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Session 1: Word List

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations
The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

silk

n. a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

synonym : satin, taffeta, velvet

(1) **silk** road, (2) **silk** fabric
She wore a **silk** dress to the party.

triple

adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

synonym : threefold

(1) a **triple** mirror, (2) **triple** digits
His coach is a **triple** Olympic champion.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls
One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology
Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role
The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord
The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name
The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

sauce

n. a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods

synonym: condiment, gravy, dressing

(1) a flavorful **sauce**, (2) soy **sauce**
The pasta dish was served with a rich tomato **sauce**.

slice

n. a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting

synonym : piece, portion, slit

(1) a **slice** of the company's revenue, (2) **slice** a tomato thin
The children complained because one **slice** of cake was slightly larger than the other.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

telegraph

n. a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals

(1) answer by **telegraph**, (2) **telegraph** wires

The **telegraph** service was interrupted for a while.

patent

n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

synonym : copyright, trademark, license

(1) **patent** application, (2) **patent** law

The company has filed for a **patent** to protect its new invention.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

balloon

n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

synonym: aerostat, blimp, (verb) billow out

(1) **balloon** ride, (2) **balloon** into a severe political problem

The satellite **balloon** slowly ascended into the sky.

regardless

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

synonym: anyhow, nevertheless, still

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

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

diffusion

n. a spreading motion in multiple directions

synonym: dispersal, scattering, disbandment

(1) the **diffusion** of knowledge, (2) **diffusion** of lightning

Due to the **diffusion** of television and video, cinema theaters had a small audience.

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.

forgiveness

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

synonym: pardon, amnesty, compassion

(1) **forgiveness** of liabilities, (2) beg for **forgiveness**

He gained debt **forgiveness**.

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.

mass

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

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym: disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym : manufacturing, mechanical

(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol

Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

grab

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

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

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

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

childhood

n. the state or time of being a child

synonym : youth, infancy, adolescence

(1) since **childhood**, (2) **childhood** development
He had fond memories of his **childhood** spent playing in the park with his friends.

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.

succeed

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

synonym: achieve, accomplish, triumph

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

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

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**.

cancel

v. to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place

synonym: abort, invalidate, annul

(1) **cancel** a class, (2) **cancel** a free subscription trial
When customers **cancel** their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the

century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

fuzzy

adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

synonym : hazy, blurry, indistinct

(1) **fuzzy** logic, (2) **fuzzy** memory

The picture was **fuzzy** because it was taken with an old camera.

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym : excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time

I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

poster

n. a large sheet or picture that is placed either on a public space to promote or announce something or on a wall to decorate it

synonym : banner, billboard, sign

(1) eye-catching **posters**, (2) a wanted **poster**

We noticed a **poster** advertising a bargain.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym : trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

- doll** *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
synonym : puppet, dolly, toy
(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**
The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.
- 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**.
- spam** *n.* unwanted email, usually of advertising material sent out in bulk
synonym : junk email
(1) receive a **spam** email, (2) anti- **spam** technology
You can remove **spam** messages with special software.
- shelve** *v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently
synonym : defer, postpone, freeze
(1) **shelve** a book, (2) **shelve** a bill
Considering the recent increase in interest rates, we must **shelve** our plans to buy a new house.
- allowance** *n.* a set amount of money or resources given regularly or periodically; a granted permission or privilege; the act of allowing or giving permission
synonym : portion, stipend, grant
(1) meal **allowance**, (2) travel **allowance**
As parents, we must teach our children about financial responsibility by giving them a weekly **allowance**.

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**.

relieve

v. to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe

synonym: alleviate, ease, assuage

(1) **relieve** his thirst, (2) **relieve** stress

The medicine **relieved** his headache, and he felt much better.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

hydrate

v. to add water or moisture to something; to drink enough fluids to maintain proper moisture; (noun) any compound that contains water of crystallization

synonym: moisturize, water, rehydrate

(1) **hydrate** my skin, (2) acid **hydrate**

She drank water to **hydrate** her body.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym: jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

roast

v. to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven

synonym: bake, broil, grill

(1) **roast** coffee beans, (2) **roast** beef

The chef **roasted** the chicken to perfection in the oven.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

revolve

v. to rotate around a central point

synonym: rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis

The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large amount of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

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.

parable

n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

synonym: allegory, fable, tale

(1) **parable** story, (2) biblical **parable**

Jesus quoted **parables** to teach important lessons to his disciples.

