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Session 1: Word List

adapt

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

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

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

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

shabby

adj. (of a building or object) in poor condition through age and neglect

synonym : dilapidated, run-down, shoddy

(1) **shabby** appearance, (2) **shabby** treatment

The **shabby** couch had seen better days.

detached

adj. no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement

synonym : separated, isolated, impersonal

(1) a **detached** palace, (2) **detached** from reality

Their dream is to buy a **detached** house.

steady

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

synonym : stable, solid, secure

(1) **steady** increase, (2) take a **steady** job

The patient's vital signs are **steady**, indicating a stable condition.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym : parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

throng

n. a large crowd of people

synonym : crowd, horde, mob

(1) **throng** of flag-waving, (2) **throng** of emotions

The **throng** of people made it hard to move through the crowd.

avenue

n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

synonym : artery, roadway, street

(1) an **avenue** of poplars, (2) an **avenue** to success

They explored every **avenue** they could think of.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym : halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym : stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

row

n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line

synonym : line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees

He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

bulb

n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

(1) wet- **bulb** thermometer, (2) a lily **bulb**

The light **bulb** has burned out.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym: sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

These heavy rains caused **flash** floods on several islands.

brilliantly

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

synonym: brightly, radiantly, excellently

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

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

twilight

n. the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

synonym: dusk, sunset, gloaming

(1) **twilight** sky, (2) **twilight** of an era

The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at **twilight**.

roll

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

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

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

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

fur

n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

synonym: hair, coat, pelt

(1) an artificial **fur**, (2) **fur** coat

The **fur** of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.

tropical

adj. originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
synonym : equatorial, tropic

(1) **tropical** cyclones, (2) **tropical** islands

Tropical storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
synonym : air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

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.

wax

n. a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large

(1) **wax** finish, (2) **wax** and wane

He sealed the letter with a **wax** seal.

drape

v. to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

synonym : cover, hang, arrange

(1) **drape** a coat, (2) **drape** a curtain

She **draped** a shawl over her shoulders to keep warm.

rainbow

n. an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain

synonym : spectrum, iridescence, prism

(1) marine **rainbow**, (2) **rainbow** after a storm

She was mesmerized by the **rainbow's** colors.

filmy

adj. thin and translucent; like film

synonym : sheer, translucent, diaphanous

(1) **filmy** clouds, (2) **filmy** dress

The curtains were made of a **filmy**, sheer material that let in plenty of light.

gown

n. a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women

synonym : dress, robe, garment

(1) a judge's **gown**, (2) **gown** for the prom

She looked stunning in her long, flowing **gown** at the formal event.

admiration

n. the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something

synonym : respect, esteem, appreciation

(1) ungrudging **admiration**, (2) **admiration** by other people

The artist received **admiration** for their work from critics and fans alike.

linger

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

synonym : dawdle, tarry, loiter

(1) **linger** in the mind, (2) **linger** over your work

She **lingered** for a moment before leaving the room.

costume

n. a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation

synonym : attire, garb, outfit

(1) **costume** party, (2) **costume** change

She wore a beautiful **costume** for the play.

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.

wistful *adj.* expressing a feeling of vague, sad, or inconsolable longing

synonym : longing, nostalgic, pensive

(1) in a **wistful** mood, (2) **wistful** feeling

He had a **wistful** look in his eyes as he remembered the past.

gaze *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else

synonym : stare, gawk, look

(1) **gaze** steadily at his face, (2) **gaze** absently out a window

The youngster was **gazed** at by the beast.

instant *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay

synonym : immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

scent *n.* a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one

synonym : fragrance, aroma, perfume

(1) natural **scent**, (2) **scent** memory

The **scent** of freshly baked bread filled the bakery.

plume *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

synonym : feather, honor, token

(1) **plume** of smoke, (2) **plume** of feathers

The bird had a beautiful **plume** on its head.

velvet

n. plush, smooth fabric with a short pile on one side, typically made of silk, cotton, or a synthetic material

synonym : fabric, plush

(1) **velvet** couch, (2) **velvet** dress

The **velvet** curtains added a touch of elegance to the room.

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**.

violet

adj. between blue and purple in hue

synonym : purple

(1) bluish- **violet**, (2) **violet** quartz

Red and **violet** are opposites on the color spectrum.

mink

n. a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe

synonym : fur, pelt

(1) the texture of **mink**, (2) **mink** fur

She wrapped herself in the luxurious **mink** coat on the cold winter day.

glance

v. to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

synonym : glimpse, peek, flash

(1) **glance** around nervously, (2) **glance** at him miserably

I casually **glanced** into the small hut.

defensive

adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

synonym : protective, watchful, opposing

(1) assume the **defensive**, (2) **defensive** weapons

Boxing fans often criticize his **defensive** stance.

lid

n. a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container

synonym :

cover, top, cap

(1) container **lid**, (2) the **lid** of a box

He opened the **lid** of the jar to reveal the contents inside.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym: down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

unmistakable

adj. clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand

synonym: apparent, clear, definite

(1) find **unmistakable** evidence, (2) **unmistakable** difference

His talent for singing is **unmistakable**.

impulse

n. a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

synonym: stimulation, provocation, urge

(1) a combative **impulse**, (2) profound religious **impulses**

Nerve **impulses** cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

pulse

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

synonym: beat, vibration, throb

(1) a weak **pulse**, (2) **pulse** waves

The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your **pulse**.

throb

v. to beat with a strong, regular rhythm, as a pulse or a heart

synonym : pulse, beat, pound

(1) **throb** at the thought of the accident, (2) **throb** with excitement

The wound continued to **throb** with pain, despite the medication.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

mottled

adj. marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades

synonym : speckled, spotted, marbled

(1) **mottled** skin, (2) a **mottled** stripe

The **mottled** leaves on the tree indicated a disease.

cheek

n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw

synonym : jaw, mandible, malar

(1) **cheek** bone, (2) hollowed-out **cheek**

He gently touched her apple-red **cheek** and whispered that he loved her.

sham

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

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

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

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

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym: board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

cruel

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

synonym: heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

ablaze

adj. on fire; burning brightly

synonym: burning, alight, on fire

(1) sky **ablaze** with stars, (2) **ablaze** with passion

The building was **ablaze** with fire.

