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Session 1: Word List

youthful

adj. typical of young people; vigorous and fresh

synonym: immature, inexperienced, enthusiastic

(1) **youthful** abandon, (2) in a **youthful** manner

That painter kept his **youthful** spirit even in old age.

descent

n. the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins

synonym: fall, drop, family

(1) **descent** from nobility, (2) **descent** of family

The **descent** from the mountain was steep and rocky.

sin

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

synonym: misdeed, guilt, wrong

(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission

Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.

conversion

n. the act or process of changing something from one thing to another; the state of being changed

synonym: transformation, change, metamorphosis

(1) **conversion** rate, (2) **conversion** therapy

The developer's **conversion** of the old factory into a modern

loft apartment complex was a major success.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes
I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

wicked

adj. morally bad or evil
synonym: evil, sinful, nefarious

(1) **wicked** thoughts, (2) **wicked** grin
The **wicked** witch cast a spell on the kingdom.

carnal

adj. relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones
synonym: physical, sensual, sexual

(1) **carnal** encounter, (2) **carnal** pleasure
The church considers **carnal** desires to be sinful.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
synonym: depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges
Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

disappointment

n. the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
synonym: letdown, frustration, discouragement

(1) **disappointment** in the result, (2) **disappointment** with the service
The cancellation of the concert was a huge **disappointment** for the fans.

orchard

n. a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries
synonym: grove, plantation, fruit garden

(1) local apple **orchard**, (2) **orchard** tree

The farmer owns an **orchard** where he grows apples, pears, and plums.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym: shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

motivate

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

synonym: boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**

The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

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.

flavor

n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

synonym: taste, savor, essence

(1) a delicate **flavor**, (2) **flavor** enhancer

The **flavor** of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

foul

adj. extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad

synonym: nasty, loathsome, illegal

(1) **foul** day, (2) **foul** language

It was **foul** of him to betray his friend.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

perverse

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

synonym: stubborn, contrary, wicked

(1) **perverse** idea, (2) **perverse** attitude

His **perverse** sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

perversity

n. the quality or state of being intentionally contrary or difficult to deal with; a tendency to behave in a way that is improper, unacceptable, or unreasonable

synonym: obstinacy, contrariness, stubbornness

(1) psychological **perversity**, (2) constant **perversity**

The judge was taken aback by the defendant's **perversity**, even after all the evidence was presented.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

flirt

v. to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

synonym : tease

(1) **flirt** with him, (2) **flirt** like a schoolgirl

My husband never **flirts** with other women.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym : comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym : scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

destructive

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

synonym : destroying, harmful, disastrous

(1) lead to **destructive** behavior, (2) a habit **destructive** to health

It was the most **destructive** storm in decades.

skate

n. a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

synonym : blade, runner, sled

(1) **skate** park, (2) roller **skate**

She has been practicing an ice **skate** routine for months

pond

n. a small, shallow lake

synonym : lake, pool, basin

(1) a garden **pond**, (2) **pond** water

The freshwater **pond** was home to many different types of fish and was a popular spot for fishing.

unfreeze

v. to thaw or unfrost something that has been frozen; to release or remove a restriction or limitation that had been in place, allowing something to move forward or progress

synonym : thaw, unfrost, melt

(1) **unfreeze** assets, (2) **unfreeze** bank accounts

We need to **unfreeze** the computer screen, and it's been frozen for hours.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

splash

v. to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force

synonym : scatter, dash, gurgle

(1) **splash** water, (2) **splash** everywhere

The mountain was **splashed** with snow.

violent

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

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

disrupt

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

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

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

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

knight

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

synonym : noble, cavalier, chevalier

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

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

butler

n. a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

synonym : valet, majordomo, manservant

(1) **butler** service, (2) household **butler**

The personal **butler** announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

bully

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

synonym : tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

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

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

negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym: discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

chaos

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

synonym: disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

bunch

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

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

benign

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

synonym: kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

occasion

n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

synonym: event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands
She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**
You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**
He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

jam

n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

synonym: difficulty, mess, preserve

(1) a traffic **jam**, (2) a jar of **jam**
The shredder in the print room often has paper **jams**.