cow

n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

synonym: bovine, cattle, kine

(1) **cow** herd, (2) dairy **cow**

The farmer milked the **cows** every morning before breakfast.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym: dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

purple

adj. of a color intermediate between red and blue

synonym: violet

(1) deep **purple**, (2) **purple** sweet potatoes

The plant has a stunning **purple** blossom.

bore

v. to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

synonym : bear, tire, weary

(1) **bore** diameter, (2) **bore** him with his stories

The lecture on quantum physics **bored** me to tears.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

neat

adj. clean or tidy, with everything in its place

synonym : tidy, uncluttered, refined

(1) a **neat** piece of work, (2) **neat** idea

She has **neat** habits.

remark

n. a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

synonym : comment, observation, statement

(1) a flattering **remark**, (2) **remark** dripping with bitterness

His candid **remark** at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

synonym : core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

giant

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

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

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

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

trunk

n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

synonym : body, chest, torso

(1) the **trunk** of the tree, (2) the **trunk** of the body

Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the **trunk**.

godfather

n. a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

synonym : sponsor, mentor, protector

(1) political **godfather**, (2) be my **godfather** at my christening

The wealthy businessman acted as a **godfather** to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.

second-rate

adj. of inferior quality or standard; not of the highest or best quality; mediocre

synonym : inferior, subpar, mediocre

(1) **second-rate** equipment, (2) **second-rate** product

The team's performance was described as **second-rate** due to their lack of focus and effort.

retail

n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

synonym : sales, trade, commerce

(1) **retail** store, (2) a **retail** dealer

The **retail** industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym : style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

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.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym : go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

loaf

n. a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle

synonym : bread, boule, brioche

(1) crusty **loaf**, (2) **loaf** around during the day

On my way home from work, I picked up a **loaf** of bread from the bakery.

bakery

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

synonym : bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

geek

n. a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed

synonym : nerd, dork, enthusiast

(1) airplane **geek**, (2) **geek** enthusiast

He was a computer **geek** and spent all his free time coding.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym : prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

laggard

n. a person or thing that falls behind or moves slowly, particularly in a group or in comparison to others

synonym : straggler, dawdler, idler

(1) tech **laggard**, (2) **laggard** stock

The **laggard** pace of innovation in the industry has allowed competitors to gain ground.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

ram

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

synonym: crash, collide, slam

(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice

The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

constituency

n. a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product

synonym: voters, electorate

(1) **constituency** needs, (2) local **constituency**

The politician met with his **constituency** to hear their concerns and ideas.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym: urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

mustard

n. a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown

synonym: condiment, sauce, spice

(1) **mustard** leaf, (2) black **mustard** seed

He had to endure the **mustard** gas attack during the war.

jet

n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

synonym : plane, aircraft, flier

(1) private **jet**, (2) commercial **jet**

The **jet** flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

bulletproof

adj. intended to resist bullet penetration

synonym : unassailable, impregnable

(1) **bulletproof** armor, (2) **bulletproof** vehicle

Because of the **bulletproof** vest he was wearing, the officer could escape injury.

shield

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

synonym : guard, protection, safeguard

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

remains

n. the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal

synonym : leftovers, debris, relic

(1) **remains** of a building, (2) human **remains**

The **remains** of the ancient civilization can still be seen in the city's ruins.

keynote

n. the central theme or message of a speech, presentation, or event; the first note or tone in a musical scale used as a reference point for the performance of a piece of music

synonym : theme, focus, centerpiece

(1) **keynote** presentation, (2) **keynote** topic

The **keynote** speaker at the conference inspired us with their

innovative ideas.

tune

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

synonym: melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

(1) the **tune** of a song, (2) **tune** a piano

The band played a beautiful **tune** on their instruments.

pearl

n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

synonym: bead, gem, nacre

(1) a cultured **pearl**, (2) **pearl** beyond price

She wore a **pearl** necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

jam

n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

synonym: difficulty, mess, preserve

(1) a traffic **jam**, (2) a jar of **jam**

The shredder in the print room often has paper **jams**.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

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

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

crib

n. a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers

synonym: bed, bassinet, cradle

(1) **crib** bed, (2) baby **crib**

She put the baby in the portable **crib** for a nap.

nail

n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

synonym : pin, tack, fastener

(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper

He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on the fence.

polish

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

synonym : shine, buff, gloss

(1) **polish** finishing, (2) surface **polish**

I used a special **polish** to make my car's paint shine.

