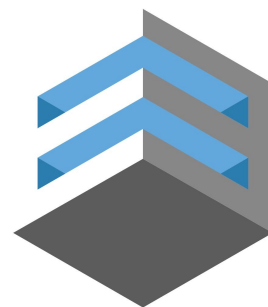


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Session 1: Word List

medieval

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

synonym : gothic, knightly, antique

(1) **medieval** times, (2) **medieval** history

Only the **medieval** tower remained standing.

unbathed

adj. not having had a bath or shower; not having been washed or cleaned

synonym : unclean, unwashed, dirty

(1) **unbathed** person, (2) **unbathed** clothes

The athlete's **unbathed** and smelly gear needed to be washed urgently.

wield

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

synonym : exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence

They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

knight

n. a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit

synonym : noble, cavalier, chevalier

(1) the black **knight**, (2) white **knight**

In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the **knight** to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

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.

chastity

n. the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty

synonym : purity, abstinence, virginity

(1) **chastity** belt, (2) purity and **chastity**

Some cultures see **chastity** as a virtue and practice abstinence before marriage.

belt

v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

synonym : sing, hit hard, (noun) strap

(1) **belt** him in the face, (2) leather **belt**

The band was **belting** out old songs in response to audience requests.

maid

n. a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work

synonym : servant, housekeeper, domestic

(1) **maid** service, (2) a waiting **maid**

The live-in **maid** came in to clean the room every day.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

foe

n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another

synonym: enemy, adversary, opponent

(1) a political **foe**, (2) bitter **foe**

The superhero's arch- **foe** was an evil mastermind who always got away.

grisly

adj. causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality

synonym: gruesome, horrific, ghastly

(1) **grisly** death, (2) **grisly** details

The **grisly** scene of the crime horrified the witnesses.

gadget

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

synonym: appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym: fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

timespan

n. the length of time that something lasts or exists; a period of time between two events

synonym: period, length of time, duration

(1) the **timespan** for the loan, (2) **timespan** of history

The **timespan** between the dinosaurs and the present is over 65 million years.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

traditionally

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

synonym: conventionally, commonly, generally

(1) **traditionally** accepted concept, (2) **traditionally** sung at a banquet

Traditionally, the ceremony was held outdoors.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

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

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

misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
synonym: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

ignorant

adj. lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

synonym: uninformed, uneducated, unaware

(1) **ignorant** remark, (2) blissfully **ignorant**

He was **ignorant** of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym: knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

biography

n. the story of a person's life written by someone else

synonym: bio, memoir, life history

(1) **biography** of an actor, (2) medical **biography**

This is a well-recorded **biography**.

incorrect

adj. not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate

synonym: unsound, wrong, inaccurate

(1) make an **incorrect** report, (2) an **incorrect** translation

He found my English sentences are **incorrect**.

purported

adj. claimed or alleged, usually without proof or confirmation; rumored or supposed; asserted but not verified or

substantiated

synonym: alleged, claimed, supposed

(1) **purported** evidence, (2) **purported** biography

The **purported** benefits of the new product were not supported by research.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym: professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym: cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

sphere

n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

synonym: ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym: incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

monastery

n. a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship

synonym: abbey, convent, friary

(1) **monastery** garden, (2) leave a **monastery**

This ancient **monastery** was founded in the 13th century and had a long history of religious devotion.

convent

n. a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym: abbey, monastery, nunnery

(1) **convent** school, (2) nunnery **convent**

The old **convent** was converted into a hotel and retained some original features.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

spice

n. a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food

synonym: seasoning, flavoring, condiment

(1) **spice** recipe, (2) **spice** flavor

He added a pinch of **spice** to the stew to flavor it.

misinterpret

v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way

synonym: misunderstand, falsify, misconstrue

(1) **misinterpret** the purpose, (2) **misinterpret** the data

He **misinterpreted** her statement and got the wrong idea.

