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Session 1: Word List

shield

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

synonym: guard, protection, safeguard

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

gorgon

n. in Greek mythology, a female creature with snakes for hair whose gaze turned people to stone; something or someone that causes terror or fear

synonym: medusa, monster, demon

(1) **gorgon** hair, (2) **gorgon** stone

After that last exam, the professor was a total **gorgon** to anyone who tried to ask for clarification.

stone-cold

adj. without emotion or feeling; cold-blooded or unfeeling; completely still or motionless

synonym: frigid, frozen, icy

(1) **stone-cold** sober, (2) **stone-cold** killer

The suspect's **stone-cold** demeanor during the trial was unsettling.

gaze

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

synonym : stare, gawk, look

(1) **gaze** steadily at his face, (2) **gaze** absently out a window
The youngster was **gazed** at by the beast.

creep

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

synonym : crawl, glide, encroach

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

cave

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

synonym : cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**
Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

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.

movement

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

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops
The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

sickle

n. a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated

with harvest or death

synonym : scythe, crescent, cutter

(1) **sickle-shaped** moon, (2) harvest **sickle**

The blade of the **sickle** glinted in the sunlight as he swung it back and forth.

roll

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

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

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

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

giant

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

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

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

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

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.

magnificent

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

synonym : splendid, brilliant, exquisite

(1) a **magnificent** plan, (2) a **magnificent** mountain

The **magnificent** scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

swift

adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

synonym : quick, speedy, brisk

(1) take **swift** action, (2) a **swift** current of a river

Her voice was **swift**, yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.

steed

n. a horse, especially a riding horse or one used in battle
synonym : horse, mount, charger

(1) a matchless **steed**, (2) black **steed**

The knight rode his trusty **steed** into battle.

stomp

v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

synonym : trample, tread, dance

(1) **stomp** off to the room, (2) **stomp** on his foot

The children **stomped** their feet in time to the music.

hoof

n. the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle

synonym : foot, paw

(1) **hoof** mark, (2) clean **hoof**

The horse's **hoof** was injured and needed to be treated by a veterinarian.

alter

v. to cause to change or make different

synonym : change, vary, adjust

(1) **alter** a decision, (2) **alter** data in a file

The design of the webpage has **altered** slightly.

stream

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

synonym : flow, current, brook

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

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

bridle

n. a headgear used to control a horse, consisting of a set of straps that fit around the head, often including a bit and reins; figuratively, a means of restraint or control over something, typically one's words or actions

synonym : restraint, halter, headgear

(1) put a **bridle** on my tongue, (2) **bridle** horses

The horse would not cooperate and constantly fought against the **bridle**.

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**
Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

exceed

v. to surpass or go beyond a limit, expectation, or requirement; to be better or greater than anticipated or desired

synonym: surpass, outdo, excel

(1) **exceed** sales targets, (2) **exceed** the speed limit
The athlete's performance **exceeded** all expectations, breaking a world record.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury
She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

mount

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

synonym: climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack
They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym: shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**
He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

goddess

n. a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

synonym : deity, divinity, idol

(1) a **goddess** of beauty, (2) winged **goddess** of victory

The festival was held in honor of the harvest **goddess**.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

synonym : sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature

The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym : implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

appease

v. to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety

synonym : pacify, calm, soothe

(1) **appease** hunger, (2) **appease** her fears

The manager tried to **appease** the angry customer by offering them a refund.

mighty

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

synonym : potent, powerful, robust

(1) **mighty** works, (2) struck a **mighty** blow

Only the **mighty** God has the power to brighten this dark land.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym : enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

fountain

n. a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water

synonym : spring, well, spout

(1) **fountain** plaza, (2) decorative **fountain**

The **fountain** in the park provided a relaxing atmosphere.

subdued

adj. quiet, calm, or less intense in appearance or behavior

synonym : restrained, quiet, calm

(1) **subdued** color, (2) **subdued** lighting

The party had a **subdued** atmosphere compared to the previous year's event.

conquest

n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

synonym : subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**

He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

legendary

adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

synonym : mythical, fabled, storied

(1) **legendary** actor, (2) achieve a **legendary** status

The **legendary** stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

session

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

synonym : conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

mortal

adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
synonym : deathly, perishable, non-eternal

(1) a **mortal** combat, (2) this **mortal** life

All humans are **mortal** and will eventually die.