makeover

n. the process or act of a complete transformation, especially relevant to the appearance of someone or something

synonym: renovation, refashioning, remodeling

(1) corporate **makeover**, (2) massive **makeover**

The company's drastic **makeover** is well known outside the industry.

turban

n. a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head and sometimes the face

synonym: headwrap, headscarf, headcloth

(1) **turban** on head, (2) **turban** shell

The man wore a **turban** as part of his traditional cultural attire.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and

domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

otter

n. a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas

(1) **otter** in the river, (2) sea- **otter** fur

The playful **otter** swam around the river, diving in and out of the water.

queer

adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

synonym: strange, odd, unusual

(1) **queer** money, (2) **queer** fashion

The behavior of the clown at the party was quite **queer**.

caudal

adj. pertaining to the tail end of a body

synonym: tail, posterior, aft

(1) **caudal** appendage, (2) **caudal** region

The **caudal** fin of the fish was slightly damaged but still functional.

decoration

n. the act of adding something that is intended to make something more attractive; an award or honor that is given to someone in recognition of their achievements

synonym: adornment, ornament, embellishment

(1) colorful **decorations**, (2) chocolate **decorations** for cakes

The room was filled with beautiful **decorations** for the wedding reception.

crack

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

synonym:

snap, burst, break

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

grin

v. to smile broadly
synonym: smile, smirk, chuckle

(1) **grin** from ear to ear, (2) **grin** with pleasure
He couldn't help but **grin** as he remembered the good times.

pluck

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
synonym: grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds
She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

ragged

adj. (of clothing) frayed or not in good condition; tattered
synonym: tattered, frayed, worn

(1) **ragged** edge, (2) **ragged** clothing
The old flag was **ragged** and torn.

tremulous

adj. tending to shake or quiver; timid
synonym: shaky, timid, nervous

(1) **tremulous** handwriting, (2) **tremulous** hand
Her voice was **tremulous** as she spoke in front of a large audience.

regain

v. to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
synonym: recover, reclaim, retrieve

(1) **regain** our reputation, (2) **regain** my health
After years of hard work, he finally **regained** his financial stability.

coincidence

n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
synonym: co-occurrence, concurrency, accident

(1) the **coincidence** of an opinion, (2) by a strange **coincidence**

It was a pure **coincidence** that we met her in the library.

resolute

adj. firm in purpose or belief; determined

synonym: determined, steadfast, unwavering

(1) **resolute** defiance, (2) **resolute** action

He was **resolute** in his determination to succeed.

slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

synonym: bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

stain

v. to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove

synonym: discolor, tarnish, defile

(1) **stain** the carpet, (2) red wine **stain**

The allegations of corruption **stained** her reputation, and she struggled to regain public trust.

bluish

adj. having a color that is a shade of blue

synonym: blue, azure, navy

(1) **bluish** cloth, (2) **bluish** color

The flowers had a **bluish** tint, indicating they needed to be riper.

grim

adj. looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

synonym: fierce, harsh, gloomy

(1) **grim** reality, (2) a **grim-featured** man

The result presented a **grim** picture of inefficiency and corruption.

- dye** v. to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance
synonym: color, tint, stain
(1) **dye** a T-shirt red, (2) **dye** patterns
She **dyed** her hair purple for a change.
- garment** n. a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
synonym: apparel, clothing, attire
(1) **garment** industry, (2) silk **garment**
She hung the wet **garment** on the clothesline to dry.
- furnish** v. to provide a room or building with furniture and fittings; to provide something useful or necessary
synonym: equip, provide, fit out
(1) **furnish** a suitable occasion, (2) **furnish** the information
The new homeowners decided to **furnish** the living room with new furniture.
- immerse** v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
synonym: dip, inundate, submerge
(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient
He **immersed** himself in his research.
- lather** n. a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning
synonym: foam, suds, froth
(1) creamy **lather**, (2) **lather** of foam
The bar of soap produced a thick **lather** as she washed her hands.
- rank** n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
synonym: position, status, standing
(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

perfume

n. a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin

synonym: scent, aroma, bouquet

(1) a subtle **perfume**, (2) **perfume** every day

He sniffed the **perfume** voluptuously.

toilet

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

synonym: bathroom, lavatory, washroom

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

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

gentle

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

synonym: mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

absent

adj. not present in a particular place at a particular time

synonym: missing, away, not present

(1) **absent-minded**, (2) **absent** without leave

He was **absent** from the meeting and missed all the important updates.

daze

n. the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud

noise

synonym: stupor, confusion, (verb) stun

(1) walk around in a **daze**, (2) **daze** of sleep

He was in a **daze** from the sudden news and couldn't process it properly.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

ostrich

n. a large flightless bird native to Africa with a long neck, legs, and bill

synonym: bird, flightless bird

(1) **ostrich** eggs, (2) **ostrich** feathers

The farmers raise **ostriches** for their meat, eggs, and feathers.

bouquet

n. a bunch of flowers, especially one presented as a gift or carried at a ceremony

synonym: bunch, arrangement, nosegay

(1) hand over a **bouquet**, (2) bridal **bouquet**

He gave her a **bouquet** of roses as a gift.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

vivid

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

synonym: intense, powerful, dazzling

(1) **vivid** colors, (2) still **vivid** in my memory

She made a **vivid** impression.

pile *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
synonym: accumulation, heap, stack
(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**
After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

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.

ransack *v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner
synonym: pillage, loot, plunder
(1) **ransack** a house, (2) **ransack** a town
Burglars **ransacked** the store, stealing everything of value.

plunge *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
synonym: dive, drop, thrust
(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart
The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

grope *v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see
synonym: fumble, feel, pat
(1) **grope** after the truth, (2) **grope** for an answer
He was forced to **grope** in the dark for the light switch.

assume *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

eloquent

adj. able to speak or write clearly and impressively

synonym: persuasive, fluent, well-spoken

(1) an **eloquent** speaker, (2) **eloquent** writing

She gave an **eloquent** speech at the graduation ceremony.

persuasive

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

synonym: convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker

He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

quiver

v. to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion

synonym: shake, tremble, shiver

(1) **quiver** in the breeze, (2) **quiver** with excitement

The archer's hands **quivered** as he aimed the arrow at the target.

indignant

adj. angry or resentful at what is perceived as unfair treatment

synonym: outraged, resentful, incensed

(1) **indignant** expression, (2) an **indignant** denial

She was **indignant** when she heard the news.

fade

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

synonym: languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance

My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

abrupt

adj. sudden and unexpected

synonym: sudden, unexpected, quick

(1) **abrupt** departure, (2) speak in an **abrupt** manner
The sudden, **abrupt** change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym: abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior
The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

possession

n. the state or fact of owning or having something

synonym: ownership, holding, control

(1) **possession** of the evidence, (2) a territorial **possession**
That painting is my **possession**, and I inherited it from my grandmother.