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym : request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym : wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

slap

v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

synonym : smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym: score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym: publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

cord

n. a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment

synonym: wire, cable, string

(1) spinal **cord**, (2) electrical **cord**

Your spinal **cord** is located deep within your body.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

diamond

n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

synonym: gemstone, jewel, precious stone

(1) **diamond** ring, (2) **diamond** necklace

The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling **diamond**.

cremains

n. (a portmanteau of "cremated" and "remains") the ashes or remains that are left after a person or a pet has been cremated

synonym: ashes, remains

(1) scattered **cremains**, (2) **cremains** container

She kept her grandfather's **cremains** in a beautifully crafted urn on the mantle.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

cremate

v. to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual

synonym: burn, incinerate, immolate

(1) **cremate** a body, (2) **cremate** the remains

They plan to **cremate** their loved ones according to their cultural traditions.

gem

n. a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing

synonym : jewel, precious stone, diamond

(1) **gem** collection, (2) hidden **gem**

The enga **gement** ring was a precious gem passed down through generations of her family.

mortuary

n. a place where dead bodies are kept, prepared, and stored before burial or cremation; a funeral home or a building or facility for handling deceased individuals

synonym : funeral home, morgue

(1) **mortuary** services, (2) small-town **mortuary**

I received the sad news that my uncle passed away, and his body was taken to the local **mortuary**.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

outrageous

adj. highly unusual, unconventional, or shocking; going beyond the bounds of what is considered acceptable or proper

synonym : unconscionable, shocking, scandalous

(1) **outrageous** prices, (2) **outrageous** claim

Her **outrageous** behavior at the party caused quite a stir among the guests.

wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

synonym : surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym : dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

proctor

n. a person who supervises or monitors an examination, often ensuring compliance with regulations and preventing cheating; a person who oversees the conduct of others, particularly in an educational or professional setting

synonym : supervisor, monitor, examiner

(1) university **proctor**, (2) online **proctor**

The **proctor** of the exam ensured that all students followed the rules.

gamble

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

synonym : bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune

Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

fringe

n. a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group

synonym : border, edging, trim

(1) **fringe** benefit, (2) on the **fringe** of the city

The dress had a **fringe** of beads along the hem.

tract

n. a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body

synonym : region, area, tube

(1) a urinary **tract** infection, (2) a **tract** of virgin forest

The farmer owns a large **tract** of land where he grows corn and soybeans.

sociology

n. the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form

synonym: anthropology, demography, folklore

(1) **sociology** professor, (2) animal **sociology**

She studied **sociology** in college, learning about different societies and how they function.

refrigerate

v. to cool or preserve food or other items by using a refrigerator or other cold storage device; to keep something at a low temperature to prevent spoilage or degradation

synonym: chill, cool, freeze

(1) **refrigerate** perishable, (2) **refrigerate** medicine

We need to **refrigerate** the leftovers to keep them from spoiling.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

bush

n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

synonym: copse, scrub, brushwood

(1) trees and **bushes**, (2) a **bush** of hair

I am going to trim this **bush** off.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including

the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym: innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym: board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

nowhere

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

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

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

committee

n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

synonym: panel, board, council

(1) **committee** meeting, (2) **committee** member

The ad hoc **committee** met to discuss the proposal.

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

synonym: deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void

The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

lava

n. molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material

synonym: molten rock, magma, volcanic rock

(1) **lava** flow, (2) molten **lava**

The volcano's eruption caused a **lava** river to flow down the mountainside.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bul_____of vehicle *adj.* intended to resist bullet penetration
2. re_____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
3. baby c__b *n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
4. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
5. 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
6. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
7. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
8. the tr__k of the tree *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
9. travel al_____ce *n.* a set amount of money or resources given regularly or periodically; a granted permission or privilege; the act of allowing or giving permission
10. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

ANSWERS: 1. bulletproof, 2. redefine, 3. crib, 4. risky, 5. presentation, 6. distribute, 7. industrial, 8. trunk, 9. allowance, 10. military

11. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
12. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
13. a urinary tr__t infection *n.* a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body
14. since ch_____od *n.* the state or time of being a child
15. ro__t beef *v.* to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven
16. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
17. bo___g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
18. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
19. the tr__k of the body *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
20. political go_____er *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

ANSWERS: 11. discovery, 12. curve, 13. tract, 14. childhood, 15. roast, 16. economy, 17. boring, 18. obsess, 19. trunk, 20. godfather

21. sp____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
22. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
23. s__k road *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
24. fo___d the use of chemical weapons *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
25. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
26. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
27. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
28. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
29. t__e a piano *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
30. a wanted po____r *n.* a large sheet or picture that is placed either on a public space to promote or announce something or on a wall to decorate it