recipe

n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

synonym: instructions, formula, method

(1) **recipe** book, (2) **recipe** collection

The **recipe** for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

putrid

adj. decaying or rotting and emitting a foul or offensive odor; morally corrupt, foul, or depraved; repulsive or disgusting

synonym : rotten, decaying, decomposing

(1) turn **putrid**, (2) **putrid** atmosphere

I had to throw away the **putrid** food in the fridge because it had gone bad.

regularly

adv. at regular intervals or times

synonym : repeatedly, routinely, usually

(1) **regularly** arranged, (2) post **regularly** to a blog

This site **regularly** shares high-quality academic materials.

consume

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

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

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

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

rancid

adj. having a bad taste or smell because it is old and no longer fresh

synonym : spoiled, stale, putrid

(1) turn **rancid**, (2) **rancid** oil

The food had a **rancid** smell and was inedible.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

pricy

adj. expensive or costly; having a high price or worth

synonym : expensive, costly, dear

(1) **pricy** hotel, (2) **pricy** gift

The restaurant had **pricy** menu items, but the food was worth it.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

unspoiled

adj. not spoiled or corrupted; not changed for the worse
synonym: pristine, untouched, unaltered

(1) **unspoiled** area, (2) **unspoiled** environment

The **unspoiled** beauty of the wilderness was a sight to behold.

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.

boast

v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

synonym: show off, brag, bluster

(1) **boast** of his success, (2) **boast** a long history

This town **boasts** a national park.

bathhouse

n. a public establishment where people can take baths or showers, often including other amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, or swimming pools

synonym: spa, sauna, steam room

(1) Turkish **bathhouse**, (2) a public **bathhouse**

After a long day of work, she went to the **bathhouse** to relax in the sauna and hot tub.

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.

ash

n. the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation

synonym : cinder, soot, dust

(1) **ash** tree, (2) soda **ash**

The volcanic **ash** covered the island after the eruption.

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.

herb

n. a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes

synonym : plant, weed, shrub

(1) **herb** garden, (2) **herb** spices

Rosemary is a fragrant **herb** commonly used in cooking.

scrub

v. to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent

synonym : clean, wash, sanitize

(1) **scrub** off graffiti, (2) **scrub** dirt from potatoes

She decided to **scrub** the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt and grime.

powder

n. a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles

synonym : dust, crumb, grain

(1) **powder** additive, (2) curry **powder**

She used a **powder** brush to apply her foundation evenly.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

allegedly

adv. according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly

synonym : supposedly, reputedly

(1) **allegedly** guilty, (2) **allegedly** behind the plot

He **allegedly** stole money from the company.

relic

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

synonym : whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

barbarous

adj. extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement

synonym : barbaric, savage, cruel

(1) **barbarous** behavior, (2) **barbarous** language

Human rights groups condemned the **barbarous** treatment of prisoners.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

spike

n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

synonym : end, spindle, point

(1) to **spike**, (2) to prevent blood sugar **spikes**

The recent **spike** in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym: cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

indication

n. a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur

synonym: clue, hint, inkling

(1) **indication** of inflation, (2) environmental **indication**

Faces are a good **indication** of age.

anguish

n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony

synonym: distress, torment, agony

(1) **anguish** and pain, (2) emotional **anguish**

She suffered from a deep sense of **anguish** following the loss of her loved one.

ostensible

adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden

synonym: apparent, seeming, supposed

(1) **ostensible** reason, (2) **ostensible** explanation

The **ostensible** purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

gruesome

adj. causing horror or disgust

synonym : appalling, horrific, terrible

(1) hear **gruesome** details, (2) **gruesome** accident

The **gruesome** crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.

imprisonment

n. the state of being confined to a prison or jail; a sentence of confinement as a punishment for a crime

synonym : incarceration, confinement, detention

(1) **imprisonment** at hard labor, (2) life **imprisonment**

The judge handed down a sentence of **imprisonment** for the convicted criminal.