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym: long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love
She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym: crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse
Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

dim

adj. poorly lit; not bright

synonym: dull, faint, weak

(1) **dim** and distant past, (2) **dim** memory
The **dim** light made it difficult to read the book.

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

disillusion

v. to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed

synonym: disenchant, disappoint, embitter

(1) **disillusion** the young, (2) **disillusion** him about reality
She felt **disillusioned** with the management and decided to leave.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

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

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

oblivious

adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

synonym: forgetful, clueless, unaware

(1) **oblivious** of his promise, (2) **oblivious** to our response
She was so engrossed in her work that she was **oblivious** to her surroundings.

triumph

n. a great victory or achievement

synonym: victory, success, conquest

(1) **triumph** of democracy, (2) **triumph** of the spirit

The team's **triumph** in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym: jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase
Canada **bounds** on the United States.

demur

v. to raise objections or show reluctance

synonym : object, protest, oppose

(1) **demur** at the claim, (2) **demur** at the proposal

When asked to participate in the project, she **demurred**, saying she was too busy.

glove

n. a piece of clothing worn on the hand and wrist for protection against cold, dirt, etc., with separate parts for each finger

synonym : mitt

(1) a right-hand **glove**, (2) 5-finger **glove**

She was wearing a black **glove**.

fumble

v. to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something

synonym : botch, bumble, mishandle

(1) **fumble** about in a bag, (2) **fumble** a grounder

The receiver **fumbled** the ball, and the other team recovered it.

limp

adj. having no strength or energy; walking with difficulty because of pain, injury, or disability in one's leg or foot

synonym : unsteady, weak, faltering

(1) **limp** handshake, (2) **limp** hair

The steak was so undercooked that it was almost raw and had a **limp** texture.

radiant

adj. emitting light or heat; shining brightly

synonym : shining, glowing, brilliant

(1) **radiant** smile, (2) **radiant** light

She looked **radiant** on her wedding day.

dingy

adj. dark, gloomy, and dirty

synonym : gloomy, dirty, drab

(1) **dingy** apartment, (2) **dingy** lighting

The **dingy** room needed a fresh coat of paint.

huddle

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

synonym: cluster, crowd, group

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

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

cot

n. a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

synonym: bed, bunk, pallet

(1) **cot** in the tent, (2) baby's **cot**

The hospital provides **cots** for patients' families who want to stay overnight.

vitality

n. the state of being strong and active; energy

synonym: energy, life, vigor

(1) **vitality** of youth, (2) the **vitality** of the company

The new gym membership has improved his **vitality** and overall health.

glow

v. to give out a steady, strong light

synonym: shine, radiate, beam

(1) **glow** a pale orange, (2) **glow** gold in the light

The sun was setting, and the sky **glowed** with beautiful colors.

kindle

v. to start a fire; to light

synonym: ignite, light, start

(1) **kindle** strife, (2) **kindle** a passion

He **kindled** a fire in the fireplace to warm the room.

scarf

n. a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons

synonym: shawl, wrap, kerchief

(1) knit a **scarf**, (2) dotted **scarf**

She wrapped a **scarf** around her neck to keep warm.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone
Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

collar

n. a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket

synonym: band, neckband

(1) **collar** of a shirt, (2) **collar** of a dog

He put on his **collar** and tie before leaving for work.

diffident

adj. lacking self-confidence; shy

synonym: shy, uncertain, unconfident

(1) **diffident** attitude, (2) a **diffident** person

He was **diffident** when meeting new people, often struggling to make conversation.

accost

v. to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently

synonym: approach, confront, speak to

(1) **accost** a stranger, (2) **accost** a suspect

The man **accosted** her on the street and asked for money.

salesperson

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

synonym: dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym: anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

servant

n. a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

synonym : attendant, helper, assistant

(1) **servant** of God, (2) fellow **servant**

The faithful **servant** had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.

crisp

adj. hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating

synonym : breakable, brittle, flaky

(1) the **crisp** air of winter, (2) **crisp** manner

Every day he wears a **crisp** white shirt to the office.

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym : closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

bosom

n. a woman's breasts or chest

synonym : breast, bust, chest

(1) a generous **bosom**, (2) a **bosom** friend

He carried a knife in his **bosom**.

ebb

n. the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede

synonym : regression, decline, (verb) decrease

(1) **ebb** and flow, (2) at a low **ebb**

The tide was at its **ebb**, revealing the sandy beach.

assert

v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

synonym : maintain, state, declare

(1) **assert** a free society, (2) **assert** a claim for unjust enrichment

She **asserted** that she was innocent, despite the evidence

against her.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

magnitude

n. the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

synonym: size, extent, level

(1) a star of the first **magnitude**, (2) the **magnitude** of the disaster

The **magnitude** of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

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?