injury

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

synonym : wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym : banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

purify

v. to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it

synonym : refine, filter, clarify

(1) **purify** hydrogen gas, (2) **purify** the blood

The equipment is frequently used to **purify** and distribute drinking water.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
synonym : decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym : fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

rebuff

v. to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely

synonym : reject, decline, repel

(1) **rebuff** an offer, (2) **rebuff** the attack

She tried to flirt with him but was **rebuffed** with a cold shoulder.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym : progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym : tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

tarnish

v. to become dull or discolored from exposure to elements or from being damaged or neglected; to damage or

detract from someone's reputation or image

synonym : mar, stain, blemish

(1) **tarnish** reputation, (2) **tarnish** brass

Leaving the silver in the open air caused it to **tarnish** and lose its shine.

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.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym : create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

revenge

n. the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution

synonym : retaliation, retribution, vengeance

(1) plot **revenge**, (2) **revenge** killing

He seeks **revenge** against the person who wronged him.

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym : exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym : empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

unbeknownst

adv. without the knowledge or awareness of someone;
without someone's knowledge or participation

synonym : secretly, covertly

(1) **unbeknownst** to me, (2) **unbeknownst** to any of us

Unbeknownst to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.

decree

n. an official order that has the force of law

synonym : edict, mandate, order

(1) order by **decree**, (2) divorce **decree**

The dictator issued a **decree** limiting the freedom of the press.

dispose

v. to put things or people in a particular manner or position;
to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood;
throw or cast away

synonym : get rid of, arrange, set

(1) **dispose** battleships for a battle, (2) **dispose** of a used product

Generally speaking, the child is innately **disposed** to learn a language.

monster

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

synonym : giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

dragon

n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

synonym : wyvern, serpent, drake

(1) **dragon** fruit, (2) **dragon** wing

In Chinese mythology, **dragons** are considered powerful and

benevolent creatures.

chimera

n. (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve

synonym: delusion, illusion, figment

(1) **chimera** mouse, (2) interspecies **chimera**

Animal **chimeras** are created by combining multiple fertilized eggs.

terror

n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm

synonym: fear, alarm, horror

(1) **terror** attack, (2) **terror** group

The bomb blast spread **terror** among the people.

eager

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

synonym: keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

charred

adj. burned or blackened as a result of being subjected to high heat

synonym: burned, blackened, scorched

(1) **charred** body, (2) badly **charred**

The fire left the building a **charred** shell of its former self.

firepower

n. the ability or capacity of a military unit or weapon to deliver a high volume of fire; the destructive capacity of military weapons or equipment

synonym: firearm, munitions, artillery

(1) the **firepower** of the military, (2) lethal **firepower**

The army relied on its superior **firepower** to win the battle.

sequence

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

synonym: arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**

We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next week.

agile

adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym: nimble, quick, flexible

(1) an **agile** mind, (2) **agile** in his movements

The **agile** development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.

aerial

n. a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air

synonym: antenna, skywire, transmitter

(1) **aerial** antenna, (2) **aerial** photography

The **aerial** view from the airplane showed the beautiful landscape below.

acrobatic

adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

synonym: nimble, agile, flexible

(1) **acrobatic** leaps, (2) **acrobatic** skills

The **acrobatic** performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.

dodge

v. to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep

synonym: evade, sidestep, avoid

(1) **dodge** a blow, (2) **dodge** a question

She had to **dodge** the oncoming traffic to cross the busy street safely.

blast

n. explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

synonym: blow, burst, explosion

(1) a **blast** of wind, (2) an icy **blast**

The **blast** shattered the laboratory equipment.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

arrow

n. a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

synonym: shaft, dart, projectile

(1) **arrow** pointing, (2) **arrow** diagram

The archer aimed his **arrow** carefully at the target.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

incredulous

adj. unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful

synonym: skeptical, doubtful, disbelieving

(1) **incredulous** stare, (2) voice of **incredulous** disbelief

The audience was **incredulous** at the magician's trick, trying to figure out how he did it.

