing traditions *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
26. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
27. without ex_____on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

ANSWERS: 18. bait, 19. communal, 20. decide, 21. obscene, 22. commerce, 23. parade, 24. contribute, 25. thanksgiving, 26. specifically, 27. exception

28. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
29. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
30. an of_____ve smell *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
31. mo___g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
32. cr_____ng bridge *n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
33. co___y lessons *v.* to organize or arrange laws or rules into a systematic code
34. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
35. as___e quality *v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true
36. bl__p censor *n.* a short, high-pitched electronic sound or beep, typically used to censor or replace offensive or inappropriate language in broadcasts or recordings; a sound made to attract attention or indicate a notification

ANSWERS: 28. quest, 29. dam, 30. offensive, 31. moving, 32. crossing, 33. codify, 34. roll, 35. assure, 36. bleep

37. th___d a catheter *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
38. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
39. apply AI technology to art *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
40. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
41. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 37. thread, 38. sophisticated, 39. AI, 40. sacrifice, 41. AI

42. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
43. media ou____t *n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
44. religious m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
45. artificial ma____e *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
46. reg_____ion for a course *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
47. at_____te the change to their marriage *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

ANSWERS: 42. discuss, 43. outlet, 44. meme, 45. marble, 46. registration, 47. attribute

48. m__h his words *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
49. de_____ve movie *n.* a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them
50. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
51. emotionally to_____d by the speech *adj.* affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
52. por_____hy addiction *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
53. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
54. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
55. ar___t the thief *v.* to take into custody
56. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
57. an a__h-shaped stone structure *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

ANSWERS: 48. mash, 49. detective, 50. fascinating, 51. touched, 52. pornography, 53. globe, 54. phenomenon, 55. arrest, 56. slide, 57. arch

58. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
59. to_____d-hearted audience *adj.* affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
60. the cr___e line *n.* a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace
61. pr_____y abuse *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
62. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
63. adaptive cr___e control *n.* a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace
64. sp__e parts *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
65. int_____ng character *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
66. hulking di_____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
67. pre_____ion slides *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise

ANSWERS: 58. stream, 59. touched, 60. cruise, 61. privacy, 62. specifically, 63. cruise, 64. spare, 65. intriguing, 66. dinosaur, 67. presentation

68. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
69. sp__e cost *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
70. an aw____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
71. an____us letter *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
72. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
73. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
74. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
75. de____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
76. pronounce m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

ANSWERS: 68. sham, 69. spare, 70. awkward, 71. anonymous, 72. poll, 73. abuse, 74. adapt, 75. dedicate, 76. meme

77. pre_____ion skills *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
78. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
79. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
80. per_____nt cough *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
81. start a new th___d *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
82. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
83. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 77. presentation, 78. slide, 79. adapt, 80. persistent, 81. thread, 82. discuss, 83. doe

84. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
85. sig_____nce level *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
86. end_____ed species *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
87. tha_____ing parade *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
88. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
89. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
90. di_____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
91. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
92. sc___m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
93. trespass on a person's pr_____y *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

ANSWERS: 84. empire, 85. significance, 86. endangered, 87. thanksgiving, 88. incredible, 89. recommend, 90. dinosaur, 91. embarrass, 92. scream, 93. privacy

94. mo___g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
95. books and wh____t *n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios
96. no____te him for an award *v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
97. antitrust ac____sm *n.* the policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change
98. comment with an____ty *n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
99. information ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
100. an aw____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
101. potato m__h *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
102. fas____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting

ANSWERS: 94. moving, 95. whatnot, 96. nominate, 97. activism, 98. anonymity, 99. barrier, 100. awkward, 101. mash, 102. fascinating

103. emotional out_____ng *n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time
104. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
105. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
106. protect an_____ty *n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
107. major do_____de *n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
108. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
109. as_____nt professor *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
110. ch____h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
111. per_____nt data *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

ANSWERS: 103. outpouring, 104. influence, 105. classic, 106. anonymity, 107. downside, 108. probable, 109. assistant, 110. church, 111. persistent

112. fo___r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
113. an unwilling as_____nt *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
114. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
115. a gra_____ts movement for nuclear disarmament *adj.* of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group
116. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
117. reg_____ion agency *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
118. mystical sig_____nce *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
119. an ou___t for water *n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
120. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
121. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

ANSWERS: 112. foster, 113. assistant, 114. absolutely, 115. grassroots, 116. unique, 117. registration, 118. significance, 119. outlet, 120. resonate, 121. instruct

122. clogged fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
123. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
124. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
125. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
126. assume the of_____ve *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
127. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
128. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
129. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
130. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
131. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language

ANSWERS: 122. filter, 123. contribute, 124. instruct, 125. conversation, 126. offensive, 127. sophisticated, 128. environment, 129. roll, 130. ignore, 131. translate

132. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
133. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
134. join the mai_____am *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
135. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
136. an endless st____m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
137. bl__p sound *n.* a short, high-pitched electronic sound or beep, typically used to censor or replace offensive or inappropriate language in broadcasts or recordings; a sound made to attract attention or indicate a notification
138. em____e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
139. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
140. ob_____e literature *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
141. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 132. appreciate, 133. exploit, 134. mainstream, 135. construct, 136. stream, 137. bleep, 138. empire, 139. dam, 140. obscene, 141. communal

