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Session 1: Word List

- folk** *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
synonym: community, family, person
(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district
Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.
- lyric** *n.* the words of a pop song
synonym: song, jingle, ballad
(1) **lyrics** of a song, (2) **lyric** poetry
He embedded the strong will in this **lyric**.
- dough** *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
synonym: flour, mix
(1) work **dough**, (2) **dough** for pastry
She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make **dough** for the bread.
- singe** *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
synonym: sear, char, burn
(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

slavery

n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

synonym: bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym: battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

cakewalk

n. an easy task or achievement

synonym: easy task, simple task, straightforward task

(1) **cakewalk** task, (2) **cakewalk** for him

The exam was a **cakewalk** compared to his final exams in college.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

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

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

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**.

statistics

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

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

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment

are genuine problems.

emancipation

n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence

synonym: liberation, freedom, release

(1) self- **emancipation**, (2) history of **emancipation**

His **emancipation** from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

synonym: wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files

He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

genealogy

n. the study of family history and the tracing of lineages

synonym: lineage, ancestry, family history

(1) **genealogy** research, (2) **genealogy** chart

She spent hours tracing her family tree and discovering new information about her **genealogy**.

heterosexual

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

synonym: straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

inheritance

n. the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors

synonym: legacy, estate, heritage

(1) paternal **inheritance**, (2) **inheritance** tax

His vast **inheritance** was equitably divided among the brothers.

immoral

adj. not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality

synonym: unethical, wicked, corrupt

(1) **immoral** behavior, (2) politically **immoral**

It is **immoral** to cheat on a test.

deviant

adj. markedly different or departing from what is normal or expected

synonym: abnormal, unconventional, irregular

(1) **deviant** ideas, (2) **deviant** art

His **deviant** behavior made others uncomfortable, and they avoided him at all costs.

distasteful

adj. unpleasant or offensive to the sense of taste

synonym: unpleasant, unsatisfying, disagreeable

(1) **distasteful** to her, (2) **distasteful** remark

The food served at the dinner party could have been more appealing and **distasteful**.

- gay** *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
synonym : cheerful, lively, joyful
(1) **gay** couple, (2) **gay** rights
The **gay** pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.
- enslave** *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
synonym : coerce, deprive, imprison
(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people
Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.
- assign** *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
synonym : entrust, delegate, designate
(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority
Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.
- harrowing** *adj.* causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
synonym : traumatic, torturous, distressing
(1) **harrowing** battle, (2) **harrowing** journey
Her **harrowing** experience in the war had left her with deep emotional scars.
- congressional** *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
synonym : parliamentary, senatorial, legislative
(1) **congressional** approval, (2) suspend a **congressional** meeting
There was a **congressional** probe into the scandal.
- testimony** *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
synonym : affirmant, evidence, proof
(1) **testimony** before Congress, (2) give his **testimony**
Witness **testimony** backed up the defendant's claims.

- riot**
- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
- synonym*: disturbance, unrest, upheaval
- (1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas
- The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- reconstruction**
- n.* the process of rebuilding or repairing something that has been damaged or destroyed or of restoring something to its original condition
- synonym*: rebuilding, remodeling, renovation
- (1) **reconstruction** aid, (2) **reconstruction** aid
- The government announced a plan for the **reconstruction** of the city's infrastructure.
- galvanize**
- v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
- synonym*: energize, invigorate, motivate
- (1) **galvanize** steel, (2) **galvanize** the country
- The motivational speech **galvanized** the team and gave them the drive to succeed.
- amendment**
- n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
- synonym*: modification, revision, emendation
- (1) constitutional **amendment**, (2) make an **amendment** to a contract
- The opposition politicians jointly proposed an **amendment** to that law.
- citizenship**
- n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
- synonym*: nationality, belonging, residency
- (1) dual **citizenship**, (2) **citizenship** rights
- Her **citizenship** application was denied due to a technical error.

effeminate

adj. having qualities or characteristics traditionally associated with women, especially delicacy, softness, and a lack of strength or assertiveness

synonym : unmanly, delicate, soft

(1) **effeminate** gestures, (2) **effeminate** voice

His **effeminate** mannerisms made others question his masculinity.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym : tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym : donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym : essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym : emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

stonewall

v. to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision

synonym : obstruct, block, impede

(1) **stonewall** the investigation, (2) **stonewall** their attempts

The government **stonewalled** the opposition party's efforts to access information about the project.