- rid** v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
synonym: do away with, free, clear
(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products
We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.
- fearsome** *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
synonym: terrifying, alarming, intimidating
(1) **fearsome** creature, (2) **fearsome** reputation
The dragon's **fearsome** roar echoed through the valley.
- warrior** *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
synonym: fighter, soldier, combatant
(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit
The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.
- archer** *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
synonym: Bowman, marksman, shooter
(1) **archer's** bow, (2) skilled **archer**
The **archer's** aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.
- ultimate** *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
synonym: highest, maximum, foremost
(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury
Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.
- tide** *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
synonym: ripple, surge, swell
(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change
Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

concede

v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly

synonym : admit, acknowledge, allow

(1) **concede** a territory, (2) **concede** a point

He had to **concede** defeat after losing the game.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym : vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym : push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

buoy

n. a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement

synonym : float, marker, beacon

(1) navigation **buoy**, (2) a mooring **buoy**

A red and white striped **buoy** marked the edge of the shipping lane.

hubris

n. excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin

synonym : arrogance, conceit, pride

(1) political **hubris**, (2) **hubris** in business

The athlete's **hubris** resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.

palace

n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.

synonym : mansion, manor, castle

(1) a **palace** garden, (2) ancestral **palace**

The imperial **palace** is currently undergoing reforms.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

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

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

gadfly

n. a person who persistently annoys or provokes others, typically with criticism or questioning, often to stir up discussion or debate

synonym : nuisance, irritant, pest

(1) annoying **gadfly**, (2) play the **gadfly**

The politician was constantly pestered by the political **gadfly**, who always had something to criticize.

beeline

n. a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen

synonym : shortest route, direct path, straight line

(1) take a **beeline** approach, (2) a **beeline** to the exit

After finishing his last final exam, he made a **beeline** for the home to relax.

flesh

n. the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

synonym : meat, muscle, tissue

(1) grow in **flesh**, (2) **flesh** eating

The **flesh** of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

flinch

v. to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily

synonym: shudder, recoil, wince

(1) **flinch** at the noise, (2) **flinch** from the truth

I couldn't help but **flinch** when the door slammed shut.

fling

v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

synonym: throw, dump, hurl

(1) **fling** a stream of abuse, (2) **fling** a door open forcefully

He was provoked to **fling** the draft on the floor.

rider

n. a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message

synonym: passenger, commuter, traveler

(1) a motorcycle **rider**, (2) **rider** to a bill

The horse **rider** won first place in the equestrian competition.

careen

v. to move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way in a particular direction

synonym: lurch, sway, stagger

(1) **careen** in rough seas, (2) **careens** downhill

The car **careened** off the road and crashed into a tree.

ascend

v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

synonym: rise, climb, go up

(1) **ascend** the ladder, (2) **ascend** to power

The plane began to **ascend** into the sky.

blessing

n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

synonym: favor, benediction, boon

(1) count your **blessings**, (2) bestowed **blessings**

Receiving support from his friends was a great **blessing** in his time of need.

immortalize

v. to prevent someone or something from being forgotten permanently

synonym: eternalize, perpetuate, memorialize

(1) **immortalize** a person in verse, (2) **immortalize** his name

This melody **immortalized** its composer.

constellation

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

synonym: asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym: fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

unfettered

adj. not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

synonym: unrestricted, free, unchained

(1) **unfettered** access, (2) **unfettered** capitalism

The athlete felt **unfettered** by her recent injury and performed with ease.

Session 2: Spelling

1. interspecies ch____a
n. (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve
2. ma____l powers
adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers
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n. the ability or capacity of a military unit or weapon to deliver a high volume of fire; the destructive capacity of military weapons or equipment
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n. a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water
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6. a fountain of wi____m
n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
7. gi__t tech company
adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
8. armored wa____r
n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
9. with ea__r eyes
adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

ANSWERS: 1. chimera, 2. magical, 3. firepower, 4. fountain, 5. banish, 6. wisdom, 7. giant, 8. warrior, 9. eager

10. the DNA se_____ce
n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
11. ho_____le smell
adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
12. te_____e complex
n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
13. a heat sh_____d
n. a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
14. al__r data in a file
v. to cause to change or make different
15. go_____n hair
n. in Greek mythology, a female creature with snakes for hair whose gaze turned people to stone; something or someone that causes terror or fear
16. ex_____d the speed limit
v. to surpass or go beyond a limit, expectation, or requirement; to be better or greater than anticipated or desired
17. co_____e a territory
v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
18. an am_____on for political power
n. a strong wish to do or achieve something
19. re_____e killing
n. the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution
20. ac_____ic leaps
adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

ANSWERS: 10. sequence, 11. horrible, 12. temple, 13. shield, 14. alter, 15. gorgon, 16. exceed, 17. concede, 18. ambition, 19. revenge, 20. acrobatic

21. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
22. fl___h at the noise *v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
23. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
24. achieve a le_____ry status *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
25. badly ch_____d *adj.* burned or blackened as a result of being subjected to high heat
26. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
27. play the ga___y *n.* a person who persistently annoys or provokes others, typically with criticism or questioning, often to stir up discussion or debate
28. 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
29. ar__w diagram *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

ANSWERS: 21. movement, 22. flinch, 23. reputation, 24. legendary, 25. charred, 26. rid, 27. gadfly, 28. breath, 29. arrow

30. a mag_____nt mountain *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
31. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
32. pu____y the blood *v.* to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it
33. la____h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
34. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
35. wi____m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
36. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
37. bestowed bl_____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
38. a matchless st__d *n.* a horse, especially a riding horse or one used in battle
39. ae____l photography *n.* a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air

ANSWERS: 30. magnificent, 31. surround, 32. purify, 33. launch, 34. giant, 35. wisdom, 36. creep, 37. blessing, 38. steed, 39. aerial

40. do__e a question *v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
41. the se____ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
42. as____d the ladder *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
43. su____d lighting *adj.* quiet, calm, or less intense in appearance or behavior
44. fl____h from the truth *v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
45. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
46. br____e horses *n.* a headgear used to control a horse, consisting of a set of straps that fit around the head, often including a bit and reins; figuratively, a means of restraint or control over something, typically one's words or actions
47. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
48. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
49. cloud his rep____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

ANSWERS: 40. dodge, 41. sequence, 42. ascend, 43. subdued, 44. flinch, 45. ultimate, 46. bridle, 47. movement, 48. soar, 49. reputation

50. an icy bl__t *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
51. re___f an offer *v.* to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely
52. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
53. sto_____ld sober *adj.* without emotion or feeling; cold-blooded or unfeeling; completely still or motionless
54. ri__r to a bill *n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message
55. st__p off to the room *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
56. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
57. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
58. count your bl_____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
59. establish his ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
60. a mo___l combat *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

ANSWERS: 50. blast, 51. rebuff, 52. resolve, 53. stone-cold, 54. rider, 55. stomp, 56. release, 57. soar, 58. blessing, 59. kingdom, 60. mortal

61. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
62. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
63. ch_____d body *adj.* burned or blackened as a result of being subjected to high heat
64. ar__w pointing *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
65. winged go_____s of victory *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
66. annoying ga____y *n.* a person who persistently annoys or provokes others, typically with criticism or questioning, often to stir up discussion or debate
67. skilled ar____r *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
68. mo_____r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
69. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
70. ea__r anticipation *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

ANSWERS: 61. pray, 62. entitle, 63. charred, 64. arrow, 65. goddess, 66. gadfly, 67. archer, 68. monster, 69. rid, 70. eager

71. ad____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
72. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
73. clean h__f *n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
74. di____e battleships for a battle *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
75. ca____ns downhill *v.* to move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way in a particular direction
76. take sw__t action *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
77. as____d to power *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
78. ac____ic skills *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
79. wi__d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
80. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
81. a go____s of beauty *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

ANSWERS: 71. advance, 72. sight, 73. hoof, 74. dispose, 75. careen, 76. swift, 77. ascend, 78. acrobatic, 79. wield, 80. tide, 81. goddess

82. horde of mo____rs
n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
83. ancestral pa____e
n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
84. p__y devoutly
v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
85. a mag_____nt plan
adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
86. go____n stone
n. in Greek mythology, a female creature with snakes for hair whose gaze turned people to stone; something or someone that causes terror or fear
87. fe_____me reputation
adj. causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
88. ac____e each other
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
89. a be____e to the exit
n. a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen
90. unf_____ed capitalism
adj. not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
91. mi____y works
adj. very large, powerful, or strong
92. do__e a blow
v. to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep

ANSWERS: 82. monster, 83. palace, 84. pray, 85. magnificent, 86. gorgon, 87. fearsome, 88. accuse, 89. beeline, 90. unfettered, 91. mighty, 92. dodge

93. mo__t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
94. ae___l antenna *n.* a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air
95. imm_____ze a person in verse *v.* to prevent someone or something from being forgotten permanently
96. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
97. plot re_____e *n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution
98. inc_____us stare *adj.* unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful
99. wi__d her authority *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
100. harvest si___e *n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
101. struck a mi___y blow *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
102. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 93. mount, 94. aerial, 95. immortalize, 96. exile, 97. revenge, 98. incredulous, 99. wield, 100. sickle, 101. mighty, 102. fin