choir

n. a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

synonym: chorus, ensemble, club

(1) quintet **choir**, (2) **choir** performance
The gospel **choir** sang beautifully at the church service.

concert

n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

synonym : gig, musical, show

(1) have a **concert** again, (2) a benefit **concert**

This artist always packs the **concert** halls.

incorrect

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

synonym : unsound, wrong, inaccurate

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

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

modest

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

synonym : unassuming, humble, unpretentious

(1) **modest** income, (2) only a **modest** fee

Despite his many achievements, he remained **modest** and down-to-earth.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

illustrious

adj. famous, respected, and honored

synonym : famous, renowned, distinguished

(1) an **illustrious** achievement, (2) **illustrious** figure

The **illustrious** scientist won the Nobel Prize for his

groundbreaking work.

exhibition

n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

synonym: display, show, presentation

(1) a personal **exhibition**, (2) **exhibition** opening

The art museum is hosting an **exhibition** of contemporary paintings next month.

urine

n. a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate

synonym: excrement, dung, pee

(1) **urine** composition, (2) blood in the **urine**

They collected a **urine** specimen for urinalysis.

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.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

artwork

n. the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.

synonym: painting, picture, graphics

(1) ancient **artwork**, (2) **artwork** conservation

Videos documenting the process of creating this pencil **artwork** have been popular worldwide.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over
He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

controversy

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

synonym : disagreement, dispute, argument

(1) **controversy** among researchers, (2) arouse **controversy**

They entered into **controversy** with the member of the ruling party.

pivotal

adj. relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

synonym : crucial, essential, important

(1) **pivotal** moment, (2) **pivotal** role

The CEO's decision was **pivotal** in the success of the company's expansion plans.

modern

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

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

balloon

n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

synonym : aerostat, blimp, (verb) billow out

(1) **balloon** ride, (2) **balloon** into a severe political problem

The satellite **balloon** slowly ascended into the sky.

auction

n. a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding

synonym : sale, vendue, bidding

(1) **auction** house, (2) online **auction**

The antique furniture was sold at **auction** for a high price.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

gavel

n. a small mallet or hammer used by a judge or presiding officer to signal for attention or to announce a decision in a court or other formal setting

synonym : mallet, hammer, gong

(1) **gavel** strike, (2) justice **gavel**

The judge banged the **gavel** to signify the end of the trial.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym : roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

shred

v. to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount

synonym : rip up, tear up, cut

(1) **shred** paper into little pieces, (2) **shred** lettuce for a salad

There is not a **shred** of evidence that he is guilty.

halfway

adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

synonym : middle, median, center

(1) **halfway** through my journey, (2) **halfway** decent job

The famous restaurant stands **halfway** up the hill.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym: excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

anarchist

n. a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary

synonym: nihilist, syndicalist, agitator

(1) **anarchist** terrorism, (2) **anarchist** group

The event pretty much converted him from his **anarchist** views.

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.

comical

adj. funny, especially in a strange or absurd way

synonym: amusing, funny, humorous

(1) a **comical** way to speaking, (2) cast **comical** eyes

He covered up his failure with **comical** laughter.

parcel

n. something wrapped in paper so that it can be carried or sent by post

synonym: box, packet, container

(1) a **parcel** of lies, (2) **parcel** of land

He runs a **parcel** delivery company.

irrational

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

synonym : illogical, ludicrous, senseless

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

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

immoral

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

synonym : unethical, wicked, corrupt

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

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

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

synonym : clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical
explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

confrontation

n. the act of facing or dealing with something directly and
openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or
disagreement

synonym : face-off, conflict, competition

(1) violent **confrontation**, (2) verbal **confrontation**

The **confrontation** between the two nations escalated into a
full-blown war.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against
someone

synonym : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national

security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

synonym: ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**

He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

hint

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

synonym: clue, indication, suggestion

(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**

There was no **hint** of a problem.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

wholly

adv. completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation

synonym: completely, entirely, totally

(1) **wholly** inadequate, (2) **wholly** healthy food

I am **wholly** committed to this project and will work hard to bring it to fruition.