humiliation

n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

synonym : mortification, degradation, embarrassment

(1) an intolerable **humiliation**, (2) a taste of **humiliation**

His public **humiliation** resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.

corporal

n. a non-commissioned officer in the military, particularly in the army; a punishment administered in the military that involves physical exercise or beating

synonym : soldier, serviceman, private

(1) **corporal** punishment, (2) **corporal** body

As a **corporal** in the army, he was responsible for leading a small team of soldiers.

execution

n. the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty

synonym : carrying out, implementation, completion

(1) compulsory **execution**, (2) **execution** by injection

The **execution** of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

treason

n. the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

synonym : betrayal, disloyalty, sedition

(1) high **treason**, (2) arrested for **treason**

The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of **treason** against the state.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

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

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

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

jest

n. playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark

synonym : joke, laugh, prank

(1) crack a **jest**, (2) a harmless **jest**

His jokes and **jest**s always had us laughing until our stomachs hurt.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym : hidden, imperceptible, unseen

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

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

satire

n. a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

synonym : irony, mockery, ridicule

(1) **satire** magazine, (2) a pungent **satire**

The comedian's **satire** on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym : alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

pejorative

adj. expressing contempt, disapproval, or criticism; derogatory; having a negative connotation or intended to belittle or demean

synonym : derogatory, insulting, disrespectful

(1) **pejorative** language, (2) **pejorative** term

The coach's **pejorative** comments about the team's effort were unhelpful and demotivating.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

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.

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym: acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

dedication

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

synonym: devotion, faithfulness, loyalty

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

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

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

superstitious

adj. believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis

synonym : irrational, unfounded, mystical

(1) **superstitious** fear, (2) **superstitious** behavior

Some people are **superstitious** and believe in good luck charms and omens.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

synonym : illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym : separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis

for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

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.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym : the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

chivalry

n. the medieval knightly system of ethics and honor, especially concerning bravery, courtesy, and protection of the weak

synonym : gallantry, bravery, noble conduct

(1) **chivalry** code, (2) romance of **chivalry**

The knight's display of **chivalry** impressed the princess.

minimal

adj. tiny in amount; the least possible

synonym : tiniest, essential, minimum

(1) **minimal** effort, (2) **minimal** amount

The process was carried out at **minimal** cost.

warfare

n. the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

synonym : combat, fighting, conflict

(1) **warfare** aircraft, (2) spiritual **warfare**

The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with

both sides using modern **warfare** tactics.

large-scale

adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

synonym : big, massive, grand

(1) **large-scale** project, (2) **large-scale** agriculture

The company is planning to make a **large-scale** expansion of its factory.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym : dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

byzantine

adj. characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand

synonym : complex, convoluted, labyrinthine

(1) **Byzantine** rites, (2) **Byzantine** art

The **Byzantine** Empire was known for its complex political system and culture.

merchant

n. a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

synonym : dealer, trader, retailer

(1) **merchant** bank, (2) agricultural **merchant**

This shipping company has several hundred **merchant** ships.

intellect

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

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym: manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym: different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

cohesive

adj. causing cohesion; bringing people or things together

synonym: sticky, close-knit, well-integrated

(1) **cohesive** ability, (2) highly **cohesive** group

He skillfully combines these fragments into a **cohesive** whole.

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.

duel

n. formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge

synonym: contest, fight, competition

(1) sword **duel**, (2) **duel** for honor

The **duel** between the two rival knights was a spectacle to see.