103. political hu___s *n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
104. boundless am_____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
105. 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
106. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
107. te___r group *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
108. st__p on his foot *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
109. fl__g a stream of abuse *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
110. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
111. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
112. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
113. domiciliary c__es *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
114. ag__e in his movements *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

ANSWERS: 103. hubris, 104. ambition, 105. breath, 106. advance, 107. terror, 108. stomp, 109. fling, 110. surround, 111. urge, 112. creep, 113. cave, 114. agile

115. mo__t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
116. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
117. a sw__t current of a river *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
118. dr___n wing *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
119. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
120. a subordinate ki____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
121. pu___y hydrogen gas *v.* to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it
122. a bl__t of wind *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
123. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
124. take a be____e approach *n.* a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen

ANSWERS: 115. mount, 116. roll, 117. swift, 118. dragon, 119. devise, 120. kingdom, 121. purify, 122. blast, 123. urge, 124. beeline

125. fe____me creature *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
126. 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
127. su____d color *adj.* quiet, calm, or less intense in appearance or behavior
128. hu____s in business *n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
129. te____r attack *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
130. ta____h brass *v.* to become dull or discolored from exposure to elements or from being damaged or neglected; to damage or detract from someone's reputation or image
131. ba____h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
132. ex____d sales targets *v.* to surpass or go beyond a limit, expectation, or requirement; to be better or greater than anticipated or desired
133. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
134. si____e-shaped moon *n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death

ANSWERS: 125. fearsome, 126. honor, 127. subdued, 128. hubris, 129. terror, 130. tarnish, 131. banish, 132. exceed, 133. roll, 134. sickle

135. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
136. divorce de___e *n.* an official order that has the force of law
137. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
138. al__r a decision *v.* to cause to change or make different
139. a sh___d for protecting against a bullet *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
140. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
141. make a co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
142. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
143. a motorcycle ri__r *n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message
144. unb_____st to me *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
145. se___e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

ANSWERS: 135. stream, 136. decree, 137. entitle, 138. alter, 139. shield, 140. tide, 141. conquest, 142. ultimate, 143. rider, 144. unbeknownst, 145. seduce

146. di_____e of a used product *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
147. an ag__e mind *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
148. the fi_____er of the military *n.* the ability or capacity of a military unit or weapon to deliver a high volume of fire; the destructive capacity of military weapons or equipment
149. h__f mark *n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
150. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
151. fl__g a door open forcefully *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
152. without in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
153. voice of inc_____us disbelief *adj.* unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful
154. imperial co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
155. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

ANSWERS: 146. dispose, 147. agile, 148. firepower, 149. hoof, 150. horrible, 151. fling, 152. injury, 153. incredulous, 154. conquest, 155. temple

156. co____e a point *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
157. put a br___e on my tongue *n.* a headgear used to control a horse, consisting of a set of straps that fit around the head, often including a bit and reins; figuratively, a means of restraint or control over something, typically one's words or actions
158. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
159. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
160. the mouth of the c__e *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
161. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
162. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
163. wa____r spirit *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
164. se___e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

ANSWERS: 156. concede, 157. bridle, 158. fin, 159. launch, 160. cave, 161. devise, 162. accuse, 163. warrior, 164. seduce

165. the court se____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
166. g__e absently out a window *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
167. ap_____e hunger *v.* to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
168. unb_____st to any of us *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
169. sto_____ld killer *adj.* without emotion or feeling; cold-blooded or unfeeling; completely still or motionless
170. 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
171. ta_____h reputation *v.* to become dull or discolored from exposure to elements or from being damaged or neglected; to damage or detract from someone's reputation or image
172. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
173. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

ANSWERS: 165. session, 166. gaze, 167. appease, 168. unbeknownst, 169. stone-cold, 170. honor, 171. tarnish, 172. sight, 173. stream

174. re____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
175. ma____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
176. dr____n fruit *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
177. imm____ze his name *v.* to prevent someone or something from being forgotten permanently
178. ca____n in rough seas *v.* to move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way in a particular direction
179. a fatal in____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
180. the morning se____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
181. ap____e her fears *v.* to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
182. order by de____e *n.* an official order that has the force of law
183. this mo____l life *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
184. political ex__e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
185. unf____ed access *adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