ANSWERS: 21. specific, 22. constantly, 23. silk, 24. forbid, 25. wrap, 26. aft, 27. industrial, 28. doll, 29. tune, 30. poster

31. hidden g_m *n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing
32. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
33. environmental det______nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
34. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
35. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
36. new fa____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
37. vanilla es____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
38. go out of fa____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
39. pr____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

ANSWERS: 31. gem, 32. frame, 33. determinant, 34. specific, 35. feat, 36. fashion, 37. essence, 38. fashion, 39. promote

49. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
50. out_____us prices *adj.* highly unusual, unconventional, or shocking; going beyond the bounds of what is considered acceptable or proper
51. re___r the contract void *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
52. local con_____ncy *n.* a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product
53. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
54. out_____us claim *adj.* highly unusual, unconventional, or shocking; going beyond the bounds of what is considered acceptable or proper
55. pe__l beyond price *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
56. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
57. black mu_____d seed *n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown

ANSWERS: 49. complexity, 50. outrageous, 51. render, 52. constituency, 53. determinant, 54. outrageous, 55. pearl, 56. straight, 57. mustard

58. online pr____r *n.* a person who supervises or monitors an examination, often ensuring compliance with regulations and preventing cheating; a person who oversees the conduct of others, particularly in an educational or professional setting
59. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
60. l__f around during the day *n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle
61. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
62. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
63. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
64. di_____d ring *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
65. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 58. proctor, 59. brand, 60. loaf, 61. volunteer, 62. remarkable, 63. frank, 64. diamond, 65. release

66. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
67. a ri__y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
68. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
69. pa___t law *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
70. sh___e a book *v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently
71. dairy c_w *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
72. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (*v.*) to assign to a category
73. b__e diameter *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (*n.*) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

ANSWERS: 66. grab, 67. risky, 68. sect, 69. patent, 70. shelve, 71. cow, 72. label, 73. bore

74. common in _____ on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
75. the t__e of a song *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
76. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
77. human in _____ ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
78. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
79. in_____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
80. an_____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
81. a tr___e mirror *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
82. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
83. sec_____te product *adj.* of inferior quality or standard; not of the highest or best quality; mediocre
84. su_____d beyond expectations *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor

ANSWERS: 74. invention, 75. tune, 76. grandchild, 77. intellect, 78. decide, 79. interrupt, 80. animate, 81. triple, 82. military, 83. second-rate, 84. succeed

85. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
86. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
87. on the fr___e of the city *n.* a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group
88. tr___e digits *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
89. a picture fr___e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
90. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
91. po___h finishing *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
92. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
93. yield cu___e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

ANSWERS: 85. symbol, 86. council, 87. fringe, 88. triple, 89. frame, 90. council, 91. polish, 92. reinvent, 93. curve

94. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
95. c_w herd *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
96. answer by te_____ph *n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals
97. ro__t coffee beans *v.* to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven
98. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
99. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
100. biblical pa_____e *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
101. re_____s of a building *n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal
102. mo_____ry services *n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, prepared, and stored before burial or cremation; a funeral home or a building or facility for handling deceased individuals

ANSWERS: 94. feat, 95. cow, 96. telegraph, 97. roast, 98. architect, 99. advertise, 100. parable, 101. remains, 102. mortuary

103. for_____ss of liabilities *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
104. de___t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
105. military st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
106. a sl__e of the company's revenue *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
107. ca___l a free subscription trial *v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
108. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
109. fu__y logic *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
110. abruptly in_____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
111. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
112. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
113. molten l__a *n.* molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material

ANSWERS: 103. forgiveness, 104. depart, 105. strategy, 106. slice, 107. cancel, 108. medicinal, 109. fuzzy, 110. interrupt, 111. ignore, 112. grab, 113. lava

114. a sh___d for protecting against a bullet
n. a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
115. make a pr___t
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
116. co_____ee member
n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
117. develop a st____gy
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
118. arrive and de___t on time
v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
119. b__e him with his stories
v. to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
120. a m__s of molten rock
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
121. cr__y about cars and racing
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
122. a mailing la__l
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 114. shield, 115. profit, 116. committee, 117. strategy, 118. depart, 119. bore, 120. mass, 121. crazy, 122. label