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym: energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym: fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. lar_____le project *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
2. tra_____lly sung at a banquet *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
3. time-saving ga____t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
4. br____h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
5. purity and ch_____ty *n.* the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty
6. sp__e flavor *n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
7. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
8. mi_____l effort *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible
9. ed_____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
10. an intolerable hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
11. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 1. large-scale, 2. traditionally, 3. gadget, 4. breath, 5. chastity, 6. spice, 7. afford, 8. minimal, 9. educated, 10. humiliation, 11. Christ

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| 12. sword d__l | <i>n.</i> formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge |
| 13. common in _____on | <i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing |
| 14. soda a_h | <i>n.</i> the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation |
| 15. mis_____ret the data | <i>v.</i> to understand or explain something in the wrong way |
| 16. a handy ga___t | <i>n.</i> a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job |
| 17. to sp__e | <i>n.</i> a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something |
| 18. enrich my in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 19. v__y according to the age | <i>v.</i> to become different in terms of size, shape, etc. |
| 20. bi_____hy of an actor | <i>n.</i> the story of a person's life written by someone else |
| 21. mo_____ry garden | <i>n.</i> a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship |

ANSWERS: 12. duel, 13. invention, 14. ash, 15. misinterpret, 16. gadget, 17. spike, 18. intellect, 19. vary, 20. biography, 21. monastery

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| 22. crack a j__t | <i>n.</i> playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark |
| 23. pre-mo___n agricultural society | <i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times |
| 24. biomass f__l | <i>n.</i> a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy |
| 25. pr__y hotel | <i>adj.</i> expensive or costly; having a high price or worth |
| 26. re___e collection | <i>n.</i> a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking |
| 27. environmental ind_____on | <i>n.</i> a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur |
| 28. a civil en_____er | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software |
| 29. medical bi_____hy | <i>n.</i> the story of a person's life written by someone else |
| 30. holy re__cs | <i>n.</i> an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value |
| 31. an instrument of to_____e | <i>n.</i> the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason |
| 32. or___n of information | <i>n.</i> the first existence or beginning of something |
| 33. expel a di_____at | <i>n.</i> a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations |

ANSWERS: 22. jest, 23. modern, 24. fuel, 25. pricy, 26. recipe, 27. indication, 28. engineer, 29. biography, 30. relic, 31. torture, 32. origin, 33. diplomat

34. bo__t of his success *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
35. st____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
36. leave a mo____ry *n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
37. em____ze a direct relationship *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
38. ded____on ceremony *n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important
39. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
40. agricultural me____nt *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
41. personal na____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
42. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
43. re____e book *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

ANSWERS: 34. boast, 35. stretch, 36. monastery, 37. emphasize, 38. dedication, 39. violent, 40. merchant, 41. narrative, 42. fuel, 43. recipe

44. a waiting m__d *n.* a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work
45. compulsory ex_____on *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
46. gr___y details *adj.* causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
47. un_____ed person *adj.* not having had a bath or shower; not having been washed or cleaned
48. Turkish ba_____se *n.* a public establishment where people can take baths or showers, often including other amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, or swimming pools
49. ro_____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
50. d__l for honor *n.* formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge
51. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
52. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
53. sc__b off graffiti *v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent

ANSWERS: 44. maid, 45. execution, 46. grisly, 47. unbathed, 48. bathhouse, 49. romantic, 50. duel, 51. specifically, 52. fantasy, 53. scrub

54. sc__t memory *n.* a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one
55. la___r of foam *n.* a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning
56. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
57. high tr_____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
58. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
59. leather b__t *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
60. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
61. ra___d oil *adj.* having a bad taste or smell because it is old and no longer fresh
62. a harmless j__t *n.* playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark
63. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

ANSWERS: 54. scent, 55. lather, 56. probable, 57. treason, 58. torture, 59. belt, 60. fiction, 61. rancid, 62. jest, 63. interaction

64. co____ve ability *adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
65. ded_____on to public service *n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important
66. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
67. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
68. ba_____us behavior *adj.* extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement
69. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
70. ind_____on of inflation *n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur
71. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
72. un_____ed clothes *adj.* not having had a bath or shower; not having been washed or cleaned
73. mis_____ret the purpose *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
74. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
75. arrested for tr_____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

ANSWERS: 64. cohesive, 65. dedication, 66. narrative, 67. engineer, 68. barbarous, 69. invisible, 70. indication, 71. violent, 72. unbathed, 73. misinterpret, 74. enlightenment, 75. treason

76. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
77. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
78. sa___e magazine *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
79. hold your br___h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
80. emotional an_____h *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
81. po___r additive *n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles
82. sup_____ous fear *adj.* believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis
83. natural sc__t *n.* a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one
84. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
85. a gr_____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

ANSWERS: 76. vary, 77. fascinate, 78. satire, 79. breath, 80. anguish, 81. powder, 82. superstitious, 83. scent, 84. invention, 85. gradual

86. pu___d atmosphere *adj.* decaying or rotting and emitting a foul or offensive odor; morally corrupt, foul, or depraved; repulsive or disgusting
87. pu_____ed evidence *adj.* claimed or alleged, usually without proof or confirmation; rumored or supposed; asserted but not verified or substantiated
88. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
89. ch_____ty belt *n.* the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty
90. highly co_____ve group *adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
91. By_____ne art *adj.* characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand
92. b__t him in the face *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
93. ba_____us language *adj.* extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement
94. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 86. putrid, 87. purported, 88. isolate, 89. chastity, 90. cohesive, 91. byzantine, 92. belt, 93. barbarous, 94. defend

95. creamy la___r *n.* a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning
96. co____al body *n.* a non-commissioned officer in the military, particularly in the army; a punishment administered in the military that involves physical exercise or beating
97. gr___y death *adj.* causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
98. imp_____ent at hard labor *n.* the state of being confined to a prison or jail; a sentence of confinement as a punishment for a crime
99. romance of ch____ry *n.* the medieval knightly system of ethics and honor, especially concerning bravery, courtesy, and protection of the weak
100. sp___e of influence *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
101. co____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
102. di____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
103. turn ra___d *adj.* having a bad taste or smell because it is old and no longer fresh
104. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

ANSWERS: 95. lather, 96. corporal, 97. grisly, 98. imprisonment, 99. chivalry, 100. sphere, 101. consume, 102. distinct, 103. rancid, 104. depict

105. white kn___t *n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
106. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
107. to prevent blood sugar sp__es *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
108. ed____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
109. hear gr____me details *adj.* causing horror or disgust
110. sc__b dirt from potatoes *v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
111. human in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
112. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
113. sp__e recipe *n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
114. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
115. mi____l amount *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible

ANSWERS: 105. knight, 106. defend, 107. spike, 108. educated, 109. gruesome, 110. scrub, 111. intellect, 112. fabric, 113. spice, 114. bias, 115. minimal

116. dispel the mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
117. life imp_____ent *n.* the state of being confined to a prison or jail; a sentence of confinement as a punishment for a crime
118. me_____nt bank *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
119. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
120. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
121. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
122. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
123. di_____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
124. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
125. make an in_____ct report *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
126. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 116. misconception, 117. imprisonment, 118. merchant, 119. define, 120. Renaissance, 121. preserve, 122. myth, 123. distinct, 124. ancient, 125. incorrect, 126. mention

127. mil_____um bottle of wine
n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
128. a taste of hum_____on
n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
129. me_____al history
adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
130. di_____e backgrounds
adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
131. irr_____al numbers
adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
132. ti_____an of history
n. the length of time that something lasts or exists; a period of time between two events
133. the ti_____an for the loan
n. the length of time that something lasts or exists; a period of time between two events
134. al_____ly behind the plot
adv. according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly
135. non-fi_____n bestseller
n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
136. re_____ly arranged
adv. at regular intervals or times
137. teaching of Ch____t
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 127. millennium, 128. humiliation, 129. medieval, 130. diverse, 131. irrational, 132. timespan, 133. timespan, 134. allegedly, 135. fiction, 136. regularly, 137. Christ

138. co_____t school *n.* a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
139. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
140. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
141. spiritual enl_____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
142. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
143. noted sc_____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
144. an_____h and pain *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
145. pu_____ed biography *adj.* claimed or alleged, usually without proof or confirmation; rumored or supposed; asserted but not verified or substantiated
146. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
147. a hand-loomed fa____c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
148. blissfully ig_____nt *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