uprising

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

synonym : revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**

The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

raid

n. a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft

synonym : attack, invasion, aggression

(1) make a **raid** on an enemy's camp, (2) air- **raid** siren

Throughout the **raid**, the bank robbers wore masks.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

nowhere

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

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

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

acceptance

n. the act of agreeing or approving, or the state of being agreed or approved

synonym: approval, recognition, acknowledgment

(1) a feeling of **acceptance**, (2) a letter of **acceptance**

The **acceptance** of diversity and inclusion is crucial for building a harmonious society.

solidarity

n. unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

synonym: unity, cooperation, mutual support

(1) **solidarity** among union members, (2) **solidarity** action

The workers showed **solidarity** in their strike for better working conditions.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym : certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

parade

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

synonym : procession, march, rally

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

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

commemorate

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

synonym : honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed

The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial

Day.

capitol

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

synonym: government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

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

crown

n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

synonym: tiara, headdress, royalty

(1) the imperial **crown**, (2) the **crown** and throne

The bishop bestowed the golden **crown** on the king.

newfound

adj. newly discovered or acquired

synonym: afresh, new, recently discovered

(1) a **newfound** mine, (2) **newfound** freedom

With his **newfound** wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

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.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

contraction

n. the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount

synonym: shrinking, compression, reduction

(1) **contraction** of a disease, (2) **contraction** in the industry

The **contraction** of the economy has led to job losses.

grand

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

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

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

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

rag

n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

synonym: cloth, fragment

(1) a **rag** of cloud, (2) **rag** doll

He used an old **rag** to clean the grease off the car's engine.

masquerade

n. a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show

synonym: disguise, pretense, facade

(1) show up in a **masquerade**, (2) absurd **masquerade**

The **masquerade** party was lavish, with guests in elaborate costumes and masks.

feminine

adj. relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women

synonym: womanly, womanlike, femalelike

(1) add a **feminine** touch, (2) the sacred **feminine**

The dress mixes sophisticated lines with an appealing floral design for a classically **feminine** style.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;
(verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym: integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

transgender

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

synonym: non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

nonbinary

adj. someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things

synonym: pluralistic, polyphyletic

(1) **nonbinary** gender, (2) **nonbinary** identities

More and more people in various countries believe that the policymaker should change the marriage rules for **nonbinary** people.

homosexual

adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

synonym: gay, same-sex attracted

(1) **homosexual** rights, (2) **homosexual** marriage

The law was repealed to protect the rights of **homosexual** citizens.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

lesbian

n. a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women

synonym: gay woman, female homosexual, tribade

(1) **lesbian** love, (2) **lesbian** relationship

The **lesbian** couple was denied the right to marry due to the conservative laws in their state.

bisexual

adj. attracted to both men and women; capable of having a romantic or sexual attraction to both men and women

synonym: bi, pansexual, omnisexual

(1) **bisexual** orientation, (2) **bisexual** lifestyle

She described herself as **bisexual**, having been in relationships with male and female partners.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**
The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society
Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

identity

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

synonym: character, personality, individuality

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

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym: far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors
The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**
My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

numerous

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number
synonym: many, considerable, countless

(1) **numerous** countries, (2) as **numerous** as the sand
These descriptions are based on a number of **numerous** assumptions.

jail

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

pardon

v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

synonym: forgive, excuse, absolve

(1) **pardon** me, (2) supplicate for **pardon**

The governor decided to **pardon** the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

defend

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

synonym: protect, guard, support

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

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

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

mainstream

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

synonym: prevailing, average, common

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

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

burning

adj. intense or scorching heat

synonym : scorching, blazing, smoldering

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

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

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

ballroom

n. a large room for dancing

synonym : dance hall, assembly hall

(1) **ballroom** dance, (2) **ballroom** floor

The grand **ballroom** was filled with twirling couples and the sound of music.

feat

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

synonym : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

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

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

preside

v. to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

synonym : chair, lead, control

(1) **preside** at the piano, (2) **preside** over ceremony

The **president** will preside over the meeting tomorrow.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym : construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

homage

n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

synonym: respect, deference, reverence

(1) paying **homage** to tradition, (2) vassal **homage**

The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of **homage** to the retiring athlete.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. dis_____ul remark | <i>adj.</i> unpleasant or offensive to the sense of taste |
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32. supplicate for pa___n v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

ANSWERS: 23. define, 24. inspire, 25. testimony, 26. contribution, 27. enslave, 28. eventually, 29. assign, 30. pride, 31. queer, 32. pardon