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

persuade

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

synonym: convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something

synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

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.

inspire

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

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

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

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

surrender

v. to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority

synonym: yield, submit, relinquish

(1) **surrender** at discretion, (2) **surrender** an insurance policy

The enemy was forced to **surrender** after a long battle.

comprehensive

adj. complete and including all or everything necessary

synonym: complete, encyclopedic, thorough

(1) a **comprehensive** explanation, (2) conduct a **comprehensive** survey

We have a **comprehensive** grasp of this topic.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym: startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

infer

v. to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts

synonym: guess, deduce, assume

(1) **infer** quality from price, (2) **infer** the possibility

Animal desire and preference are always **inferred** from their behavior.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym: originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym: descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

appreciate

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

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

departure

n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey

synonym: leaving, exit, flight

(1) **departure** from tradition, (2) **departure** from the company

The **departure** time for the flight is 6:00 am.

paragraph

n. a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one

sentence and beginning on a new line

synonym: section, chapter, indentation

(1) an editorial **paragraph**, (2) first **paragraph**

Article VII, **Paragraph** 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.

reluctantly

adv. in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation

synonym: unwillingly, hesitantly, grudgingly

(1) **reluctantly** approve the idea, (2) **reluctantly** leave
He **reluctantly** agreed to go to the party.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things
It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------|------|---|
| 1. li___r over your work | v. | to stay in a place or exist longer than expected |
| 2. ill_____te a story | v. | to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation |
| 3. pa__l discussion | n. | a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something |
| 4. tr_____us hand | adj. | tending to shake or quiver; timid |
| 5. red wine st__n | v. | to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove |
| 6. ra_____k a town | v. | to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner |
| 7. l__p handshake | adj. | having no strength or energy; walking with difficulty because of pain, injury, or disability in one's leg or foot |
| 8. pi___n on the roof | n. | a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food |
| 9. the texture of m__k | n. | a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe |

ANSWERS: 1. linger, 2. illustrate, 3. panel, 4. tremulous, 5. stain, 6. ransack, 7. limp, 8. pigeon, 9. mink

10. ra____t smile *adj.* emitting light or heat; shining brightly
11. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
12. vi__d colors *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
13. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
14. bluish-vi____t *adj.* between blue and purple in hue
15. de____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
16. th____g of emotions *n.* a large crowd of people
17. sh____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
18. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
19. knit a sc__f *n.* a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons
20. walk around in a d__e *n.* the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise
21. m__k fur *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe
22. an editorial pa_____ph *n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

ANSWERS: 10. radiant, 11. highlight, 12. vivid, 13. suddenly, 14. violet, 15. decline, 16. throng, 17. shocking, 18. tight, 19. scarf, 20. daze, 21. mink, 22. paragraph

23. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
24. a drapery sal_____on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
25. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
26. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
27. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
28. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
29. fellow se_____t *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
30. qu__r money *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
31. profound religious im_____es *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
32. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
33. ki___e a passion *v.* to start a fire; to light
34. su_____er an insurance policy *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
35. per_____ve speaker *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

ANSWERS: 23. bound, 24. salesperson, 25. pause, 26. initially, 27. drown, 28. apparently, 29. servant, 30. queer, 31. impulse, 32. adapt, 33. kindle, 34. surrender, 35. persuasive

36. ra___d edge *adj.* (of clothing) frayed or not in good condition; tattered
37. incredible th___l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
38. tw_____ht of an era *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
39. co___r of a dog *n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket
40. an el_____nt speaker *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
41. ab___t without leave *adj.* not present in a particular place at a particular time
42. g__e absently out a window *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
43. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
44. e_b and flow *n.* the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede
45. f__e in importance *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
46. take a st___y job *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

ANSWERS: 36. ragged, 37. thrill, 38. twilight, 39. collar, 40. eloquent, 41. absent, 42. gaze, 43. adapt, 44. ebb, 45. fade, 46. steady

47. massive ma_____er *n.* the process or act of a complete transformation, especially relevant to the appearance of someone or something
48. pl___e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
49. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
50. di_____nt attitude *adj.* lacking self-confidence; shy
51. ab___t-minded *adj.* not present in a particular place at a particular time
52. ac___t a suspect *v.* to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently
53. ch__k bone *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
54. su_____er at discretion *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
55. ve___t couch *n.* plush, smooth fabric with a short pile on one side, typically made of silk, cotton, or a synthetic material
56. ob_____us of his promise *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
57. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
58. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

ANSWERS: 47. makeover, 48. plunge, 49. creep, 50. diffident, 51. absent, 52. accost, 53. cheek, 54. surrender, 55. velvet, 56. oblivious, 57. appreciate, 58. famine

59. a subtle pe____e *n.* a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin
60. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
61. a judge's g__n *n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women
62. de____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
63. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
64. ca____l appendage *adj.* pertaining to the tail end of a body
65. sea-ot__r fur *n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas
66. gr__e for an answer *v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see
67. de____t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
68. de____re from the company *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
69. tw____ht sky *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
70. dotted sc__f *n.* a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons

ANSWERS: 59. perfume, 60. row, 61. gown, 62. decline, 63. crack, 64. caudal, 65. otter, 66. grope, 67. depart, 68. departure, 69. twilight, 70. scarf

71. hi_____ht a string in red
v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
72. app_____ly unrelated
adv. based on what you have heard or read
73. fu_____h a suitable occasion
v. to provide a room or building with furniture and fittings; to provide something useful or necessary
74. a com_____ive explanation
adj. complete and including all or everything necessary
75. bri_____ly lit
adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
76. gr__e after the truth
v. to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see
77. a bu__h of trees
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
78. tu___n shell
n. a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head and sometimes the face
79. ac___t a stranger
v. to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently
80. marine ra_____w
n. an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
81. ki___e strife
v. to start a fire; to light
82. ill_____te a key point
v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
83. st_____le against discrimination
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 71. highlight, 72. apparently, 73. furnish, 74. comprehensive, 75. brilliantly, 76. grope, 77. bunch, 78. turban, 79. accost, 80. rainbow, 81. kindle, 82. illustrate, 83. struggle

84. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
85. unm_____ble difference *adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
86. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
87. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
88. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
89. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
90. ye__n after my old days *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
91. ve____t dress *n.* plush, smooth fabric with a short pile on one side, typically made of silk, cotton, or a synthetic material
92. c_t in the tent *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
93. chocolate dec_____ons for cakes *n.* the act of adding something that is intended to make something more attractive; an award or honor that is given to someone in recognition of their achievements
94. bl____h cloth *adj.* having a color that is a shade of blue
95. ex____e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 84. emphasize, 85. unmistakable, 86. roll, 87. march, 88. disrupt, 89. pause, 90. yearn, 91. velvet, 92. cot, 93. decoration, 94. bluish, 95. excuse