predictable

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

synonym : foreseeable, expectable, likely

(1) **predictable** pattern, (2) in a **predictable** manner

The economy becomes more volatile and less **predictable**.

hack

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

synonym : cut, chop, crack

(1) **hack** through the jungle, (2) **hack** into the program

This blog offers a variety of tips for **hacking** everyday life.

outsmart

v. to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic

synonym : outwit, beat, surpass

(1) **outsmart** the competition, (2) **outsmart** a conspiracy

He could **outsmart** his opponents with his quick thinking and strategic planning.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

imp

n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

synonym : demon, sprite, mischievous child

(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**

The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.

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.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

incident

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

synonym: event, occurrence, accident

(1) traffic **incident**, (2) security **incident**

The **incident** at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

satisfaction

n. a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

synonym: delight, pleasure, content

(1) a sense of **satisfaction**, (2) customer **satisfaction**

The mediated settlement brought **satisfaction** to both sides.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym: association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

gang

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

synonym: crew, posse, group

(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member

The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym: control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise

The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

liberty

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym: freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

autonomy

n. the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently

synonym: independence, sovereignty, self-sufficiency

(1) regional **autonomy**, (2) establish **autonomy**

Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate **autonomy** for their country.

constraint

n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

synonym: limitation, restriction, bound

(1) **constraint** on business activity, (2) strict time **constraints**

The budget **constraint** forced them to make difficult decisions.

morality

n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
synonym: decency, rectitude, righteousness

(1) business **morality**, (2) sense of **morality**

She found fault with the **morality** of politicians.

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.

pod

n. a seed case, especially of a leguminous plant such as a pea or bean; a detachable container of something, especially on an airplane

synonym: capsule, seed case, husk

(1) escape **pod**, (2) cocoa **pod**

The **pod** of whales swam gracefully through the water.

detergent

n. a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively

synonym: soap, cleanser, disinfectant

(1) **detergent** solution, (2) laundry **detergent**

I use environmentally friendly **detergent** when I wash my clothes and dishes.

consume

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

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

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

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

gamble

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

synonym: bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune

Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

consumption

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

synonym: usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

autonomous

adj. capable of governing or controlling its affairs

synonym: independent, self-governing, self-reliant

(1) development of **autonomous** vehicles, (2) an **autonomous** judiciary

Five of the six provinces will become **autonomous** regions under the new federal system of government.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

unpleasant

adj. not enjoyable or comfortable

synonym: disagreeable, displeasing, distasteful

(1) **unpleasant** behavior, (2) with **unpleasant** body odor
It is **unpleasant** to see criminal behavior even though it is minor.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty
During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**
The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

laboratory

n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

synonym: lab, workshop, testing room

(1) **laboratory** accident, (2) anthropology **laboratory**
Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a **laboratory**.

reestablish

v. to establish again or anew; to restore something that was lost or disrupted, often relating to an organization, relationship, or system

synonym: restore, reconstitute, rehabilitate

(1) **reestablish** ties, (2) **reestablish** trust
We need to **reestablish** our relationship after our argument.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**
These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

binge

n. a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

synonym : spree, overindulgence, splurge

(1) **binge** on social media, (2) alcohol **binge**

She stayed up all night **binge-watching** her favorite TV show.

heavy-handed

adj. clumsy, insensitive, or overly forceful

synonym : coercive, cruel, oppressive

(1) **heavy-handed** interference, (2) in a **heavy-handed** manner

The people got angry with the government's **heavy-handed** economic policies.

reprisal

n. an act of retaliation or revenge for a perceived wrong, often involving violence or other hostile actions

synonym : retaliation, vengeance, revenge

(1) **reprisal** attack, (2) fear of **reprisal**

If you file a complaint, you may face **reprisal** from your employer.