ANSWERS: 174. release, 175. magical, 176. dragon, 177. immortalize, 178. careen, 179. injury, 180. session, 181. appease, 182. decree, 183. mortal, 184. exile, 185. unfettered

186. navigation b__y *n.* a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement
187. northern con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
188. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
189. fl__h eating *n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
190. re___f the attack *v.* to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely
191. decorative fo_____in *n.* a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water
192. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
193. a pa___e garden *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
194. a mooring b__y *n.* a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement

ANSWERS: 186. buoy, 187. constellation, 188. circumstance, 189. flesh, 190. rebuff, 191. fountain, 192. circumstance, 193. palace, 194. buoy

195. re_____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
196. le_____ry actor *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
197. black st__d *n.* a horse, especially a riding horse or one used in battle
198. grow in fl__h *n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
199. g__e steadily at his face *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
200. ch_____a mouse *n.* (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve
201. the stars of the Scorpion
con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
202. ar___r's bow *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

ANSWERS: 195. resolve, 196. legendary, 197. steed, 198. flesh, 199. gaze, 200. chimera, 201. constellation, 202. archer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After that last exam, the professor was a total _____ to anyone who tried to ask for clarification.
 - n.* in Greek mythology, a female creature with snakes for hair whose gaze turned people to stone; something or someone that causes terror or fear
2. The horse would not cooperate and constantly fought against the _____.
 - n.* a headgear used to control a horse, consisting of a set of straps that fit around the head, often including a bit and reins; figuratively, a means of restraint or control over something, typically one's words or actions
3. The car _____ off the road and crashed into a tree.
 - v.* to move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way in a particular direction
4. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
 - adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
5. Generally speaking, the child is innately _____ to learn a language.
 - v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
6. I couldn't help but _____ when the door slammed shut.
 - v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
7. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
 - adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 1. gorgon, 2. bridle, 3. careened, 4. giant, 5. disposed, 6. flinch, 7. magical

8. The _____ development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.
adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
9. Navigators still use the Little Bear _____ at sea.
n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
10. In Chinese mythology, _____ are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.
n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
11. The _____ aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.
n. a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
12. The archer aimed his _____ carefully at the target.
n. a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
13. This melody _____ its composer.
v. to prevent someone or something from being forgotten permanently
14. The plane began to _____ into the sky.
v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
15. This company _____ its battery problem completely.
v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

ANSWERS: 8. agile, 9. constellation, 10. dragons, 11. archer's, 12. arrow, 13. immortalized, 14. ascend, 15. resolves

16. The politician was constantly pestered by the political _____ who always had something to criticize.
- n.* a person who persistently annoys or provokes others, typically with criticism or questioning, often to stir up discussion or debate
17. He continued to grow his empire through _____.
- n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
18. They _____ enormous power and influence.
- v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
19. She tried to flirt with him but was _____ with a cold shoulder.
- v.* to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely
20. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
21. The bomb blast spread _____ among the people.
- n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
22. My accidental _____ got better right away.
- n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
23. The suspect's _____ demeanor during the trial was unsettling.
- adj.* without emotion or feeling; cold-blooded or unfeeling; completely still or motionless

ANSWERS: 16. gadfly, 17. conquest, 18. wielded, 19. rebuffed, 20. fins, 21. terror, 22. injury, 23. stone-cold

24. He had to _____ defeat after losing the game.
- v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
25. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.
- n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
26. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.
- n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
27. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
- n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
28. Parliament is now in _____.
- n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
29. A red and white striped _____ marked the edge of the shipping lane.
- n.* a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement
30. Lead is an effective _____ against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.
- n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
31. The athlete's _____ resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.
- n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin

ANSWERS: 24. concede, 25. kingdom, 26. wisdom, 27. sights, 28. session, 29. buoy, 30. shield, 31. hubris

32. All humans are _____ and will eventually die.

adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

33. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

34. The party had a _____ atmosphere compared to the previous year's event.

adj. quiet, calm, or less intense in appearance or behavior

35. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

36. He tried to _____ her with his charm and good looks.

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

37. 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

38. The athlete felt _____ by her recent injury and performed with ease.

adj. not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

39. She had to _____ the oncoming traffic to cross the busy street safely.

v. to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep

40. Receiving support from his friends was a great _____ in his time of need.

n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

ANSWERS: 32. mortal, 33. temple, 34. subdued, 35. horrible, 36. seduce, 37. honor, 38. unfettered, 39. dodge, 40. blessing

41. The youngster was _____ at by the beast.

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

42. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.