ANSWERS: 138. convent, 139. bias, 140. consume, 141. enlightenment, 142. fascinate, 143. scholar, 144. anguish, 145. purported, 146. isolate, 147. fabric, 148. ignorant

149. h__b spices *n.* a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes
150. sc____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
151. ex_____on by injection *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
152. bitter f_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
153. expansion of the un____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
154. st____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
155. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
156. spiritual wa____e *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
157. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
158. nunnery co____t *n.* a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
159. a public ba____se *n.* a public establishment where people can take baths or showers, often including other amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, or swimming pools

ANSWERS: 149. herb, 150. scholar, 151. execution, 152. foe, 153. universe, 154. stretch, 155. depict, 156. warfare, 157. probable, 158. convent, 159. bathhouse

170. achieve the hi____ic feat	<i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so
171. un_____ed environment	<i>adj.</i> not spoiled or corrupted; not changed for the worse
172. em_____ze her words	<i>v.</i> to give or show particular importance to something
173. allied di_____at	<i>n.</i> a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
174. ost_____le explanation	<i>adj.</i> appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
175. af____d a high travel cost	<i>v.</i> to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
176. al_____ly guilty	<i>adv.</i> according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly
177. racial or____n	<i>n.</i> the first existence or beginning of something
178. gr_____me accident	<i>adj.</i> causing horror or disgust
179. end of the first qu_____r	<i>n.</i> one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
180. post re_____ly to a blog	<i>adv.</i> at regular intervals or times
181. ch_____ry code	<i>n.</i> the medieval knightly system of ethics and honor, especially concerning bravery, courtesy, and protection of the weak

ANSWERS: 170. historic, 171. unspoiled, 172. emphasize, 173. diplomat, 174. ostensible, 175. afford, 176. allegedly, 177. origin, 178. gruesome, 179. quarter, 180. regularly, 181. chivalry

192. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
193. me____al times *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
194. a person of di____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
195. cel____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
196. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
197. cel____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
198. an in____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
199. an irr____al request *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
200. designed spe____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
201. curry po___r *n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles
202. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
203. ig____nt remark *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

ANSWERS: 192. myth, 193. medieval, 194. diverse, 195. celebrated, 196. define, 197. celebrated, 198. invisible, 199. irrational, 200. specifically, 201. powder, 202. rot, 203. ignorant

204. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
205. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
206. ro_____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
207. sup_____ous behavior *adj.* believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis
208. pr___y gift *adj.* expensive or costly; having a high price or worth
209. an in_____ct translation *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
210. a pungent sa___e *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
211. co_____al punishment *n.* a non-commissioned officer in the military, particularly in the army; a punishment administered in the military that involves physical exercise or beating
212. wa_____e aircraft *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

ANSWERS: 204. millennium, 205. modern, 206. romantic, 207. superstitious, 208. pricy, 209. incorrect, 210. satire, 211. corporal, 212. warfare

213. wi__d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
214. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
215. By_____ne rites *adj.* characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand
216. theory of the un____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
217. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
218. fa____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
219. lar_____le agriculture *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
220. a_h tree *n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation
221. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

ANSWERS: 213. wield, 214. ancient, 215. byzantine, 216. universe, 217. rot, 218. fantasy, 219. large-scale, 220. ash, 221. nationalist

222. turn pu___d

adj. decaying or rotting and emitting a foul or offensive odor; morally corrupt, foul, or depraved; repulsive or disgusting

223. commonly held mis_____ion

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

224. pej_____ve term

adj. expressing contempt, disapproval, or criticism; derogatory; having a negative connotation or intended to belittle or demean