96. de_____ve weapons *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
97. in a wi_____l mood *adj.* expressing a feeling of vague, sad, or inconsolable longing
98. sh____y treatment *adj.* (of a building or object) in poor condition through age and neglect
99. coal fa____e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
100. fu_____h the information *v.* to provide a room or building with furniture and fittings; to provide something useful or necessary
101. the coi_____ce of an opinion *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
102. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
103. a sal_____on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
104. th____g of flag-waving *n.* a large crowd of people
105. perfect ex____e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
106. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
107. a territorial pos_____on *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something

ANSWERS: 96. defensive, 97. wistful, 98. shabby, 99. famine, 100. furnish, 101. coincidence, 102. beneath, 103. salesperson, 104. throng, 105. excuse, 106. contrast, 107. possession

108. f_r coat *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
109. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
110. co_____e party *n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation
111. adm_____on by other people *n.* the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something
112. fi__y clouds *adj.* thin and translucent; like film
113. co___r of a shirt *n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket
114. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
115. th__b with excitement *v.* to beat with a strong, regular rhythm, as a pulse or a heart
116. rel_____ly approve the idea *adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation
117. binational ac___d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
118. g__e steadily at his face *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
119. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 108. fur, 109. conversation, 110. costume, 111. admiration, 112. filmy, 113. collar, 114. bound, 115. throb, 116. reluctantly, 117. accord, 118. gaze, 119. creditor

120. re____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
121. dr__e a coat *v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material
122. assume the de____ve *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
123. os____h feathers *n.* a large flightless bird native to Africa with a long neck, legs, and bill
124. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
125. as___t a claim for unjust enrichment *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
126. a racing pi___n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
127. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
128. ga____t industry *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
129. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
130. d_m and distant past *adj.* poorly lit; not bright

ANSWERS: 120. replace, 121. drape, 122. defensive, 123. ostrich, 124. sham, 125. assert, 126. pigeon, 127. wrap, 128. garment, 129. solid, 130. dim

131. g__n with pleasure *v.* to smile broadly
132. sh_____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
133. as___t a free society *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
134. ra_____w after a storm *n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
135. pos_____on of the evidence *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
136. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
137. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
138. d_e a T-shirt red *v.* to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance
139. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
140. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
141. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line

ANSWERS: 131. grin, 132. shocking, 133. assert, 134. rainbow, 135. possession, 136. roll, 137. assume, 138. dye, 139. rank, 140. flash, 141. row

142. fi__y dress *adj.* thin and translucent; like film
143. re____te action *adj.* firm in purpose or belief; determined
144. la____r of foam *n.* a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning
145. the vi____ty of the company *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
146. to____t paper *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
147. baby's c_t *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
148. a combative im____e *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
149. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
150. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
151. gl____e at him miserably *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
152. completely im____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

ANSWERS: 142. filmy, 143. resolute, 144. lather, 145. vitality, 146. toilet, 147. cot, 148. impulse, 149. rank, 150. tight, 151. glance, 152. immerse

153. th__b at the thought of the accident *v.* to beat with a strong, regular rhythm, as a pulse or a heart
154. ot__r in the river *n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas
155. el____nt writing *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
156. carbon dioxide in the atm____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
157. g__n for the prom *n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women
158. ca___l region *adj.* pertaining to the tail end of a body
159. g__w gold in the light *v.* to give out a steady, strong light
160. wet-b__b thermometer *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
161. an in____nt denial *adj.* angry or resentful at what is perceived as unfair treatment
162. the l_d of a box *n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
163. a mo____d stripe *adj.* marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades
164. de__r at the proposal *v.* to raise objections or show reluctance

ANSWERS: 153. throb, 154. otter, 155. eloquent, 156. atmosphere, 157. gown, 158. caudal, 159. glow, 160. bulb, 161. indignant, 162. lid, 163. mottled, 164. demur

165. speak in an ab___t manner *adj.* sudden and unexpected
166. dr__e a curtain *v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material
167. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
168. by a strange coi_____ce *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
169. 5-finger gl__e *n.* a piece of clothing worn on the hand and wrist for protection against cold, dirt, etc., with separate parts for each finger
170. st__n the carpet *v.* to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove
171. tu___n on head *n.* a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head and sometimes the face
172. the ma_____de of the disaster *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
173. natural sc__t *n.* a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one
174. pe_____e every day *n.* a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin
175. os_____h eggs *n.* a large flightless bird native to Africa with a long neck, legs, and bill

ANSWERS: 165. abrupt, 166. drape, 167. grab, 168. coincidence, 169. glove, 170. stain, 171. turban, 172. magnitude, 173. scent, 174. perfume, 175. ostrich

176. pu__e waves *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
177. in__r the possibility *v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
178. li___r in the mind *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
179. st___y increase *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
180. get in____t access *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
181. fr__k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
182. qu___r with excitement *v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
183. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
184. tr_____us handwriting *adj.* tending to shake or quiver; timid
185. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
186. a convivial atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
187. qu__r fashion *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
188. attempt to pe_____de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

ANSWERS: 176. pulse, 177. infer, 178. linger, 179. steady, 180. instant, 181. freak, 182. quiver, 183. bunch, 184. tremulous, 185. march, 186. atmosphere, 187. queer, 188. persuade

189. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
190. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
191. in____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
192. di____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
193. de__r at the claim *v.* to raise objections or show reluctance
194. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
195. still vi__d in my memory *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
196. a lily b__b *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
197. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
198. st____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
199. di__y lighting *adj.* dark, gloomy, and dirty
200. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

ANSWERS: 189. desire, 190. creditor, 191. inspire, 192. disrupt, 193. demur, 194. suddenly, 195. vivid, 196. bulb, 197. wrap, 198. struggle, 199. dingy, 200. pile