- v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

43. The _____ shattered the laboratory equipment.

- n. explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

44. He was provoked to _____ the draft on the floor.

- v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

45. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

- adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

46. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.

- v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

47. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

- v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

48. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

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

ANSWERS: 41. gazed, 42. accused, 43. blast, 44. fling, 45. ultimate, 46. entitled, 47. soared, 48. streams

49. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
v. to be all around something or somebody
50. Animal _____ are created by combining multiple fertilized eggs.
n. (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve
51. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
52. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
53. The dictator issued a _____ limiting the freedom of the press.
n. an official order that has the force of law
54. This car has a _____ engine.
n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
55. He seeks _____ against the person who wronged him.
n. the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution
56. The athlete's performance _____ all expectations, breaking a world record.
v. to surpass or go beyond a limit, expectation, or requirement; to be better or greater than anticipated or desired

ANSWERS: 49. surround, 50. chimeras, 51. reputation, 52. advance, 53. decree, 54. monster, 55. revenge, 56. exceeded

57. The horse _____ won first place in the equestrian competition.

- n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message

58. The _____ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

- n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

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

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

60. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

- n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

61. The audience was _____ at the magician's trick, trying to figure out how he did it.

- adj.* unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful

62. The queen _____ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

- v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

63. The fire left the building a _____ shell of its former self.

- adj.* burned or blackened as a result of being subjected to high heat

64. Her voice was _____ yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.

- adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

ANSWERS: 57. rider, 58. exiled, 59. rolled, 60. circumstances, 61. incredulous, 62. banished, 63. charred, 64. swift,

65. The blade of the _____ glinted in the sunlight as he swung it back and forth.
n. a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
66. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
67. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.
v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
68. The children were _____ to start the treasure hunt.
adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
69. The _____ stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.
adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
70. The knight rode his trusty _____ into battle.
n. a horse, especially a riding horse or one used in battle
71. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.
v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
72. The army relied on its superior _____ to win the battle.
n. the ability or capacity of a military unit or weapon to deliver a high volume of fire; the destructive capacity of military weapons or equipment

ANSWERS: 65. sickle, 66. movement, 67. mounted, 68. eager, 69. legendary, 70. steed, 71. devise, 72. firepower

73. The equipment is frequently used to _____ and distribute drinking water.
- v. to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it
74. The manager tried to _____ the angry customer by offering them a refund.
- v. to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
75. The horse's _____ was injured and needed to be treated by a veterinarian.
- n. the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
76. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
77. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
- v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
78. _____ to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.
- adv. without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
79. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary _____.
- n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
80. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

ANSWERS: 73. purify, 74. appease, 75. hoof, 76. release, 77. launch, 78. Unbeknownst, 79. warrior, 80. prayed

81. The _____ in the park provided a relaxing atmosphere.
n. a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water
82. We do move forward with those tasks in _____ next week.
n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
83. The imperial _____ is currently undergoing reforms.
n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
84. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.
v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
85. The _____ scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.
adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
86. The _____ performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.
adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
87. The _____ view from the airplane showed the beautiful landscape below.
n. a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air
88. Only the _____ God has the power to brighten this dark land.
adj. very large, powerful, or strong

ANSWERS: 81. fountain, 82. sequence, 83. palace, 84. urged, 85. magnificent, 86. acrobatic, 87. aerial, 88. mighty

89. Leaving the silver in the open air caused it to _____ and lose its shine.
- v.* to become dull or discolored from exposure to elements or from being damaged or neglected; to damage or detract from someone's reputation or image
90. Bats reside in sheltered _____.
- n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
91. The dragon's _____ roar echoed through the valley.
- adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
92. The _____ of the fruit is sweet and juicy.
- n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
93. The festival was held in honor of the harvest _____.
- n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
94. The children _____ their feet in time to the music.
- v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
95. After finishing his last final exam, he made a _____ for the home to relax.
- n.* a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen
96. The design of the webpage has _____ slightly.
- v.* to cause to change or make different

ANSWERS: 89. tarnish, 90. caves, 91. fearsome, 92. flesh, 93. goddess, 94. stomped, 95. beeline, 96. altered

97. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

98. 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

99. Aging _____ up slowly with time.

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

100. We must _____ ourselves of pollution.

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

101. Greed and _____ composed his personality.

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 97. tide, 98. breath, 99. creeps, 100. rid, 101. ambition