123. in___t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
124. bul_____of armor *adj.* intended to resist bullet penetration
125. small-town mo_____ry *n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, prepared, and stored before burial or cremation; a funeral home or a building or facility for handling deceased individuals
126. rusty n___l *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
127. meal al_____ce *n.* a set amount of money or resources given regularly or periodically; a granted permission or privilege; the act of allowing or giving permission
128. 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
129. anti-s___m technology *n.* unwanted email, usually of advertising material sent out in bulk
130. hy_____e my skin *v.* to add water or moisture to something; to drink enough fluids to maintain proper moisture; (noun) any compound that contains water of crystallization

ANSWERS: 123. insist, 124. bulletproof, 125. mortuary, 126. nail, 127. allowance, 128. process, 129. spam, 130. hydrate

131. ga___e \$100 on the race *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
132. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
133. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
134. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
135. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
136. an ap___l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
137. cr_____e a body *v.* to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual
138. cr_____ns container *n.* (a portmanteau of "cremated" and "remains") the ashes or remains that are left after a person or a pet has been cremated
139. l__a flow *n.* molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material

ANSWERS: 131. gamble, 132. necessarily, 133. constantly, 134. nowhere, 135. economy, 136. appeal, 137. cremate, 138. cremains, 139. lava

140. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
141. pa____t application *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
142. ba_____n into a severe political problem *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
143. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
144. re_____e at high speed *v.* to rotate around a central point
145. the di_____on of knowledge *n.* a spreading motion in multiple directions
146. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
147. la_____d stock *n.* a person or thing that falls behind or moves slowly, particularly in a group or in comparison to others
148. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
149. 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

ANSWERS: 140. regardless, 141. patent, 142. balloon, 143. discovery, 144. revolve, 145. diffusion, 146. ram, 147. laggard, 148. invention, 149. presentation

150. a tr__t of virgin forest *n.* a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body
151. 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
152. fu__y memory *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
153. a cultured pe__l *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
154. di_____on of lightning *n.* a spreading motion in multiple directions
155. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
156. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
157. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
158. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
159. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

ANSWERS: 150. tract, 151. process, 152. fuzzy, 153. pearl, 154. diffusion, 155. bush, 156. obvious, 157. invisible, 158. probable, 159. consume

160. bit of good fo____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
161. human re____s *n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal
162. s__p on the back *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
163. ca___l a class *v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
164. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
165. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
166. co_____ee meeting *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
167. sec_____te equipment *adj.* of inferior quality or standard; not of the highest or best quality; mediocre
168. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

ANSWERS: 160. fortune, 161. remains, 162. slap, 163. cancel, 164. insist, 165. confer, 166. committee, 167. second-rate, 168. hero

169. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
170. ap_____ze for being late *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
171. acid hy_____e *v.* to add water or moisture to something; to drink enough fluids to maintain proper moisture; (noun) any compound that contains water of crystallization
172. te_____ph wires *n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals
173. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
174. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
175. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
176. n__l clipper *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
177. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
178. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
179. pa_____e story *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

ANSWERS: 169. desperately, 170. apologize, 171. hydrate, 172. telegraph, 173. probable, 174. release, 175. industrious, 176. nail, 177. volunteer, 178. giant, 179. parable

180. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
181. draw out your ap____l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
182. de____d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
183. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
184. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
185. n__t idea *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
186. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
187. electrical c__d *n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
188. a heat sh____d *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
189. ref_____te medicine *v.* to cool or preserve food or other items by using a refrigerator or other cold storage device; to keep something at a low temperature to prevent spoilage or degradation

ANSWERS: 180. complexity, 181. appeal, 182. defend, 183. bunch, 184. brand, 185. neat, 186. giant, 187. cord, 188. shield, 189. refrigerate

190. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
191. so_____gy professor *n.* the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form
192. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
193. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
194. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
195. ga___e away my fortune *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
196. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
197. commercial j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
198. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 190. confer, 191. sociology, 192. sect, 193. advertise, 194. essence, 195. gamble, 196. bunch, 197. jet, 198. intellect

199. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
200. a flavorful sa__e *n.* a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods
201. re___k dripping with bitterness *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
202. private j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
203. crusty l__f *n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle
204. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
205. ch_____od development *n.* the state or time of being a child
206. mu_____d leaf *n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown
207. di_____d necklace *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
208. deep pu___e *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue

ANSWERS: 199. commerce, 200. sauce, 201. remark, 202. jet, 203. loaf, 204. desire, 205. childhood, 206. mustard, 207. diamond, 208. purple