33. ga_____ze the country
v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
34. sound very te_____ng
adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
35. ne_____nd freedom
adj. newly discovered or acquired
36. the st_____re of a machine
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
37. g_y couple
adj. homosexual; happy, carefree
38. a speech co_____t
n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
39. join the mai_____am
n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
40. constitutional am_____nt
n. the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
41. have a si_____g quarrel
n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
42. hi_____ic accomplishment
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
43. hide his pr___e
n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

ANSWERS: 33. galvanize, 34. tempting, 35. newfound, 36. structure, 37. gay, 38. contest, 39. mainstream, 40. amendment, 41. sibling, 42. historic, 43. pride

44. no_____ry gender *adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
45. qu__r money *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
46. the imperial cr__n *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
47. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
48. tra_____er person *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
49. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
50. no_____ry identities *adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
51. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
52. bu_____g desire *adj.* intense or scorching heat
53. en_____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
54. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary

ANSWERS: 44. nonbinary, 45. queer, 46. crown, 47. highlight, 48. transgender, 49. defend, 50. nonbinary, 51. expand, 52. burning, 53. enslave, 54. crucial

55. politically im_____l *adj.* not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
56. re_____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
57. re_____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
58. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
59. ca_____lk task *n.* an easy task or achievement
60. le_____n relationship *n.* a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women
61. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
62. make an am_____nt to a contract *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
63. pr_____e at the piano *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
64. mai_____am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
65. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
66. violent up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

ANSWERS: 55. immoral, 56. recover, 57. recover, 58. competition, 59. cakewalk, 60. lesbian, 61. highlight, 62. amendment, 63. preside, 64. mainstream, 65. magic, 66. uprising

67. de____t ideas *adj.* markedly different or departing from what is normal or expected
68. a military pa____e *n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
69. id____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
70. ha____ng battle *adj.* causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
71. mistaken id____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
72. de____e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
73. r_g doll *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
74. id____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
75. a close co____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
76. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
77. a feeling of acc____ce *n.* the act of agreeing or approving, or the state of being agreed or approved
78. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 67. deviant, 68. parade, 69. identity, 70. harrowing, 71. identity, 72. define, 73. rag, 74. identify, 75. contest, 76. defend, 77. acceptance, 78. historic

79. do__h for pastry *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
80. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
81. g_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
82. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
83. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
84. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
85. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
86. paying ho___e to tradition *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
87. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
88. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
89. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

ANSWERS: 79. dough, 80. modern, 81. gay, 82. germ, 83. liberate, 84. grand, 85. eventually, 86. homage, 87. honor, 88. adopt, 89. courageous

90. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
91. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
92. self-ema_____ion *n.* the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
93. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
94. dis_____ul to her *adj.* unpleasant or offensive to the sense of taste
95. nu_____us countries *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
96. make a r__d on an enemy's camp *n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
97. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
98. ba_____om dance *n.* a large room for dancing
99. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
100. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
101. rec_____ion aid *n.* the process of rebuilding or repairing something that has been damaged or destroyed or of restoring something to its original condition

ANSWERS: 90. germ, 91. liberate, 92. emancipation, 93. feat, 94. distasteful, 95. numerous, 96. raid, 97. singe, 98. ballroom, 99. contribution, 100. singe, 101. reconstruction

102. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
103. bu____g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat
104. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
105. be in j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
106. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
107. as nu____us as the sand *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
108. con_____nal approval *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
109. work do__h *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
110. hom_____al rights *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
111. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
112. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
113. come out of no____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
114. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
115. la____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree

ANSWERS: 102. grand, 103. burning, 104. adopt, 105. jail, 106. communal, 107. numerous, 108. congressional, 109. dough, 110. homosexual, 111. ancestor, 112. participate, 113. nowhere, 114. feat, 115. largely

116. the nation's ca_____l *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
117. sol_____ty among union members *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
118. con_____on in the industry *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
119. bi_____al orientation *adj.* attracted to both men and women; capable of having a romantic or sexual attraction to both men and women
120. di_____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
121. a r_g of cloud *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
122. paternal inh_____ce *n.* the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors
123. het_____ual relationship *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
124. absurd mas_____de *n.* a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show
125. pr_____e over ceremony *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

ANSWERS: 116. capitol, 117. solidarity, 118. contraction, 119. bisexual, 120. distant, 121. rag, 122. inheritance, 123. heterosexual, 124. masquerade, 125. preside

