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Session 1: Word List

shroud

n. a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

synonym : cover, veil, cloak

(1) **shroud** of mystery, (2) **shroud** of suspicion

The protective **shroud** covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.

hillside

n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

synonym : slope, incline

(1) **hillside** landscape, (2) **hillside** vineyard

The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the **hillside**.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

thatch

n. a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

synonym : straw, grass, reed

(1) cover with **thatch**, (2) **thatch** of hair

The **thatch** roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.

shack

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

synonym: shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

elderly

adj. (a polite word for) old

synonym: aged, old, senior

(1) a home for the **elderly**, (2) **elderly** woman

The **elderly** woman is quite energetic.

thunderous

adj. producing or accompanied by a loud, deep, rumbling sound, like that of thunder; intense, forceful, or impressive

synonym: thundering, booming, loud

(1) **thunderous** roar, (2) **thunderous** noise

The **thunderous** applause lasted for several minutes after the performance.

cot

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

synonym: bed, bunk, pallet

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

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

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

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

tease

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

synonym: bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym: modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

nestle

v. to settle comfortably or cozily into a place

synonym: snuggle, cuddle, curl up

(1) **nestle** deeper against him, (2) **nestle** in a cozy spot

The cat **nestled** in my lap and fell asleep.

twig

n. a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual

synonym: branchlet, sprig, osier

(1) **twig** branch, (2) **twig** basket

The bird perched on a **twig** and sang a beautiful melody.

batter

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

synonym: beat, pound, strike

(1) **batter** the eggs, (2) the **batter's** box

He got so angry that he **battered** the door down.

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.

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.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

shank

n. the lower part of the leg, between the knee and ankle; a straight or curved part of a tool or utensil that is used to grip, hold, or apply pressure

synonym: leg, stem, shaft

(1) **shank** steak, (2) golf **shank**

The **shank** of the hammer broke while he was trying to dislodge a nail.

stew

n. a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion

synonym : casserole, hotpot

(1) **stew** meat, (2) vegetable **stew**

I made a delicious beef **stew** for dinner tonight.

cheerful

adj. happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism

synonym : happy, joyful, lively

(1) **cheerful** smile, (2) a **cheerful** disposition

Her **cheerful** personality brightened up the room.

conversation

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

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym : flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

clay

n. a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

synonym : ceramics, pottery, dirt

(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground

The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired

shape.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

wobble

v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

synonym: sway, rock, totter

(1) **wobble** a few steps, (2) **wobble** chair

The table **wobbled** a little when I put my drink on it.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym: scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

mint

n. a place where coins, paper money, or medals are produced under government authority; any north temperate plant of the genus *Mentha* with aromatic leaves and small mauve flowers

synonym: factory, foundry, herb

(1) a **mint** of money, (2) **mint** flavor

The **mint** produces thousands of coins each day.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym: braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;
synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

feast

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
synonym: banquet, celebration, dinner

(1) a **feast** for the eyes, (2) a nightly **feast**

The royal **feast** celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

overflow

v. to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough
synonym: spill, inundate, flood

(1) **overflow** on the platform, (2) **overflow** with emotion

The river **overflowed** its banks during the heavy rain.

privately

adv. in a private manner; not publicly; secretly
synonym: secretly, in confidence, behind closed doors

(1) a **privately-owned** railway, (2) import things **privately**

The couple **privately** exchanged their vows before the ceremony began.

provision

n. the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition

synonym: supply, agreement, stocking

(1) **provision** for loan losses, (2) administrative **provision**

The new law includes **provisions** for increased penalties for repeat offenders.

hearty

adj. characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)

synonym: wholesome, robust, healthy

(1) **hearty** meal, (2) **hearty** laughter

The **hearty** soup warmed us up on the cold winter day.

gulp

v. to swallow quickly and forcefully; to take in a large amount of air or liquid quickly and audibly because of surprise, fear, or excitement

synonym: swallow, chug, gulp down

(1) **gulp** water, (2) **gulp** air

He had to **gulp** down his coffee before rushing to work.

vessel

n. a ship or large boat

synonym: boat, ship, craft

(1) blood **vessels**, (2) naval **vessels**

The **vessel** arrived in port the following day.

relieve

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

synonym: alleviate, ease, assuage

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

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

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

peasant

n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

synonym: farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym: confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

preparation

n. the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready

synonym: practice, trial, rehearsal

(1) a **preparation** program, (2) the **preparation** of meals

He helped me with the **preparation** of this book.