142. a silent pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
143. the a__h of a person's foot *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
144. wr_____ng match *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
145. re_____h of democracy *n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation
146. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
147. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
148. or__n bleeding *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
149. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
150. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 142. protest, 143. arch, 144. wrestling, 145. rebirth, 146. sacrifice, 147. identity, 148. organ, 149. urban, 150. appreciate

151. an_____us house *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
152. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
153. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
154. double qu_____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
155. fa__y a cup of coffee *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
156. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
157. co___y the law into a document *v.* to organize or arrange laws or rules into a systematic code
158. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
159. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
160. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
161. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something

ANSWERS: 151. anonymous, 152. influence, 153. decide, 154. quotation, 155. fancy, 156. absolutely, 157. codify, 158. barrier, 159. mention, 160. necessarily, 161. quest

162. du__y road *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
163. du__y bookshelf *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
164. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
165. mistaken id____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
166. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
167. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
168. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
169. do_____de of globalization *n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
170. just a ha_____l of participants *n.* a small quantity or number, usually referring to the amount that can be held in one hand; a person or thing that is difficult to control or manage
171. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 162. dusty, 163. dusty, 164. unique, 165. identity, 166. apparently, 167. abuse, 168. globe, 169. downside, 170. handful, 171. church

172. literal ha____l *n.* a small quantity or number, usually referring to the amount that can be held in one hand; a person or thing that is difficult to control or manage
173. ig____e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
174. mai____am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
175. water flowing und____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
176. \$30 a ba____l *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
177. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
178. a friendly con____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
179. at inc____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
180. tr____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
181. in____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

ANSWERS: 172. handful, 173. ignore, 174. mainstream, 175. underground, 176. barrel, 177. sham, 178. conversation, 179. incredible, 180. translate, 181. intrigue

182. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
183. clothes and wh____t *n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios
184. b__t and switch *n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way
185. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
186. in____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
187. of____e mode *adj.* not connected to the internet
188. digital ac____sm *n.* the policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change
189. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
190. a ba____l of beer *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
191. de____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 182. urban, 183. whatnot, 184. bait, 185. obvious, 186. intrigue, 187. offline, 188. activism, 189. probable, 190. barrel, 191. dedicate

202. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
203. de_____ve work *n.* a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them
204. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
205. no_____te government representatives *v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
206. at_____te directly to sales *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
207. end_____ed ecosystem *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
208. fo____r two kids *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
209. express my ap_____al *n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
210. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
211. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

ANSWERS: 202. construct, 203. detective, 204. underground, 205. nominate, 206. attribute, 207. endangered, 208. foster, 209. approval, 210. embarrass, 211. necessarily

212. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
213. detect a vi__l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
214. a written ap____al *n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
215. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
216. a flight of fa__y *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
217. ex____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
218. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
219. undergo a re____h *n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation
220. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
221. a cl____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

ANSWERS: 212. scream, 213. viral, 214. approval, 215. poll, 216. fancy, 217. exploit, 218. recommend, 219. rebirth, 220. obvious, 221. classic

222. int_____ng concept

adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

223. a cr_____ng-keeper

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

224. fight vi__l infections

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

ANSWERS: 222. intriguing, 223. crossing, 224. viral

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet _____.
 - n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

2. The phoenix is a symbol of _____ rising from the ashes to be reborn anew.
 - n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation

3. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
 - n.* a long or challenging search for something

4. She kept _____ for an ambulance.
 - v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

5. He _____ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.
 - v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

6. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
 - n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

7. The novel's plot was _____ and kept readers in their seats.
 - adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

ANSWERS: 1. meme, 2. rebirth, 3. quest, 4. screaming, 5. attributes, 6. streams, 7. intriguing

8. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
9. The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of _____ debris.
- adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
10. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
11. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
12. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
13. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
- n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
14. The _____ design of the interface made the operation difficult.
- adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
15. I don't _____ acting in such an important role.
- v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

ANSWERS: 8. conversation, 9. dusty, 10. decide, 11. mentioned, 12. environment, 13. church, 14. awkward, 15. fancy

16. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
17. She _____ the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.
- v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
18. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.
- n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
19. The feeling among the company's _____ is that the CEO is not radical enough.
- adj.* of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group
20. Internet _____ has been crucial in raising awareness about critical social issues.
- n.* the policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change
21. The _____ of support from the community was overwhelming after the tragic event.
- n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time
22. An executive _____ director administers each branch.
- n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

ANSWERS: 16. influence, 17. mashed, 18. polls, 19. grassroots, 20. activism, 21. outpouring, 22. assistant

23. The organization _____ her to be the next president.
v. to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
24. I made plans to spend my _____ time beneficially.
adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
25. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
26. This accident was something that happened _____.
adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
27. They began to _____ the rules and regulations of the organization.
v. to organize or arrange laws or rules into a systematic code
28. The sound _____ well in this theater.
v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound
29. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
30. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.
adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