213. a circular mo____nt
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
214. d_m memory
adj. poorly lit; not bright
215. first pa____ph
n. a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
216. an av____e to success
n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
217. a de____ed palace
adj. no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement
218. ungrudging adm____on
n. the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something
219. I was dr__ned in work
v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
220. ra____d clothing
adj. (of clothing) frayed or not in good condition; tattered
221. the story is bi____e
adj. very strange or unusual
222. a right-hand gl__e
n. a piece of clothing worn on the hand and wrist for protection against cold, dirt, etc., with separate parts for each finger
223. s__m the door
v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

ANSWERS: 213. movement, 214. dim, 215. paragraph, 216. avenue, 217. detached, 218. admiration, 219. drown, 220. ragged, 221. bizarre, 222. glove, 223. slam

224. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
225. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
226. di__y apartment *adj.* dark, gloomy, and dirty
227. silk ga_____t *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
228. dis_____on the young *v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed
229. bi_____e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
230. in a ge___e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
231. the th___l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
232. tr_____al islands *adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
233. rel_____ly leave *adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation
234. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

ANSWERS: 224. inspire, 225. sham, 226. dingy, 227. garment, 228. disillusion, 229. bizarre, 230. gentle, 231. thrill, 232. tropical, 233. reluctantly, 234. pile

235. bridal bo____t *n.* a bunch of flowers, especially one presented as a gift or carried at a ceremony
236. hand over a bo____t *n.* a bunch of flowers, especially one presented as a gift or carried at a ceremony
237. pe____de enough people *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
238. de____ed from reality *adj.* no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement
239. ab____e with passion *adj.* on fire; burning brightly
240. im____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
241. to____t seat *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
242. a rock fr__k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
243. colorful dec____ons *n.* the act of adding something that is intended to make something more attractive; an award or honor that is given to someone in recognition of their achievements
244. de____re from tradition *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey

ANSWERS: 235. bouquet, 236. bouquet, 237. persuade, 238. detached, 239. ablaze, 240. immerse, 241. toilet, 242. freak, 243. decoration, 244. departure

245. tr____h of the spirit *n.* a great victory or achievement
246. vi____ty of youth *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
247. fu____e a grounder *v.* to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something
248. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
249. vi____t quartz *adj.* between blue and purple in hue
250. qu____r in the breeze *v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
251. fu____e about in a bag *v.* to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something
252. g__m reality *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
253. hollowed-out ch__k *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
254. l__p hair *adj.* having no strength or energy; walking with difficulty because of pain, injury, or disability in one's leg or foot
255. bl____h color *adj.* having a color that is a shade of blue
256. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
257. re____te defiance *adj.* firm in purpose or belief; determined

ANSWERS: 245. triumph, 246. vitality, 247. fumble, 248. grab, 249. violet, 250. quiver, 251. fumble, 252. grim, 253. cheek, 254. limp, 255. bluish, 256. conversation, 257. resolute

258. the cr__p air of winter *adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
259. re___n our reputation *v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
260. bri_____ly executed *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
261. sky ab___e with stars *adj.* on fire; burning brightly
262. a di_____nt person *adj.* lacking self-confidence; shy
263. ye__n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
264. per_____ve advertising *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
265. conduct a com_____ive survey *adj.* complete and including all or everything necessary
266. mo_____d skin *adj.* marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades
267. d__e of sleep *n.* the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise
268. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
269. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
270. the ground be_____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something

ANSWERS: 258. crisp, 259. regain, 260. brilliantly, 261. ablaze, 262. diffident, 263. yearn, 264. persuasive, 265. comprehensive, 266. mottled, 267. daze, 268. accord, 269. contrast, 270. beneath

271. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
272. s__m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
273. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
274. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
275. em_____ze a direct relationship *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
276. co_____e change *n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation
277. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
278. corporate ma_____er *n.* the process or act of a complete transformation, especially relevant to the appearance of someone or something
279. a g__m-featured man *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
280. an artificial f_r *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
281. at a low e_b *n.* the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede
282. a bo__m friend *n.* a woman's breasts or chest
283. wi_____l feeling *adj.* expressing a feeling of vague, sad, or inconsolable longing

ANSWERS: 271. desire, 272. slam, 273. initially, 274. appreciate, 275. emphasize, 276. costume, 277. replace, 278. makeover, 279. grim, 280. fur, 281. ebb, 282. bosom, 283. wistful

284. a cr__l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
285. pl___e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
286. hu___e in a temporary shelter *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
287. a star of the first ma_____de *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
288. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
289. sh___y appearance *adj.* (of a building or object) in poor condition through age and neglect
290. a weak pu___e *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
291. pl___e of feathers *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
292. ob_____us to our response *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
293. arrive and de___t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
294. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 284. cruel, 285. plunge, 286. huddle, 287. magnitude, 288. assume, 289. shabby, 290. pulse, 291. plume, 292. oblivious, 293. depart, 294. movement

295. container l_d *n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
296. se____t of God *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
297. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
298. g__n from ear to ear *v.* to smile broadly
299. s__k road *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
300. pl__k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
301. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
302. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
303. tr____al cyclones *adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
304. pl__e of smoke *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
305. an av___e of poplars *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

ANSWERS: 295. lid, 296. servant, 297. solid, 298. grin, 299. silk, 300. pluck, 301. flash, 302. gentle, 303. tropical, 304. plume, 305. avenue

306. dis_____on him about reality *v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed
307. a generous bo__m *n.* a woman's breasts or chest
308. in_____nt expression *adj.* angry or resentful at what is perceived as unfair treatment
309. w_x finish *n.* a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (*v.*) to become large
310. gl___e around nervously *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
311. hu___e around the open fire *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
312. cr__p manner *adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
313. s__k fabric *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
314. find unm_____ble evidence *adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
315. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (*n.*) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
316. sc__t memory *n.* a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one

ANSWERS: 306. disillusion, 307. bosom, 308. indignant, 309. wax, 310. glance, 311. huddle, 312. crisp, 313. silk, 314. unmistakable, 315. crack, 316. scent

317. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
318. f__e away almost completely *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
319. w_x and wane *n.* a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large
320. ra____t light *adj.* emitting light or heat; shining brightly
321. in__r quality from price *v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
322. an in____t reply *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay

ANSWERS: 317. cruel, 318. fade, 319. wax, 320. radiant, 321. infer, 322. instant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He played the piano _____ at the concert.
adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
2. She wore a beautiful _____ for the play.
n. a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation
3. Article VII, _____ 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.
n. a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
4. The light _____ has burned out.
n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
5. We have a _____ grasp of this topic.
adj. complete and including all or everything necessary
6. She _____ for the days when things were simpler.
v. to strongly desire or long for something
7. The _____ of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.
n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
8. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.
n. a great victory or achievement

ANSWERS: 1. brilliantly, 2. costume, 3. Paragraph, 4. bulb, 5. comprehensive, 6. yearned, 7. fur, 8. triumph

9. She _____ the flowers off the bush.

- v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

10. The sun was setting, and the sky _____ with beautiful colors.

- v.* to give out a steady, strong light

11. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.