inadequate

adj. not sufficient or enough

synonym: insufficient, lacking, lacking enough

(1) an **inadequate** income, (2) **inadequate** funding

The small budget was **inadequate** to cover all the necessary expenses for the project.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym: adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

repeatedly

adv. again and again; many times

synonym: frequently, over and over, constantly

(1) use cell phone **repeatedly**, (2) **repeatedly** nod

He claims that his legitimate requests were **repeatedly** ignored.

lung

n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing

(1) **lung** capacity, (2) do **lung** transplantation

He has terminal **lung** cancer.

wrath

n. extreme anger

synonym: fury, irritation, anger

(1) **wrath** of God, (2) a high person's **wrath**

He finally exploded with **wrath** due to the team's repeated failures.

shed

v. to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage

synonym: discard, drop, cast off

(1) **shed** an old skin, (2) a cow **shed**

He **shed** a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.

rag

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

synonym: cloth, fragment

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

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

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.

mask

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

synonym: disguise, camouflage, conceal

(1) **mask** body odor, (2) an oxygen **mask**

The politician tried to **mask** the corruption.

loom

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

synonym: appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

brew

v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

synonym: make, prepare

(1) **brew** a cup of tea, (2) **brew** beer

I am going to **brew** some coffee this morning.

fleet

n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

synonym: armada, flotilla, (adjective) speedy

(1) **fleet** of foot, (2) a **fleet** horse

We destroyed a **fleet** of 70 enemy ships.

messenger

n. someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document

synonym: courier, transmitter, envoy

(1) **messenger** app, (2) a secret **messenger**

An mRNA vaccine is a type of vaccine that uses a copy of a molecule called **messenger** RNA.

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym: herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

underworld

n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

synonym: hell, netherworld, underworld

(1) god of the **underworld**, (2) criminal **underworld**

The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the **underworld**, where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

xenia

n. the ancient Greek concept of hospitality, particularly the giving of gifts or other benefits to guests or strangers considered a sacred obligation in ancient Greece, and failing to offer hospitality to a guest was seen as a major social taboo

synonym : guest-friendship, hospitality, host-guest relationship

(1) **xenia** hospitality, (2) **xenia** gift

In some cultures, the practice of **xenia** extends beyond mere politeness and includes the obligation to provide food, shelter, and protection to strangers in need.

hospitality

n. the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers

synonym : generosity, friendliness, cordiality

(1) **hospitality** industry, (2) **hospitality** service

The hotel is known for its exceptional **hospitality**.

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.

summit

n. the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues

synonym : peak, top, crest

(1) reach the **summit**, (2) **summit** talks

The climbers reached the mountain's **summit** after a long and challenging journey.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something

unpleasant

synonym: amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

murky

adj. dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

synonym: dim, fuzzy, foggy

(1) **murky** waters, (2) a **murky** dungeon

Prospects for the suspect's conviction are **murky** due to a lack of helpful evidence.

swamp

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

synonym: marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

refuse

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

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

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

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

underwater

adv. below or under the surface of the water

synonym: submerged, undersea, submarine

(1) hold my breath **underwater**, (2) seals sleep **underwater**

He is good at swimming **underwater**.

intact

adj. undamaged and complete

synonym : flawless, unchanged, entire

(1) **intact** brain, (2) **intact** forestland

Despite the scandals, his reputation remained **intact**.

recall

v. to remember something

synonym : remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name

She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

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.

mournful

adj. expressing or showing sorrow or grief; sad; melancholy

synonym : melancholy, doleful, mournsome

(1) **mournful** tears, (2) **mournful** expression

The **mournful** sound of the trumpet echoed through the church during the funeral service.

sprout

v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

synonym : germinate, grow, bud

(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings

The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.

marble

n. a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

synonym : stone, rock, sphere

(1) **marble** statues, (2) artificial **marble**

The floor was made of white and black **marble** arranged in a

checkerboard pattern.

etch

v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

synonym: engrave, inscribe, carve

(1) **etch** a metal plate, (2) **etch** a design into wood

He used a sharp tool to **etch** his initials onto the metal.

grand

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

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

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

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

rickety

adj. wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse

synonym: unstable, wobbly, shaky

(1) **rickety** structure, (2) **rickety** chair

The old wooden bridge was **rickety** and swayed with every step.

metamorphose

v. to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature

synonym: transform, change, alter

(1) **metamorphose** in appearance, (2) **metamorphose** over time

The caterpillar **metamorphoses** into a butterfly during its life cycle.

gleam

v. to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

synonym: glitter, shimmer, shine

(1) **gleam** in eyes, (2) **gleam** like honey

The diamond ring **gleamed** in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.