ambassador

n. a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

synonym : envoy, diplomat, representative

(1) **ambassador** for football, (2) send an **ambassador** abroad

The **ambassador** of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.

sanction

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization

synonym : approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the

country.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym: autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers
A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

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.

stunning

adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

synonym: beautiful, breathtaking, magnificent

(1) **stunning** beauty, (2) **stunning** disclosure

The **stunning** sunset took everyone's breath away.

appreciate

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

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

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

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an

argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

self-interest

n. the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

synonym: selfishness, selfhood, egocentricity

(1) unaffected by **self-interest**, (2) material **self-interest**

The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by **self-interest**.

affiliation

n. the act of joining or associating with a particular group or organization; a connection or relationship with a particular group or organization

synonym: association, connection, partnership

(1) **affiliation** agreement, (2) business **affiliation**

Her **affiliation** with the political party helped her to win the election.

paradoxical

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

synonym: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

awful

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

synonym: terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a bu__h of trees | <i>n.</i> a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together |
| 2. ca___l encounter | <i>adj.</i> relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones |
| 3. unsatisfied de___e | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something |
| 4. ha____y decent job | <i>adj.</i> in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points |
| 5. cultural n__m | <i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard |
| 6. with unp_____nt body odor | <i>adj.</i> not enjoyable or comfortable |
| 7. strong and co_____ed sales staff | <i>adj.</i> willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something |
| 8. unintended con_____ces | <i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual |
| 9. psy_____gy experiment | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior |
| 10. a nation's right to go___n | <i>v.</i> to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services |
| 11. ch__r performance | <i>n.</i> a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral |

ANSWERS: 1. bunch, 2. carnal, 3. desire, 4. halfway, 5. norm, 6. unpleasant, 7. committed, 8. consequence, 9. psychology, 10. govern, 11. choir

12. all ability to mo____te
v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
13. an aw__l error
adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
14. an aut____us judiciary
adj. capable of governing or controlling its affairs
15. beauty s__t
n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
16. blood in the ur__e
n. a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
17. li____y as a right
n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
18. con____on therapy
n. the act or process of changing something from one thing to another; the state of being changed
19. fleshly de____e
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
20. fear of re____al
n. an act of retaliation or revenge for a perceived wrong, often involving violence or other hostile actions
21. have a co____t again
n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
22. un____ze bank accounts
v. to thaw or unfrost something that has been frozen; to release or remove a restriction or limitation that had been in place, allowing something to move forward or progress

ANSWERS: 12. motivate, 13. awful, 14. autonomous, 15. spot, 16. urine, 17. liberty, 18. conversion, 19. desire, 20. reprisal, 21. concert, 22. unfreeze

23. midst of ch__s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
24. dis_____ent in the result *n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
25. direct pro_____on *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
26. violent con_____ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
27. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
28. fl____r enhancer *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
29. de____e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
30. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
31. wh____y inadequate *adv.* completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation
32. an_____st terrorism *n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary

ANSWERS: 23. chaos, 24. disappointment, 25. proportion, 26. confrontation, 27. mention, 28. flavor, 29. define, 30. plot, 31. wholly, 32. anarchist

33. pr____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
34. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
35. a glad oc____on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
36. au____n house *n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding
37. ou____rt a conspiracy *v.* to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic
38. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
39. irr____al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
40. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

ANSWERS: 33. propose, 34. plot, 35. occasion, 36. auction, 37. outsmart, 38. insist, 39. irrational, 40. bully

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| 41. a delicate fl___r | <i>n.</i> the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth |
| 42. a habit des_____ve to health | <i>adj.</i> causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage |
| 43. or_____d tree | <i>n.</i> a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries |
| 44. helpful h__ts | <i>n.</i> an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something |
| 45. s_n of omission | <i>n.</i> the offense against a religious or moral law or against God |
| 46. material sel_____est | <i>n.</i> the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others |
| 47. business aff_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of joining or associating with a particular group or organization; a connection or relationship with a particular group or organization |
| 48. material we___h | <i>n.</i> a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns |
| 49. sense of mo_____ty | <i>n.</i> principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior |
| 50. lab_____ry accident | <i>n.</i> a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab |
| 51. em___e as a butterfly | <i>v.</i> to move out of or away from something and become visible |
| 52. con_____on rate | <i>n.</i> the act or process of changing something from one thing to another; the state of being changed |