- n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

12. He sniffed the _____ voluptuously.

- n.* a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin

13. Their dream is to buy a _____ house.

- adj.* no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement

14. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.

- n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

15. The playful _____ swam around the river, diving in and out of the water.

- n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas

16. 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

ANSWERS: 9. plucked, 10. glowed, 11. thrill, 12. perfume, 13. detached, 14. rank, 15. otter, 16. silk

17. My initial reaction was to _____.

- v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

18. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

- n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

19. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

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

20. The new homeowners decided to _____ the living room with new furniture.

- v. to provide a room or building with furniture and fittings; to provide something useful or necessary

21. Burglars _____ the store, stealing everything of value.

- v. to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner

22. She _____ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

- v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

23. He sealed the letter with a _____ seal.

- n. a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large

24. The youngster was _____ at by the beast.

- v. to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else

ANSWERS: 17. refuse, 18. freak, 19. grab, 20. furnish, 21. ransacked, 22. slammed, 23. wax, 24. gazed

25. Nerve _____ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.
n. a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
26. The _____ time for the flight is 6:00 am.
n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
27. They explored every _____ they could think of.
n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
28. The bar of soap produced a thick _____ as she washed her hands.
n. a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning
29. The faithful _____ had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.
n. a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
30. That painting is my _____ and I inherited it from my grandmother.
n. the state or fact of owning or having something
31. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.
adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
32. The _____ of people made it hard to move through the crowd.
n. a large crowd of people
33. The truth was more _____ than expected.
adj. very strange or unusual

ANSWERS: 25. impulses, 26. departure, 27. avenue, 28. lather, 29. servant, 30. possession, 31. gentle, 32. throng, 33. bizarre

34. She was mesmerized by the _____ colors.

n. an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain

35. He had a _____ look in his eyes as he remembered the past.

adj. expressing a feeling of vague, sad, or inconsolable longing

36. She looked _____ on her wedding day.

adj. emitting light or heat; shining brightly

37. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

38. The _____ of water is called ice.

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

39. I casually _____ into the small hut.

v. to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

40. Boxing fans often criticize his _____ stance.

adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

41. She gave an _____ speech at the graduation ceremony.

adj. able to speak or write clearly and impressively

42. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.

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

43. The _____ couch had seen better days.

adj. (of a building or object) in poor condition through age and neglect

ANSWERS: 34. rainbow's, 35. wistful, 36. radiant, 37. instant, 38. solid-state, 39. glanced, 40. defensive, 41. eloquent, 42. adapt, 43. shabby

44. She _____ a shawl over her shoulders to keep warm.

- v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

45. The building was _____ with fire.

- adj.* on fire; burning brightly

46. His talent for singing is _____.

- adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand

47. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.

- v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

48. The man _____ her on the street and asked for money.

- v.* to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently

49. The steak was so undercooked that it was almost raw and had a _____ texture.

- adj.* having no strength or energy; walking with difficulty because of pain, injury, or disability in one's leg or foot

50. My memory will _____ but my heart will live on.

- v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

51. The _____ curtains added a touch of elegance to the room.

- n.* plush, smooth fabric with a short pile on one side, typically made of silk, cotton, or a synthetic material

52. The organization finally signed a peace _____.

- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have

ANSWERS: 44. draped, 45. ablaze, 46. unmistakable, 47. contrast, 48. accosted, 49. limp, 50. fade, 51. velvet, 52. accord

53. He carried a knife in his _____.

n. a woman's breasts or chest

54. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

55. She _____ her hair purple for a change.

v. to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance

56. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

57. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

58. The _____ of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

n. the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

59. She looked stunning in her long, flowing _____ at the formal event.

n. a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women

60. The room was filled with beautiful _____ for the wedding reception.

n. the act of adding something that is intended to make something more attractive; an award or honor that is given to someone in recognition of their achievements

ANSWERS: 53. bosom, 54. pigeon, 55. dyed, 56. famine, 57. movement, 58. magnitude, 59. gown, 60. decorations

61. He was _____ when meeting new people, often struggling to make conversation.

adj. lacking self-confidence; shy

62. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.

v. to give or show particular importance to something

63. The sudden, _____ change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

adj. sudden and unexpected

64. The receiver _____ the ball, and the other team recovered it.

v. to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something

65. _____ storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.

adj. originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics

66. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

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

67. She made a _____ impression.

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

68. The data he prepared was completely _____.

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

69. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

adv. based on what you have heard or read

ANSWERS: 61. diffident, 62. emphasize, 63. abrupt, 64. fumbled, 65. Tropical, 66. bunch, 67. vivid, 68. sham, 69. apparently

70. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
- v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
71. The patient's vital signs are _____ indicating a stable condition.
- adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
72. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.
- n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
73. He put on his _____ and tie before leaving for work.
- n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket
74. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.
- adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
75. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.
- adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
76. He _____ himself in his research.
- v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
77. She _____ for a moment before leaving the room.
- v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
78. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.
- v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

ANSWERS: 70. declines, 71. steady, 72. atmosphere, 73. collar, 74. cruel, 75. shocking, 76. immersed, 77. lingered, 78. illustrate

79. She felt _____ with the management and decided to leave.

- v. to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed

80. He was _____ in his determination to succeed.

- adj. firm in purpose or belief; determined

81. The man _____ before opening the door.

- v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

82. Animal desire and preference are always _____ from their behavior.

- v. to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts

83. The company's drastic _____ is well known outside the industry.

- n. the process or act of a complete transformation, especially relevant to the appearance of someone or something

84. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.