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.

commend

v. to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else

synonym : praise, applaud, compliment

(1) **commend** a job well done, (2) **commend** him for his bravery

The coach **commended** the team for fighting until the end and never giving up.

gentle

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

synonym : mild, delicate, soft

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

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

desire

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

synonym : ambition, appetite, greed

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

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

permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

synonym : allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

flutter

v. to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth

synonym : flit, hover, wave

(1) **flutter** around finding, (2) a **flutter** of a bird

The butterfly **fluttered** its wings gracefully.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(*noun*) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

canopy

n. a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

synonym : cover, top, shade

(1) **canopy** layer, (2) under a **canopy** of smoke

The forest's **canopy** provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym : boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

overhead

n. the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (*adverb*) above your head; in the sky

synonym : expense, upkeep, (*adverb*) aloft

(1) **overhead** capital, (2) a cloud passing **overhead**

This merger will help them reduce **overhead** costs substantially.

farewell

n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

synonym : goodbye, send-off

(1) a **farewell** address, (2) bid **farewell** to the departed

There is his **farewell** party tomorrow.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym: building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

linden

n. a deciduous tree with heart-shaped leaves and fragrant yellow flowers; commonly planted in urban areas for shade or ornamental purposes

synonym: basswood, lime, tilia

(1) **linden** blossom, (2) **linden** leaves

The **linden** tree in the park is the perfect spot for a picnic.

oak

n. a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns

(1) the wine in giant **oak** vats, (2) old **oak** trees

Large **oak** trees cast a shadow in the garden.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

intertwine

v. to twist together or become twisted together

synonym: interweave, interlace, entwine

(1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story

The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

eternal

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

synonym: endless, everlasting, undying

(1) the hope of **eternal** life, (2) **eternal** quarreling

In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain **eternal** life.

Session 2: Spelling

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13. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
14. vegetable s__w *n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion
15. s__w meat *n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion
16. th___h of hair *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
17. sh___d of suspicion *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
18. g__p water *v.* to swallow quickly and forcefully; to take in a large amount of air or liquid quickly and audibly because of surprise, fear, or excitement

ANSWERS: 10. provision, 11. mask, 12. wrath, 13. afford, 14. stew, 15. stew, 16. thatch, 17. shroud, 18. gulp

19. bid fa_____ll to the departed *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
20. xe__a gift *n.* the ancient Greek concept of hospitality, particularly the giving of gifts or other benefits to guests or strangers considered a sacred obligation in ancient Greece, and failing to offer hospitality to a guest was seen as a major social taboo
21. ma___e statues *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
22. ch_____ul smile *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
23. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
24. import things pr_____ly *adv.* in a private manner; not publicly; secretly
25. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
26. as___d the ladder *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
27. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

ANSWERS: 19. farewell, 20. xenia, 21. marble, 22. cheerful, 23. gentle, 24. privately, 25. devote, 26. ascend, 27. refuse

48. naval ve___ls *n.* a ship or large boat
49. the hope of et_____l life *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
50. this mo___l life *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
51. e__h a metal plate *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
52. int_____ne thread *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
53. m__k body odor *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
54. ina_____te funding *adj.* not sufficient or enough
55. te__e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
56. xe__a hospitality *n.* the ancient Greek concept of hospitality, particularly the giving of gifts or other benefits to guests or strangers considered a sacred obligation in ancient Greece, and failing to offer hospitality to a guest was seen as a major social taboo
57. under a ca___y of smoke *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

ANSWERS: 48. vessel, 49. eternal, 50. mortal, 51. etch, 52. intertwine, 53. mask, 54. inadequate, 55. tease, 56. xenia, 57. canopy

58. ca___y layer *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
59. t__g basket *n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
60. met_____ose in appearance *v.* to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature
61. 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
62. r_g doll *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
63. a secret me_____er *n.* someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document
64. hos_____ty industry *n.* the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers
65. pe___t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
66. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
67. m__t flavor *n.* a place where coins, paper money, or medals are produced under government authority; any north temperate plant of the genus *Mentha* with aromatic leaves and small mauve flowers

ANSWERS: 58. canopy, 59. twig, 60. metamorphose, 61. temple, 62. rag, 63. messenger, 64. hospitality, 65. permit, 66. transform, 67. mint