209. me_____al chemistry	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
210. soy sa__e	<i>n.</i> a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods
211. gra_____ld development	<i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter
212. fo___d smoking in public areas	<i>v.</i> to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
213. answer co_____ss questions	<i>adj.</i> too numerous to be counted or very many
214. sl__e a tomato thin	<i>n.</i> a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
215. re___l store	<i>n.</i> the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
216. in___t in stocks	<i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
217. unsatisfied de___e	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
218. gross pr___t	<i>n.</i> money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
219. dis_____te video content	<i>v.</i> to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 209. medicinal, 210. sauce, 211. grandchild, 212. forbid, 213. countless, 214. slice, 215. retail, 216. invest, 217. desire, 218. profit, 219. distribute

220. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
221. co_____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
222. s__p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
223. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
224. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
225. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
226. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
227. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
228. be my go_____er at my christening *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
229. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

ANSWERS: 220. defend, 221. countless, 222. slap, 223. grade, 224. statistics, 225. fortune, 226. reinvent, 227. industrious, 228. godfather, 229. hop

230. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
231. ke_____e presentation *n.* the central theme or message of a speech, presentation, or event; the first note or tone in a musical scale used as a reference point for the performance of a piece of music
232. a n__t piece of work *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
233. pu___e sweet potatoes *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
234. con_____ncy needs *n.* a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product
235. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
236. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
237. sh___e a bill *v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently
238. re_____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 230. regardless, 231. keynote, 232. neat, 233. purple, 234. constituency, 235. straight, 236. architect, 237. shelve, 238. redefine

239. a jar of j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
240. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
241. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
242. spinal c__d *n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
243. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
244. r_m into the ice *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
245. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
246. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
247. re___r an assessment *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

ANSWERS: 239. jam, 240. aft, 241. symbol, 242. cord, 243. mass, 244. ram, 245. hop, 246. frank, 247. render

248. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
249. g__k enthusiast *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
250. beg for for_____ss *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
251. re_____e stress *v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
252. ba____y industry *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
253. s__k fabric *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
254. su_____d academically *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
255. c__b bed *n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
256. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
257. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
258. fr____e benefit *n.* a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group

ANSWERS: 248. necessarily, 249. geek, 250. forgiveness, 251. relieve, 252. bakery, 253. silk, 254. succeed, 255. crib, 256. apologize, 257. consume, 258. fringe

259. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
260. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
261. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
262. surface po___h *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
263. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
264. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
265. ba_____n ride *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
266. g_m collection *n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing
267. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
268. cr_____e the remains *v.* to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual

ANSWERS: 259. ignore, 260. obvious, 261. desperately, 262. polish, 263. invest, 264. promote, 265. balloon, 266. gem, 267. nowhere, 268. cremate

269. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
270. bo___g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
271. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
272. ref_____te perishable *v.* to cool or preserve food or other items by using a refrigerator or other cold storage device; to keep something at a low temperature to prevent spoilage or degradation
273. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
274. a traffic j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
275. airplane g__k *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
276. re_____e his thirst *v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
277. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
278. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
279. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

ANSWERS: 269. crazy, 270. boring, 271. obsess, 272. refrigerate, 273. commerce, 274. jam, 275. geek, 276. relieve, 277. doll, 278. grade, 279. bush

280. receive a s__m email *n.* unwanted email, usually of advertising material sent out in bulk
281. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
282. tech la_____d *n.* a person or thing that falls behind or moves slowly, particularly in a group or in comparison to others
283. eye-catching po___rs *n.* a large sheet or picture that is placed either on a public space to promote or announce something or on a wall to decorate it
284. run a ba___y *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
285. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
286. scattered cr_____ns *n.* (a portmanteau of "cremated" and "remains") the ashes or remains that are left after a person or a pet has been cremated
287. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
288. a flattering re___k *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

ANSWERS: 280. spam, 281. remarkable, 282. laggard, 283. poster, 284. bakery, 285. hero, 286. cremains, 287. statistics, 288. remark

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Necessity is the mother of _____.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
2. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.
adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
3. Because of the _____ vest he was wearing, the officer could escape injury.
adj. intended to resist bullet penetration
4. Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the _____.
n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
5. The _____ pace of innovation in the industry has allowed competitors to gain ground.
n. a person or thing that falls behind or moves slowly, particularly in a group or in comparison to others
6. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
7. God _____ you should regret your marriage.
v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

ANSWERS: 1. invention, 2. nowhere, 3. bulletproof, 4. trunk, 5. laggard, 6. bunch, 7. forbid

8. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
9. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
10. The _____ speaker at the conference inspired us with their innovative ideas.
- n. the central theme or message of a speech, presentation, or event; the first note or tone in a musical scale used as a reference point for the performance of a piece of music
11. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.
- adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
12. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
- n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
13. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
- v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
14. The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling _____.
- n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
15. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 8. grab, 9. release, 10. keynote, 11. risky, 12. architect, 13. reinvent, 14. diamond, 15. confer

16. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
17. He had fond memories of his _____ spent playing in the park with his friends.
- n.* the state or time of being a child
18. The team's performance was described as _____ due to their lack of focus and effort.
- adj.* of inferior quality or standard; not of the highest or best quality; mediocre
19. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
- adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
20. His estate was _____ to his sons.
- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
21. She wore a _____ dress to the party.
- n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
22. The politician tried to _____ down the rumors about his personal life.
- v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
23. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
- n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

ANSWERS: 16. feat, 17. childhood, 18. second-rate, 19. Industrial, 20. distributed, 21. silk, 22. slap, 23. council

24. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
- v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
25. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
26. You can remove _____ messages with special software.
- n.* unwanted email, usually of advertising material sent out in bulk
27. The children complained because one _____ of cake was slightly larger than the other.
- n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
28. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
29. The wealthy businessman acted as a _____ to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.
- n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
30. The _____ of the exam ensured that all students followed the rules.
- n.* a person who supervises or monitors an examination, often ensuring compliance with regulations and preventing cheating; a person who oversees the conduct of others, particularly in an educational or professional setting

ANSWERS: 24. promote, 25. mass, 26. spam, 27. slice, 28. frame, 29. godfather, 30. proctor

31. I am going to trim this _____ off.

- n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

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

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

33. The lecture on quantum physics _____ me to tears.

- v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

34. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

- adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

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

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

36. Jesus quoted _____ to teach important lessons to his disciples.

- n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

37. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.

- v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

38. She kept her grandfather's _____ in a beautifully crafted urn on the mantle.

- n.* (a portmanteau of "cremated" and "remains") the ashes or remains that are left after a person or a pet has been cremated

ANSWERS: 31. bush, 32. succeed, 33. bored, 34. crazy, 35. giant, 36. parables, 37. interrupted, 38. cremains

39. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

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

40. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

- adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see

41. The satellite _____ slowly ascended into the sky.

- n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

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

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

43. As parents, we must teach our children about financial responsibility by giving them a weekly _____.

- n.* a set amount of money or resources given regularly or periodically; a granted permission or privilege; the act of allowing or giving permission

44. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.

- n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

45. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

46. That style is no longer in _____.

- n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

47. She put the baby in the portable _____ for a nap.

- n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers

ANSWERS: 39. doll, 40. invisible, 41. balloon, 42. probable, 43. allowance, 44. grandchild, 45. ignored, 46. fashion, 47. crib

48. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

- v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

49. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

- v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

50. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

- v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

51. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

- v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

52. The _____ service was interrupted for a while.

- n. a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals

53. Due to the _____ of television and video, cinema theaters had a small audience.

- n. a spreading motion in multiple directions

54. She wore a _____ necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

- n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

55. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

- v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 48. insisted, 49. consume, 50. hopped, 51. obsessed, 52. telegraph, 53. diffusion, 54. pearl, 55. defend

56. I received the sad news that my uncle passed away, and his body was taken to the local _____.
- n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, prepared, and stored before burial or cremation; a funeral home or a building or facility for handling deceased individuals
57. Considering the recent increase in interest rates, we must _____ our plans to buy a new house.
- v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently
58. The medicine _____ his headache, and he felt much better.
- v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
59. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
60. She studied _____ in college, learning about different societies and how they function.
- n.* the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form
61. When customers _____ their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.
- v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
62. The pasta dish was served with a rich tomato _____.
- n.* a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods
63. On my way home from work, I picked up a _____ of bread from the bakery.
- n.* a quantity of bread that is shaped and baked in one piece and usually sliced for serving; (verb) to be lazy or idle

ANSWERS: 56. mortuary, 57. shelve, 58. relieved, 59. strategy, 60. sociology, 61. cancel, 62. sauce, 63. loaf

64. His candid _____ at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.
- n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
65. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
66. The chef _____ the chicken to perfection in the oven.
- v.* to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven
67. The Earth _____ around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.
- v.* to rotate around a central point
68. He was sick for five _____ days.
- adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
69. He worked at the _____ as a baker.
- n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
70. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
- n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
71. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 64. remark, 65. discovery, 66. roasted, 67. revolves, 68. straight, 69. bakery, 70. symbol, 71. determinant

72. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
73. This business yields little _____.
- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
74. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
- n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
75. We noticed a _____ advertising a bargain.
- n.* a large sheet or picture that is placed either on a public space to promote or announce something or on a wall to decorate it
76. This accident was something that happened _____.
- adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
77. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
78. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.
- n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

ANSWERS: 72. economy, 73. profit, 74. brand, 75. poster, 76. necessarily, 77. sect, 78. appeal

79. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

80. The company has filed for a _____ to protect its new invention.

n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

81. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

82. 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

83. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

84. The car _____ into the wall, causing significant damage.

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

85. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

86. Will you _____ on the result of the fight?

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

ANSWERS: 79. medicinal, 80. patent, 81. countless, 82. decide, 83. constantly, 84. rammed, 85. essence, 86. gamble

87. The _____ of the ancient civilization can still be seen in the city's ruins.
- n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal
88. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.
- v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
89. The picture was _____ because it was taken with an old camera.
- adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
90. Her _____ behavior at the party caused quite a stir among the guests.
- adj.* highly unusual, unconventional, or shocking; going beyond the bounds of what is considered acceptable or proper
91. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.
- adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
92. The _____ industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.
- n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
93. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
- n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
94. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 87. remains, 88. redefined, 89. fuzzy, 90. outrageous, 91. regardless, 92. retail, 93. label, 94. complexity

95. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.

- n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

96. The ____ flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

- n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

97. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.

- v.* to make something full of interest and energy

98. He gained debt _____.

- n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

99. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.

- adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

100. The plant has a stunning _____ blossom.

- adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue

101. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

- v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

102. The enga_____ ring was a precious gem passed down through generations of her family.

- n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing

ANSWERS: 95. volunteer, 96. jet, 97. animated, 98. forgiveness, 99. boring, 100. purple, 101. Wrap, 102. gement

103. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
104. The volcano's eruption caused a _____ river to flow down the mountainside.
- n.* molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material
105. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
- adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
106. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
107. Lead is an effective _____ against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.
- n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
108. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
109. The farmer milked the _____ every morning before breakfast.
- n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
110. They plan to _____ their loved ones according to their cultural traditions.
- v.* to burn a dead body to reduce it to ash, often as part of a funeral or other death-related ritual

ANSWERS: 103. commerce, 104. lava, 105. remarkable, 106. statistics, 107. shield, 108. intellect, 109. cows, 110. cremate

111. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
112. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
113. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
114. The jury must _____ a decision on this complex case.
v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
115. 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
116. The dress had a _____ of beads along the hem.
n. a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group
117. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.
n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

ANSWERS: 111. aft, 112. hero, 113. frank, 114. render, 115. presentation, 116. fringe, 117. curve

118. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

119. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

120. We want to _____ our company through your media.

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

121. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

122. I _____ for neglecting your email.

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

123. The ad hoc _____ met to discuss the proposal.

n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

124. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

125. She has _____ habits.

adj. clean or tidy, with everything in its place

126. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 118. grade, 119. desire, 120. advertise, 121. invest, 122. apologize, 123. committee, 124. industrious, 125. neat, 126. specific

127. He used a hammer and round _____ to fix the loose board on the fence.
- n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
128. We need to _____ the leftovers to keep them from spoiling.
- v.* to cool or preserve food or other items by using a refrigerator or other cold storage device; to keep something at a low temperature to prevent spoilage or degradation
129. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
- n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
130. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
131. The farmer owns a large _____ of land where he grows corn and soybeans.
- n.* a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body
132. She drank water to _____ her body.
- v.* to add water or moisture to something; to drink enough fluids to maintain proper moisture; (noun) any compound that contains water of crystallization
133. Your spinal _____ is located deep within your body.
- n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
134. The shredder in the print room often has paper _____.
- n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

ANSWERS: 127. nail, 128. refrigerate, 129. fortune, 130. military, 131. tract, 132. hydrate, 133. cord, 134. jams

135. The band played a beautiful _____ on their instruments.

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

136. He was a computer _____ and spent all his free time coding.

n. a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed

137. The baby clung _____ to her mother.

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

138. He had to endure the _____ gas attack during the war.

n. a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

140. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

141. The politician met with his _____ to hear their concerns and ideas.

n. a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product

142. I used a special _____ to make my car's paint shine.

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

ANSWERS: 135. tune, 136. geek, 137. desperately, 138. mustard, 139. obvious, 140. departed, 141. constituency, 142. polish

143. His coach is a _____ Olympic champion.

adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

144. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

ANSWERS: 143. triple, 144. process