ANSWERS: 23. nominated, 24. spare, 25. traffic, 26. necessarily, 27. codify, 28. resonates, 29. commerce, 30. underground

31. One rotten apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
32. The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.
- n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
33. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
- v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
34. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
- n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
35. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
- v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
36. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.
- n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
37. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.
- n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
38. She received several _____ calls.
- adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source

ANSWERS: 31. barrel, 32. dinosaur, 33. exploit, 34. empire, 35. adapt, 36. quotation, 37. mainstream, 38. anonymous

39. The _____ diligently pursued his cases.

n. a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them

40. She only had a _____ of pens left in her bag.

n. a small quantity or number, usually referring to the amount that can be held in one hand; a person or thing that is difficult to control or manage

41. We _____ taking media training every six months.

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

42. He made an _____ gesture.

adj. offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

43. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

44. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

45. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

46. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.

v. to take into custody

ANSWERS: 39. detective, 40. handful, 41. recommend, 42. obscene, 43. constructs, 44. barrier, 45. sophisticated, 46. arrest

47. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of ____.
- n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
48. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
- n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
49. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
- adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
50. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
51. The data he prepared was completely _____.
- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
52. He gave a _____ smile as he read the heartfelt message in the card from his daughter.
- adj.* affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
53. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
- v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
54. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

ANSWERS: 47. AI, 48. globe, 49. urban, 50. obvious, 51. sham, 52. touched, 53. slide, 54. rolled

55. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.
- v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
56. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
57. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
- n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
58. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
59. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
- n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
60. Despite the setbacks, he remained _____ in his pursuit of his dreams.
- adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
61. The ____ bears the weight of the overhead bridge.
- n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
62. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 55. fostering, 56. doe, 57. protest, 58. probable, 59. sacrifice, 60. persistent, 61. arch, 62. discuss

63. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

adv. based on what you have heard or read

64. The _____ brought the fish into the trap.

n. a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way

65. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

66. The annual Fourth of July _____ is popular in the town square.

n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

67. The computer is _____ and cannot be accessed at the moment.

adj. not connected to the internet

68. I want to _____ you that you have my full support.

v. to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true

69. His _____ philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

70. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

71. The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their _____ online.

n. the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information

ANSWERS: 63. apparently, 64. bait, 65. abuse, 66. parade, 67. offline, 68. assure, 69. offensive, 70. absolutely, 71. anonymity

72. A rainbow is a natural _____.
- n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
73. He had always been interested in sumo _____ and decided to try it.
- n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
74. These infections have the potential to impact practically every _____ system.
- n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
75. The floor was made of white and black _____ arranged in a checkerboard pattern.
- n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
76. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.
- v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
77. The _____ in the bathroom was faulty, so I had to use a different one for my hair dryer.
- n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
78. Shares in the company finally fell below their _____ value.
- n.* a state of being equal to someone or something

ANSWERS: 72. phenomenon, 73. wrestling, 74. organ, 75. marble, 76. instructed, 77. outlet, 78. par

79. This project took a lot of time to get the president's _____.
- n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
80. The online _____ process was quick and easy to complete.
- n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
81. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
- adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
82. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
83. The _____ of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.
- n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
84. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
85. 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
86. We would _____ an early reply.
- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 79. approval, 80. registration, 81. specifically, 82. ignored, 83. downside, 84. identity, 85. crossing, 86. appreciate

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

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

88. This device can more accurately detect _____ pathogens.

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

89. The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of _____ easier than ever before.

n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

90. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

91. He _____ his life to helping others.

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

92. His _____ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

93. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

94. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

ANSWERS: 87. unique, 88. viral, 89. pornography, 90. dam, 91. dedicated, 92. moving, 93. Communal, 94. fascinating

95. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
96. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.
- n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
97. She gave a fantastic _____ at the conference and received a standing ovation.
- n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
98. The _____ on the radar indicated an incoming aircraft.
- n.* a short, high-pitched electronic sound or beep, typically used to censor or replace offensive or inappropriate language in broadcasts or recordings; a sound made to attract attention or indicate a notification
99. The _____ of his discovery cannot be overstated.
- n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
100. The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of _____ animals.
- adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
101. My family gathers together every year for _____ dinner.
- n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

ANSWERS: 95. contribute, 96. filter, 97. presentation, 98. bleep, 99. significance, 100. endangered, 101. thanksgiving

102. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

103. 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

104. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

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

105. _____ the text from Italian into English.

v. to convert or change words into another language

106. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

107. The family took a _____ to the Caribbean for their vacation.

n. a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace

108. This conduct would be an invasion of _____.

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

109. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

ANSWERS: 102. embarrass, 103. stick, 104. classic, 105. Translate, 106. incredible, 107. cruise, 108. privacy, 109. intrigues

110. The detective followed a _____ of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

- n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

111. She was the _____ to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

- n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

112. I need to pick up some groceries, toiletries, and _____ at the store.

- n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios

ANSWERS: 110. thread, 111. exception, 112. whatnot