126. the cr__n and throne *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
127. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
128. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
129. de_____t art *adj.* markedly different or departing from what is normal or expected
130. history of ema_____ion *n.* the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
131. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
132. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
133. tra_____er rights *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
134. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
135. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
136. cit_____ip rights *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
137. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

ANSWERS: 126. crown, 127. courageous, 128. folk, 129. deviant, 130. emancipation, 131. folk, 132. pose, 133. transgender, 134. drag, 135. modern, 136. citizenship, 137. riot

138. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
139. a letter of acc_____ce *n.* the act of agreeing or approving, or the state of being agreed or approved
140. le_____n love *n.* a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women
141. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
142. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
143. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
144. eff_____te gestures *adj.* having qualities or characteristics traditionally associated with women, especially delicacy, softness, and a lack of strength or assertiveness
145. pa____n me *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
146. county j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
147. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
148. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

ANSWERS: 138. statistics, 139. acceptance, 140. lesbian, 141. inspire, 142. celebrate, 143. enormous, 144. effeminate, 145. pardon, 146. jail, 147. president, 148. nowhere

149. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
150. ba_____om floor *n.* a large room for dancing
151. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
152. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
153. ly__cs of a song *n.* the words of a pop song
154. inh_____ce tax *n.* the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors
155. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
156. het_____ual marriage *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
157. st_____ll their attempts *v.* to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision
158. bi_____al lifestyle *adj.* attracted to both men and women; capable of having a romantic or sexual attraction to both men and women
159. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 149. structure, 150. ballroom, 151. drag, 152. ancestor, 153. lyric, 154. inheritance, 155. riot, 156. heterosexual, 157. stonewall, 158. bisexual, 159. competition

160. com_____te her long life *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
161. ge_____gy chart *n.* the study of family history and the tracing of lineages
162. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
163. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
164. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
165. con_____on of a disease *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
166. hom_____al marriage *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
167. add a fe_____ne touch *adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
168. te_____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
169. Ca_____l Hill hearing *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
170. the sacred fe_____ne *adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women

ANSWERS: 160. commemorate, 161. genealogy, 162. president, 163. confident, 164. confident, 165. contraction, 166. homosexual, 167. feminine, 168. tempting, 169. capitol, 170. feminine

171. stage an up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
172. ca_____lk for him *n.* an easy task or achievement
173. a ne_____nd mine *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
174. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
175. ha_____ng journey *adj.* causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
176. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
177. institution of sl_____y *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
178. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
179. im_____l behavior *adj.* not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
180. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
181. te_____ny before Congress *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
182. pa___e route *n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

ANSWERS: 171. uprising, 172. cakewalk, 173. newfound, 174. honor, 175. harrowing, 176. enormous, 177. slavery, 178. celebrate, 179. immoral, 180. largely, 181. testimony, 182. parade

183. ga_____ze steel *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
184. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
185. suspend a con_____nal meeting *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
186. as___n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
187. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
188. vassal ho___e *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
189. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

ANSWERS: 183. galvanize, 184. erase, 185. congressional, 186. assign, 187. magic, 188. homage, 189. bully

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
2. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
3. The _____ of diversity and inclusion is crucial for building a harmonious society.
n. the act of agreeing or approving, or the state of being agreed or approved
4. The bishop bestowed the golden _____ on the king.
n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
5. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
6. Her _____ application was denied due to a technical error.
n. the status of being a member of a particular country
7. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
8. The abolition of _____ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.
n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

ANSWERS: 1. courageous, 2. historic, 3. acceptance, 4. crown, 5. statistics, 6. citizenship, 7. folk, 8. slavery

9. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

10. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

11. The dress mixes sophisticated lines with an appealing floral design for a classically _____ style.

adj. relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women

12. The ___ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

13. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

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

14. The chocolate cake was too _____ for me to resist.

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

15. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

16. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 9. modern, 10. contest, 11. feminine, 12. gay, 13. identity, 14. tempting, 15. recovering, 16. magic

17. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

18. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

19. There was a _____ probe into the scandal.

adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States

20. The _____ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

21. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

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

22. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

23. The motivational speech _____ the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

24. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

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

ANSWERS: 17. bully, 18. largely, 19. congressional, 20. capitol, 21. nowhere, 22. erase, 23. galvanized, 24. feat

25. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.
n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
26. She spent hours tracing her family tree and discovering new information about her _____.
n. the study of family history and the tracing of lineages
27. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
28. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
29. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
30. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
adj. extremely large or great
31. The _____ of the economy has led to job losses.
n. the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
32. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
33. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 25. mainstream, 26. genealogy, 27. highlighted, 28. identify, 29. expand, 30. enormous, 31. contraction, 32. adopted, 33. president