- v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

85. The _____ fin of the fish was slightly damaged but still functional.

- adj. pertaining to the tail end of a body

86. We would _____ an early reply.

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

87. Canada _____ on the United States.

- v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

ANSWERS: 79. disillusioned, 80. resolute, 81. paused, 82. inferred, 83. makeover, 84. plunged, 85. caudal, 86. appreciate, 87. bounds

88. The man wore a _____ as part of his traditional cultural attire.

n. a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head and sometimes the face

89. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

90. He gave her a _____ of roses as a gift.

n. a bunch of flowers, especially one presented as a gift or carried at a ceremony

91. The result presented a _____ picture of inefficiency and corruption.

adj. looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

92. He was _____ from the meeting and missed all the important updates.

adj. not present in a particular place at a particular time

93. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

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

94. He was in a _____ from the sudden news and couldn't process it properly.

n. the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise

95. The _____ light made it difficult to read the book.

adj. poorly lit; not bright

96. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.

adv. at the beginning; at first

ANSWERS: 88. turban, 89. marched, 90. bouquet, 91. grim, 92. absent, 93. Wrap, 94. daze, 95. dim, 96. initially

97. Red and _____ are opposites on the color spectrum.

adj. between blue and purple in hue

98. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

99. She hung the wet _____ on the clothesline to dry.

n. a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt

100. The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at _____.

n. the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

101. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

102. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

103. The _____ of freshly baked bread filled the bakery.

n. a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one

104. She wrapped herself in the luxurious _____ coat on the cold winter day.

n. a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe

ANSWERS: 97. violet, 98. suddenly, 99. garment, 100. twilight, 101. assumes, 102. panel, 103. scent, 104. mink

105. The artist received _____ for their work from critics and fans alike.
n. the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something
106. He couldn't help but _____ as he remembered the good times.
v. to smile broadly
107. He was forced to _____ in the dark for the light switch.
v. to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see
108. The flowers had a _____ tint, indicating they needed to be riper.
adj. having a color that is a shade of blue
109. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
110. Her voice was _____ as she spoke in front of a large audience.
adj. tending to shake or quiver; timid
111. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
112. The _____ leaves on the tree indicated a disease.
adj. marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades
113. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 105. admiration, 106. grin, 107. grope, 108. bluish, 109. creditor, 110. tremulous, 111. disrupt, 112. mottled, 113. struggle

114. She was so engrossed in her work that she was _____ to her surroundings.

adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

115. The national election was held amid _____ security.

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

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

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

117. He opened the _____ of the jar to reveal the contents inside.

n. a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container

118. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

119. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

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

120. The old flag was _____ and torn.

adj. (of clothing) frayed or not in good condition; tattered

121. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

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

122. It was a pure _____ that we met her in the library.

n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

ANSWERS: 114. oblivious, 115. tight, 116. desire, 117. lid, 118. piles, 119. rolled, 120. ragged, 121. inspired, 122. coincidence

123. The bird had a beautiful _____ on its head.

- n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

124. The wound continued to _____ with pain, despite the medication.

- v.* to beat with a strong, regular rhythm, as a pulse or a heart

125. The enemy was forced to _____ after a long battle.

- v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority

126. The children _____ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

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

127. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.

- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

128. The hospital provides _____ for patients' families who want to stay overnight.

- n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

129. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

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

130. The archer's hands _____ as he aimed the arrow at the target.

- v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion

131. He made a _____ argument for the new policy.

- adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

ANSWERS: 123. plume, 124. throb, 125. surrender, 126. huddled, 127. drown, 128. cots, 129. crack, 130. quivered, 131. persuasive

132. The new gym membership has improved his _____ and overall health.
n. the state of being strong and active; energy
133. When asked to participate in the project, she _____ saying she was too busy.
v. to raise objections or show reluctance
134. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.
n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
135. She walked to the _____ to freshen up before the meeting.
n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
136. Aging _____ up slowly with time.
v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
137. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
138. She was _____ when she heard the news.
adj. angry or resentful at what is perceived as unfair treatment
139. The farmers raise _____ for their meat, eggs, and feathers.
n. a large flightless bird native to Africa with a long neck, legs, and bill
140. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.
adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

ANSWERS: 132. vitality, 133. demurred, 134. flash, 135. toilet, 136. creeps, 137. replace, 138. indignant, 139. ostriches, 140. beneath

141. She wrapped a _____ around her neck to keep warm.

n. a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons

142. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.

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

143. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

144. He _____ agreed to go to the party.

adv. in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation

145. The behavior of the clown at the party was quite _____.

adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

146. He received the title of the best _____ in all our branches worldwide.

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

147. The curtains were made of a _____ sheer material that let in plenty of light.

adj. thin and translucent; like film

148. He _____ a fire in the fireplace to warm the room.

v. to start a fire; to light

149. She tried to _____ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

ANSWERS: 141. scarf, 142. departed, 143. excuse, 144. reluctantly, 145. queer, 146. salesperson, 147. filmy, 148. kindled, 149. persuade

150. The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your _____.

- n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

151. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

152. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

- v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

153. She was wearing a black _____.

- n.* a piece of clothing worn on the hand and wrist for protection against cold, dirt, etc., with separate parts for each finger

154. The tide was at its _____ revealing the sandy beach.

- n.* the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede

155. He gently touched her apple-red _____ and whispered that he loved her.

- n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw

156. After years of hard work, he finally _____ his financial stability.

- v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away

157. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.

- n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line

ANSWERS: 150. pulse, 151. conversation, 152. highlighted, 153. glove, 154. ebb, 155. cheek, 156. regained, 157. row

158. Every day he wears a _____ white shirt to the office.

adj. hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating

159. The allegations of corruption _____ her reputation, and she struggled to regain public trust.

v. to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove

160. She _____ that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

161. The _____ room needed a fresh coat of paint.

adj. dark, gloomy, and dirty

ANSWERS: 158. crisp, 159. stained, 160. asserted, 161. dingy