ANSWERS: 222. putrid, 223. misconception, 224. pejorative

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He added a pinch of _____ to the stew to flavor it.
n. a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
2. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.
v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
3. The knight's display of _____ impressed the princess.
n. the medieval knightly system of ethics and honor, especially concerning bravery, courtesy, and protection of the weak
4. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.
adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes
5. We are very impressed with your strong _____ to quality.
n. a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important
6. I had to throw away the _____ food in the fridge because it had gone bad.
adj. decaying or rotting and emitting a foul or offensive odor; morally corrupt, foul, or depraved; repulsive or disgusting
7. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.
adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type
8. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.
adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

ANSWERS: 1. spice, 2. preserve, 3. chivalry, 4. celebrated, 5. dedication, 6. putrid, 7. distinct, 8. gradual

9. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

10. She researched gender _____ in politics.

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

11. As a _____ in the army, he was responsible for leading a small team of soldiers.

n. a non-commissioned officer in the military, particularly in the army; a punishment administered in the military that involves physical exercise or beating

12. The athlete's _____ and smelly gear needed to be washed urgently.

adj. not having had a bath or shower; not having been washed or cleaned

13. Some people are _____ and believe in good luck charms and omens.

adj. believing in or influenced by superstitions, which are usually based on irrational or supernatural beliefs; showing excessive reverence for traditional or cultural beliefs that lack a rational basis

14. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

15. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

16. She used a _____ brush to apply her foundation evenly.

n. a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles

ANSWERS: 9. modern, 10. bias, 11. corporal, 12. unbathed, 13. superstitious, 14. mentioned, 15. stretch, 16. powder

17. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
18. The superhero's arch-____ was an evil mastermind who always got away.
- n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
19. The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of _____ against the state.
- n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
20. He found my English sentences are _____.
- adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
21. After a long day of work, she went to the _____ to relax in the sauna and hot tub.
- n.* a public establishment where people can take baths or showers, often including other amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, or swimming pools
22. Rosemary is a fragrant ____ commonly used in cooking.
- n.* a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes
23. The _____ of freshly baked bread filled the bakery.
- n.* a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one
24. The volcanic ____ covered the island after the eruption.
- n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation

ANSWERS: 17. engineer, 18. foe, 19. treason, 20. incorrect, 21. bathhouse, 22. herb, 23. scent, 24. ash

25. Our world is in the third _____.

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

26. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

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

v. to give or show particular importance to something

28. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

29. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

30. The _____ between the two rival knights was a spectacle to see.

n. formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge

31. There are numerous _____ about food and health.

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

32. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 25. millennium, 26. historic, 27. emphasize, 28. invention, 29. scholar, 30. duel, 31. misconceptions, 32. universe

33. He _____ stole money from the company.

adv. according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly

34. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

36. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

37. This shipping company has several hundred _____ ships.

n. a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

38. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

39. His public _____ resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.

n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

40. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

41. He skillfully combines these fragments into a _____ whole.

adj. causing cohesion; bringing people or things together

ANSWERS: 33. allegedly, 34. ancient, 35. probable, 36. vary, 37. merchant, 38. myth, 39. humiliation, 40. fuel, 41. cohesive

42. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

43. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

44. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

45. _____ the ceremony was held outdoors.

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

46. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

47. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

48. This bronze sword is a _____ of ancient times.

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

49. The _____ purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.

adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden

ANSWERS: 42. Christmas, 43. violent, 44. fabrics, 45. Traditionally, 46. nationalist, 47. specifically, 48. relic, 49. ostensible

50. Faces are a good _____ of age.

n. a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur

51. The _____ beauty of the wilderness was a sight to behold.

adj. not spoiled or corrupted; not changed for the worse

52. The live-in _____ came in to clean the room every day.

n. a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work

53. They _____ enormous power and influence.

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

54. The _____ of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.

n. the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty

55. The _____ Empire was known for its complex political system and culture.

adj. characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand

56. It was his first _____ love.

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

57. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

58. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

ANSWERS: 50. indication, 51. unspoiled, 52. maid, 53. wielded, 54. execution, 55. Byzantine, 56. romantic, 57. interaction, 58. renaissance

59. The _____ scene of the crime horrified the witnesses.

adj. causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality

60. The coach's _____ comments about the team's effort were unhelpful and demotivating.

adj. expressing contempt, disapproval, or criticism; derogatory; having a negative connotation or intended to belittle or demean

61. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

62. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

63. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will ____.