34. The _____ party was lavish, with guests in elaborate costumes and masks.
- n.* a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show
35. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.
- n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
36. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
37. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
38. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.
- v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
39. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
40. The behavior of the clown at the party was quite _____.
- adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
41. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 34. masquerade, 35. contribution, 36. siblings, 37. participated, 38. pose, 39. riots, 40. queer, 41. inspired

42. Witness _____ backed up the defendant's claims.
n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
43. The workers showed _____ in their strike for better working conditions.
n. unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
44. I claim on my _____ that it is true.
n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
45. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
46. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.
adj. intense or scorching heat
47. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.
n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
48. The _____ couple was denied the right to marry due to the conservative laws in their state.
n. a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women
49. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 42. testimony, 43. solidarity, 44. honor, 45. germ, 46. burning, 47. jail, 48. lesbian, 49. competition

50. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
51. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
52. The annual Fourth of July _____ is popular in the town square.
n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
53. These descriptions are based on a number of _____ assumptions.
adj. amounting to a large indefinite number
54. The food served at the dinner party could have been more appealing and _____.
adj. unpleasant or offensive to the sense of taste
55. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
56. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
57. The opposition politicians jointly proposed an _____ to that law.
n. the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
58. His _____ behavior made others uncomfortable, and they avoided him at all costs.
adj. markedly different or departing from what is normal or expected

ANSWERS: 50. singed, 51. define, 52. parade, 53. numerous, 54. distasteful, 55. defend, 56. liberated, 57. amendment, 58. deviant

59. He identified as _____ and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

60. With his _____ wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

adj. newly discovered or acquired

61. The exam was a _____ compared to his final exams in college.

n. an easy task or achievement

62. His vast _____ was equitably divided among the brothers.

n. the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors

63. I'm not _____ in our victory.

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

64. The governor decided to _____ the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime;
(noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

65. The law was repealed to protect the rights of _____ citizens.

adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

66. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

ANSWERS: 59. heterosexual, 60. newfound, 61. cakewalk, 62. inheritance, 63. confident, 64. pardon, 65. homosexual, 66. distant

67. The government _____ the opposition party's efforts to access information about the project.
- v.* to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision
68. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.
- v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
69. His _____ mannerisms made others question his masculinity.
- adj.* having qualities or characteristics traditionally associated with women, especially delicacy, softness, and a lack of strength or assertiveness
70. Her _____ experience in the war had left her with deep emotional scars.
- adj.* causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
71. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
72. It is _____ to cheat on a test.
- adj.* not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
73. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
74. The country _____ the war heroes on Memorial Day.
- v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
75. She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make _____ for the bread.
- n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta

ANSWERS: 67. stonewalled, 68. assign, 69. effeminate, 70. harrowing, 71. eventually, 72. immoral, 73. Communal, 74. commemorated, 75. dough

76. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

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

77. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

78. The _____ will preside over the meeting tomorrow.

v. to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

79. The anti-government _____ was successful in overthrowing the regime.

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

80. Throughout the _____ the bank robbers wore masks.

n. a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft

81. Her beauty _____ me completely.

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

82. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

v. to pull or haul with force

83. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

84. His _____ from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.

n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence

ANSWERS: 76. grand, 77. ancestor, 78. president, 79. uprising, 80. raid, 81. enslaved, 82. dragged, 83. celebrated, 84. emancipation

85. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
86. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.
adj. extremely vital or necessary
87. The government announced a plan for the _____ of the city's infrastructure.
n. the process of rebuilding or repairing something that has been damaged or destroyed or of restoring something to its original condition
88. He embedded the strong will in this _____.
n. the words of a pop song
89. The grand _____ was filled with twirling couples and the sound of music.
n. a large room for dancing
90. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.
n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
91. The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of _____ to the retiring athlete.
n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
92. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.
adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

ANSWERS: 85. structure, 86. crucial, 87. reconstruction, 88. lyric, 89. ballroom, 90. pride, 91. homage, 92. transgender

93. She described herself as _____ having been in relationships with male and female partners.

adj. attracted to both men and women; capable of having a romantic or sexual attraction to both men and women

94. He used an old ____ to clean the grease off the car's engine.

n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

95. More and more people in various countries believe that the policymaker should change the marriage rules for _____ people.

adj. someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things

ANSWERS: 93. bisexual, 94. rag, 95. nonbinary