ANSWERS: 41. flavor, 42. destructive, 43. orchard, 44. hint, 45. sin, 46. self-interest, 47. affiliation, 48. wealth, 49. morality, 50. laboratory, 51. emerge, 52. conversion

53. household bu___r *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
54. a sonic b___m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
55. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
56. a par_____al anecdote *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
57. a garden p___d *n.* a small, shallow lake
58. fire st___k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
59. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
60. ga___e \$100 on the race *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
61. a be___n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
62. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

ANSWERS: 53. butler, 54. boom, 55. magical, 56. paradoxical, 57. pond, 58. stick, 59. violent, 60. gamble, 61. benign, 62. unleash

63. te___r group *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
64. pi_____l moment *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
65. do aw__l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
66. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
67. security in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
68. in a yo_____ul manner *adj.* typical of young people; vigorous and fresh
69. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
70. cast co_____l eyes *adj.* funny, especially in a strange or absurd way
71. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
72. le___e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
73. psychological per_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being intentionally contrary or difficult to deal with; a tendency to behave in a way that is improper, unacceptable, or unreasonable

ANSWERS: 63. terror, 64. pivotal, 65. awful, 66. modern, 67. incident, 68. youthful, 69. magical, 70. comical, 71. bunch, 72. league, 73. perversity

74. ba____n into a severe political problem
n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
75. pi____l role
adj. relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
76. collaborate with co____ues
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
77. s__n fish
v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
78. exh____on opening
n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
79. pe____se attitude
adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
80. ur__e composition
n. a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
81. alcohol bi__e
n. a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
82. ho____y audience
v. to shock or disgust greatly

ANSWERS: 74. balloon, 75. pivotal, 76. colleague, 77. stun, 78. exhibition, 79. perverse, 80. urine, 81. binge, 82. horrify

83. di____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
84. sp____h water *v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
85. re____al attack *n.* an act of retaliation or revenge for a perceived wrong, often involving violence or other hostile actions
86. ar____k conservation *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
87. de____e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
88. a sense of sat____ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
89. pr____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
90. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
91. constant per____ty *n.* the quality or state of being intentionally contrary or difficult to deal with; a tendency to behave in a way that is improper, unacceptable, or unreasonable
92. yo____ul abandon *adj.* typical of young people; vigorous and fresh

ANSWERS: 83. disturb, 84. splash, 85. reprisal, 86. artwork, 87. define, 88. satisfaction, 89. predict, 90. wealth, 91. perversity, 92. youthful

93. forgive a s_n *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
94. make an in_____ct report *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
95. take a qu_____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
96. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
97. pre_____le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
98. ha_____y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
99. dis_____ent with the service *n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
100. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
101. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
102. strict time con_____nts *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
103. lead to des_____ve behavior *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
104. sh__d paper into little pieces *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
105. te____r attack *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm

ANSWERS: 93. sin, 94. incorrect, 95. quotation, 96. suppose, 97. predictable, 98. halfway, 99. disappointment, 100. react, 101. moral, 102. constraint, 103. destructive, 104. shred, 105. terror

106. send an amb_____or abroad *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
107. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
108. sh__d lettuce for a salad *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
109. ga___e away my fortune *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
110. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
111. st_____ng disclosure *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
112. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
113. online au_____n *n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding
114. the black kn___t *n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit

ANSWERS: 106. ambassador, 107. frame, 108. shred, 109. gamble, 110. involve, 111. stunning, 112. moral, 113. auction, 114. knight

115. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
116. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
117. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
118. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
119. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
120. f__l language *adj.* extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad
121. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
122. customer sat_____ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
123. de_____t of family *n.* the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins
124. cocoa p_d *n.* a seed case, especially of a leguminous plant such as a pea or bean; a detachable container of something, especially on an airplane
125. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
126. Imperial sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization

ANSWERS: 115. motivation, 116. disturb, 117. spot, 118. colleague, 119. destroy, 120. foul, 121. threaten, 122. satisfaction, 123. descent, 124. pod, 125. suppose, 126. sanction

127. con_____ng biochemical explanation *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
128. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
129. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
130. a con_____ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
131. wi___d grin *adj.* morally bad or evil
132. an_____st group *n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary
133. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
134. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
135. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
136. con_____nt on business activity *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
137. 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
138. ree_____sh trust *v.* to establish again or anew; to restore something that was lost or disrupted, often relating to an organization, relationship, or system

ANSWERS: 127. convincing, 128. boom, 129. negotiate, 130. convincing, 131. wicked, 132. anarchist, 133. motivation, 134. consume, 135. mess, 136. constraint, 137. fountain, 138. reestablish

139. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
140. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
141. regional au_____my *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
142. aff_____on agreement *n.* the act of joining or associating with a particular group or organization; a connection or relationship with a particular group or organization
143. 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
144. ch___s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
145. g___g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
146. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
147. development of aut_____us vehicles *adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs
148. st_____ng beauty *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

ANSWERS: 139. corruption, 140. creative, 141. autonomy, 142. affiliation, 143. urge, 144. chaos, 145. gang, 146. dictator, 147. autonomous, 148. stunning

149. fl__t like a schoolgirl *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
150. a jar of j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
151. a building of vast pro_____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
152. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
153. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
154. be___n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
155. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
156. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
157. a personal exh_____on *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
158. anthropology lab_____ry *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
159. hea_____ded interference *adj.* clumsy, insensitive, or overly forceful

ANSWERS: 149. flirt, 150. jam, 151. proportion, 152. instance, 153. decide, 154. benign, 155. emerge, 156. threaten, 157. exhibition, 158. laboratory, 159. heavy-handed

160. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
161. arouse con_____sy *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
162. fo_____in plaza *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
163. sp___h everywhere *v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
164. un_____ze assets *v.* to thaw or unfrost something that has been frozen; to release or remove a restriction or limitation that had been in place, allowing something to move forward or progress
165. verbal con_____ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
166. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
167. de_____nt solution *n.* a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively
168. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 160. decide, 161. controversy, 162. fountain, 163. splash, 164. unfreeze, 165. confrontation, 166. violent, 167. detergent, 168. committed

169. in__t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
170. military di____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
171. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
172. a co_____l way to speaking *adj.* funny, especially in a strange or absurd way
173. laundry de_____nt *n.* a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively
174. a benefit co_____t *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
175. p__d water *n.* a small, shallow lake
176. popular sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization
177. fl__t with him *v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
178. personal li_____y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

ANSWERS: 169. insist, 170. dictator, 171. appreciate, 172. comical, 173. detergent, 174. concert, 175. pond, 176. sanction, 177. flirt, 178. liberty

179. wh___y healthy food *adv.* completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation
180. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
181. ou_____rt the competition *v.* to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic
182. h__k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
183. an ill_____us achievement *adj.* famous, respected, and honored
184. ga__l strike *n.* a small mallet or hammer used by a judge or presiding officer to signal for attention or to announce a decision in a court or other formal setting
185. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
186. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
187. only a mo___t fee *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
188. in a pre_____le manner *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
189. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 179. wholly, 180. frightening, 181. outsmart, 182. hack, 183. illustrious, 184. gavel, 185. predict, 186. reject, 187. modest, 188. predictable, 189. incredibly

190. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
191. h__k into the program *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
192. politically im_____l *adj.* not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
193. ba_____n ride *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
194. escape p_d *n.* a seed case, especially of a leguminous plant such as a pea or bean; a detachable container of something, especially on an airplane
195. bu____r service *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
196. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
197. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
198. quintet ch__r *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
199. ne_____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
200. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

ANSWERS: 190. consume, 191. hack, 192. immoral, 193. balloon, 194. pod, 195. butler, 196. destroy, 197. instance, 198. choir, 199. negotiate, 200. frightening