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

64. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

65. I found the kitchen _____ that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

66. The company is planning to make a _____ expansion of its factory.

adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

67. Some cultures see _____ as a virtue and practice abstinence before marriage.

n. the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty

ANSWERS: 59. grisly, 60. pejorative, 61. irrational, 62. depicted, 63. rot, 64. enlightenment, 65. gadget, 66. large-scale, 67. chastity

68. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

69. 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.

70. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

71. This is a well-recorded _____.

n. the story of a person's life written by someone else

72. This town _____ a national park.

v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

73. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

74. He cannot _____ a holiday.

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

75. The food had a _____ smell and was inedible.

adj. having a bad taste or smell because it is old and no longer fresh

76. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.

adj. having received a high standard of education

ANSWERS: 68. torture, 69. defend, 70. breath, 71. biography, 72. boasts, 73. invisible, 74. afford, 75. rancid, 76. educated

77. She suffered from a deep sense of _____ following the loss of her loved one.
n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
78. The _____ benefits of the new product were not supported by research.
adj. claimed or alleged, usually without proof or confirmation; rumored or supposed; asserted but not verified or substantiated
79. The band was _____ out old songs in response to audience requests.
v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
80. The _____ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.
n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
81. Human rights groups condemned the _____ treatment of prisoners.
adj. extremely brutal, savage, or cruel; uncivilized, primitive, or lacking refinement
82. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.
adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
83. You should not _____ them from the community.
v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
84. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

ANSWERS: 77. anguish, 78. purported, 79. belting, 80. sphere, 81. barbarous, 82. diverse, 83. isolate, 84. narrative

85. The comedian's _____ on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.
- n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
86. The recent _____ in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.
- n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
87. The _____ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.
- n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
88. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
- n.* the first existence or beginning of something
89. She decided to _____ the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt and grime.
- v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
90. He was _____ of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.
- adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
91. In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the _____ to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.
- n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit

ANSWERS: 85. satire, 86. spike, 87. recipe, 88. origin, 89. scrub, 90. ignorant, 91. knight

92. Truth is stranger than _____.

- n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

93. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

- n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

94. The _____ crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.

- adj.* causing horror or disgust

95. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

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

96. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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

97. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

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

98. The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern _____ tactics.

- n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

99. Only the _____ tower remained standing.

- adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

ANSWERS: 92. fiction, 93. quarter, 94. gruesome, 95. define, 96. intellect, 97. consume, 98. warfare, 99. medieval

100. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
- n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
101. The old _____ was converted into a hotel and retained some original features.
- n.* a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
102. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.
- adv.* at regular intervals or times
103. 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
104. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.
- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
105. The process was carried out at _____ cost.
- adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible
106. The magic tricks _____ the children.
- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
107. His jokes and _____ always had us laughing until our stomachs hurt.
- n.* playful or humorous activity or behavior; a joke or amusing remark

ANSWERS: 100. diplomat, 101. convent, 102. regularly, 103. lather, 104. fantasy, 105. minimal, 106. fascinated, 107. jests

108. The restaurant had _____ menu items, but the food was worth it.

adj. expensive or costly; having a high price or worth

109. This ancient _____ was founded in the 13th century and had a long history of religious devotion.

n. a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship

110. The judge handed down a sentence of _____ for the convicted criminal.

n. the state of being confined to a prison or jail; a sentence of confinement as a punishment for a crime

111. The _____ between the dinosaurs and the present is over 65 million years.

n. the length of time that something lasts or exists; a period of time between two events

112. He _____ her statement and got the wrong idea.

v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way

ANSWERS: 108. pricy, 109. monastery, 110. imprisonment, 111. timespan, 112. misinterpreted