68. co____d a job well done *v.* to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else
69. ba____r the eggs *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
70. de____e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
71. g__p air *v.* to swallow quickly and forcefully; to take in a large amount of air or liquid quickly and audibly because of surprise, fear, or excitement
72. blood ve____ls *n.* a ship or large boat
73. price of pr____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
74. fleshly de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
75. te____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
76. reach the su____t *n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
77. sw__p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
78. c_t in the tent *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

ANSWERS: 68. commend, 69. batter, 70. devote, 71. gulp, 72. vessel, 73. precious, 74. desire, 75. terrify, 76. summit, 77. swamp, 78. cot

79. I__m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
80. the in___t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
81. soft c__y ground *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
82. hu___e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
83. ov____ad capital *n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
84. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
85. criminal und_____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
86. beach sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
87. humble sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
88. he___y laughter *adj.* characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)

ANSWERS: 79. loom, 80. intent, 81. clay, 82. humble, 83. overhead, 84. grand, 85. underworld, 86. shack, 87. shack, 88. hearty

100. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
101. ov____ow with emotion *v.* to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough
102. fl____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
103. artificial ma____e *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
104. as____d to power *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
105. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
106. pe____t class *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
107. pr____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
108. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 100. rub, 101. overflow, 102. flourish, 103. marble, 104. ascend, 105. shock, 106. peasant, 107. precious, 108. weave

109. fl__t of foot *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
110. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
111. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
112. re___l the incident *v.* to remember something
113. c__y animation *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
114. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
115. co_____d him for his bravery *v.* to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else
116. ne___e deeper against him *v.* to settle comfortably or cozily into a place
117. l__m over the global economy *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
118. the pre_____on of meals *n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
119. a mu__y dungeon *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

ANSWERS: 109. fleet, 110. tower, 111. chip, 112. recall, 113. clay, 114. conversation, 115. commend, 116. nestle, 117. loom, 118. preparation, 119. murky

120. in__t brain *adj.* undamaged and complete
121. a home for the el____y *adj.* (a polite word for) old
122. seals sleep und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
123. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
124. a nightly fe__t *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
125. mu__y waters *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
126. b__w a cup of tea *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
127. mo____ul tears *adj.* expressing or showing sorrow or grief; sad; melancholy
128. el____y woman *adj.* (a polite word for) old
129. cover with th___h *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
130. administrative pr_____on *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
131. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
132. te__e the children *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

ANSWERS: 120. intact, 121. elderly, 122. underwater, 123. balance, 124. feast, 125. murky, 126. brew, 127. mournful, 128. elderly, 129. thatch, 130. provision, 131. panic, 132. tease

143. fl____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
144. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
145. thu_____us roar *adj.* producing or accompanied by a loud, deep, rumbling sound, like that of thunder; intense, forceful, or impressive
146. a high person's wr__h *n.* extreme anger
147. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
148. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
149. he___y meal *adj.* characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)
150. gl__m in eyes *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
151. re___l his name *v.* to remember something
152. rainproof sh____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
153. thu_____us noise *adj.* producing or accompanied by a loud, deep, rumbling sound, like that of thunder; intense, forceful, or impressive
154. hos_____ty service *n.* the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers

ANSWERS: 143. flourish, 144. humble, 145. thunderous, 146. wrath, 147. settle, 148. tower, 149. hearty, 150. gleam, 151. recall, 152. shelter, 153. thunderous, 154. hospitality

155. di____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
156. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
157. a cloud passing ov____ad *n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
158. 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
159. l__g capacity *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
160. a fa_____ll address *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
161. hold my breath und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
162. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
163. use cell phone rep_____ly *adv.* again and again; many times
164. t__g branch *n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
165. a fl__t horse *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

ANSWERS: 155. disguise, 156. settle, 157. overhead, 158. honor, 159. lung, 160. farewell, 161. underwater, 162. grand, 163. repeatedly, 164. twig, 165. fleet

166. hi____de landscape *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
167. a fe__t for the eyes *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
168. rep_____ly nod *adv.* again and again; many times
169. ov_____ow on the platform *v.* to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough
170. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
171. a mo____l combat *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
172. b__w beer *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
173. su____t talks *n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
174. re_____e his thirst *v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
175. li____n blossom *n.* a deciduous tree with heart-shaped leaves and fragrant yellow flowers; commonly planted in urban areas for shade or ornamental purposes
176. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
177. exploited pe_____t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

ANSWERS: 166. hillside, 167. feast, 168. repeatedly, 169. overflow, 170. terrify, 171. mortal, 172. brew, 173. summit, 174. relieve, 175. linden, 176. chip, 177. peasant

178. the ba___r's box *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
179. 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
180. hi____de vineyard *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
181. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
182. wo___e chair *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
183. gl__m like honey *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
184. sh__k steak *n.* the lower part of the leg, between the knee and ankle; a straight or curved part of a tool or utensil that is used to grip, hold, or apply pressure
185. old o_k trees *n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns
186. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
187. di____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

ANSWERS: 178. batter, 179. temple, 180. hillside, 181. flood, 182. wobble, 183. gleam, 184. shank, 185. oak, 186. desire, 187. disguise

188. et____l quarreling *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
189. ri____y structure *adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
190. a cow s__d *v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
191. sp____t wings *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
192. br____h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
193. e__h a design into wood *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
194. a pr____ly-owned railway *adv.* in a private manner; not publicly; secretly
195. mo____ul expression *adj.* expressing or showing sorrow or grief; sad; melancholy
196. a r_g of cloud *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

ANSWERS: 188. eternal, 189. rickety, 190. shed, 191. sprout, 192. branch, 193. etch, 194. privately, 195. mournful, 196. rag

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The medicine _____ his headache, and he felt much better.
v. to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
2. He has terminal _____ cancer.
n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
3. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
4. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
5. 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
6. He _____ a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.
v. to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
7. The butterfly _____ its wings gracefully.
v. to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
8. The _____ soup warmed us up on the cold winter day.
adj. characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)

ANSWERS: 1. relieved, 2. lung, 3. transformed, 4. devoted, 5. temple, 6. shed, 7. fluttered, 8. hearty

9. In some cultures, the practice of _____ extends beyond mere politeness and includes the obligation to provide food, shelter, and protection to strangers in need.
- n.* the ancient Greek concept of hospitality, particularly the giving of gifts or other benefits to guests or strangers considered a sacred obligation in ancient Greece, and failing to offer hospitality to a guest was seen as a major social taboo
10. The woods _____ the house.
- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
11. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
- v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
12. The forest's _____ provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.
- n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
13. The couple _____ exchanged their vows before the ceremony began.
- adv.* in a private manner; not publicly; secretly
14. He claims that his legitimate requests were _____ ignored.
- adv.* again and again; many times
15. My initial reaction was to _____.
- v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
16. The climbers reached the mountain's _____ after a long and challenging journey.
- n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues

ANSWERS: 9. xenia, 10. embrace, 11. flourished, 12. canopy, 13. privately, 14. repeatedly, 15. refuse, 16. summit

17. Her _____ personality brightened up the room.

adj. happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism

18. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

19. The diamond ring _____ in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.

v. to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

20. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

21. The issue of divorce _____ large in his mind.

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

22. They need food and _____.

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:

23. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a _____ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

24. An mRNA vaccine is a type of vaccine that uses a copy of a molecule called _____ RNA.

n. someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document

ANSWERS: 17. cheerful, 18. chip, 19. gleamed, 20. cast, 21. loomed, 22. shelter, 23. peasant, 24. messenger

25. The new law includes _____ for increased penalties for repeat offenders.
n. the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
26. The caterpillar _____ into a butterfly during its life cycle.
v. to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature
27. The politician tried to _____ the corruption.
v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
28. I made a delicious beef _____ for dinner tonight.
n. a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion
29. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain _____ life.
adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever
30. Despite the scandals, his reputation remained _____.
adj. undamaged and complete
31. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.
adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
32. The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the _____.
n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
33. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 25. provisions, 26. metamorphoses, 27. mask, 28. stew, 29. eternal, 30. intact, 31. gentle, 32. hillside, 33. terrify

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

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

35. He helped me with the _____ of this book.

n. the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready

36. The coach _____ the team for fighting until the end and never giving up.

v. to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else

37. The table _____ a little when I put my drink on it.

v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

38. There is his _____ party tomorrow.

n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

39. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

40. The _____ tree in the park is the perfect spot for a picnic.

n. a deciduous tree with heart-shaped leaves and fragrant yellow flowers; commonly planted in urban areas for shade or ornamental purposes

41. He is good at swimming _____.

adv. below or under the surface of the water

42. This ad is intended to _____ a competing product.

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

ANSWERS: 34. grand, 35. preparation, 36. commended, 37. wobbled, 38. farewell, 39. strip, 40. linden, 41. underwater, 42. tease

43. The bird perched on a _____ and sang a beautiful melody.
n. a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
44. He used an old _____ to clean the grease off the car's engine.
n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
45. The fisherman lived in a small _____ by the lake.
n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
46. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.
v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
47. The _____ applause lasted for several minutes after the performance.
adj. producing or accompanied by a loud, deep, rumbling sound, like that of thunder; intense, forceful, or impressive
48. The old wooden bridge was _____ and swayed with every step.
adj. wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
49. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.
n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
50. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.
v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 43. twig, 44. rag, 45. shack, 46. rubbed, 47. thunderous, 48. rickety, 49. tower, 50. weaves

51. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

52. The lowland _____ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

53. All humans are _____ and will eventually die.

adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

54. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

55. He used a sharp tool to _____ his initials onto the metal.

v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

56. The royal _____ celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

57. He got so angry that he _____ the door down.

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

58. The protective _____ covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.

n. a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

ANSWERS: 51. floods, 52. swamp, 53. mortal, 54. intent, 55. etch, 56. feast, 57. battered, 58. shroud

59. He got an electric _____ at work.

- n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

60. The _____ of the hammer broke while he was trying to dislodge a nail.

- n.* the lower part of the leg, between the knee and ankle; a straight or curved part of a tool or utensil that is used to grip, hold, or apply pressure

61. The _____ roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.

- n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

62. The bomb blast spread _____ among the people.

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

63. This merger will help them reduce _____ costs substantially.

- n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky

64. The hotel is known for its exceptional _____.

- n.* the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers

65. I don't want to _____ for second best.

- v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

66. The river _____ its banks during the heavy rain.

- v.* to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough

ANSWERS: 59. shock, 60. shank, 61. thatch, 62. terror, 63. overhead, 64. hospitality, 65. settle, 66. overflowed

67. She vividly _____ getting laid off several years ago.

v. to remember something

68. The _____ sound of the trumpet echoed through the church during the funeral service.

adj. expressing or showing sorrow or grief; sad; melancholy

69. The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the _____ where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

70. The _____ dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

71. He had to _____ down his coffee before rushing to work.

v. to swallow quickly and forcefully; to take in a large amount of air or liquid quickly and audibly because of surprise, fear, or excitement

72. The small budget was _____ to cover all the necessary expenses for the project.

adj. not sufficient or enough

73. I am going to _____ some coffee this morning.

v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

74. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

ANSWERS: 67. recalls, 68. mournful, 69. underworld, 70. shepherd's, 71. gulp, 72. inadequate, 73. brew, 74. precious

75. 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

76. The vines _____ to form a thick canopy overhead.

- v.* to twist together or become twisted together

77. The nobler, the more _____.

- adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

78. We destroyed a _____ of 70 enemy ships.

- n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

79. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.

- v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

80. The flowers in the garden began to _____ after the first rain of the season.

- v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

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

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

82. He finally exploded with _____ due to the team's repeated failures.

- n.* extreme anger

83. The _____ produces thousands of coins each day.

- n.* a place where coins, paper money, or medals are produced under government authority; any north temperate plant of the genus *Mentha* with aromatic leaves and small mauve flowers

ANSWERS: 75. honor, 76. intertwine, 77. humble, 78. fleet, 79. disguised, 80. sprout, 81. cots, 82. wrath, 83. mint

84. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.
- v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
85. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
86. The _____ arrived in port the following day.
- n.* a ship or large boat
87. Large ____ trees cast a shadow in the garden.
- n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns
88. He cannot _____ a holiday.
- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
89. The cat _____ in my lap and fell asleep.
- v.* to settle comfortably or cozily into a place
90. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
- n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
91. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
- n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
92. Prospects for the suspect's conviction are _____ due to a lack of helpful evidence.
- adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

ANSWERS: 84. permit, 85. conversation, 86. vessel, 87. oak, 88. afford, 89. nestled, 90. desire, 91. balance, 92. murky

93. The sculptor carefully molded the _____ into the desired shape.
- n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
94. The _____ woman is quite energetic.
- adj.* (a polite word for) old
95. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.
- n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
96. 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
97. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
- n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
98. The floor was made of white and black _____ arranged in a checkerboard pattern.
- n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

ANSWERS: 93. clay, 94. elderly, 95. panic, 96. ascend, 97. branch, 98. marble