201. ca___l pleasure *adj.* relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones
202. bi__e on social media *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
203. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
204. ill_____us figure *adj.* famous, respected, and honored
205. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
206. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
207. roller sk__e *n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
208. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
209. justice ga__l *n.* a small mallet or hammer used by a judge or presiding officer to signal for attention or to announce a decision in a court or other formal setting

ANSWERS: 201. carnal, 202. binge, 203. stick, 204. illustrious, 205. uncomfortable, 206. motivate, 207. skate, 208. appreciate, 209. gavel

210. business mo____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
211. unplea____nt behavior *adj.* not enjoyable or comfortable
212. pe____se idea *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
213. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
214. skate____ park *n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
215. a selfish de____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
216. me____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
217. establish au____my *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
218. a picture fr____e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
219. as oc____on demands *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

ANSWERS: 210. morality, 211. unpleasant, 212. perverse, 213. modern, 214. skate, 215. decision, 216. mention, 217. autonomy, 218. frame, 219. occasion

220. im____l behavior	<i>adj.</i> not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
221. t__e cycle	<i>n.</i> the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
222. di____t a well-ordered condition	<i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
223. n__m of action	<i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
224. an irr____al request	<i>adj.</i> not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
225. traffic in____nt	<i>n.</i> an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
226. get into a m__s	<i>n.</i> a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
227. behave like an i_p	<i>n.</i> a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
228. ho____y victims	<i>v.</i> to shock or disgust greatly
229. the con____on of food	<i>n.</i> the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
230. un____h her anger	<i>v.</i> to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

ANSWERS: 220. immoral, 221. tide, 222. disrupt, 223. norm, 224. irrational, 225. incident, 226. mess, 227. imp, 228. horrify, 229. consumption, 230. unleash

231. de____t from nobility *n.* the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins
232. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
233. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
234. a little i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
235. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
236. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
237. a pa___l of lies *n.* something wrapped in paper so that it can be carried or sent by post
238. unaffected by sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
239. pa___l of land *n.* something wrapped in paper so that it can be carried or sent by post
240. ancient ar____k *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
241. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
242. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 231. descent, 232. reject, 233. incredibly, 234. imp, 235. tide, 236. react, 237. parcel, 238. self-interest, 239. parcel, 240. artwork, 241. stun, 242. involve

243. an in_____ct translation *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
244. go___n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
245. a baseball le___e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
246. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
247. 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
248. f__l day *adj.* extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad
249. a traffic j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
250. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
251. wi___d thoughts *adj.* morally bad or evil

ANSWERS: 243. incorrect, 244. govern, 245. league, 246. corruption, 247. urge, 248. foul, 249. jam, 250. consequence, 251. wicked

252. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
253. white kn____t *n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
254. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
255. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
256. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
257. apparently par_____al *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
258. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
259. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
260. amb_____or for football *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

ANSWERS: 252. uncomfortable, 253. knight, 254. bully, 255. disrupt, 256. creative, 257. paradoxical, 258. psychology, 259. propose, 260. ambassador

261. ree_____sh ties *v.* to establish again or anew; to restore something that was lost or disrupted, often relating to an organization, relationship, or system
262. a motorcycle g__g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
263. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
264. in a hea_____ded manner *adj.* clumsy, insensitive, or overly forceful
265. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
266. mo___t income *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
267. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
268. con_____sy among researchers *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
269. double qu_____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
270. local apple or_____d *n.* a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries

ANSWERS: 261. reestablish, 262. gang, 263. hint, 264. heavy-handed, 265. consumption, 266. modest, 267. decision, 268. controversy, 269. quotation, 270. orchard

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
 - v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

2. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
 - v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

3. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.
 - v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

4. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
 - v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

5. There was no _____ of a problem.
 - n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

6. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
 - adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

7. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
 - n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

8. The lump was discovered to be _____ and no further treatment was needed.
 - adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

ANSWERS: 1. predict, 2. define, 3. governing, 4. emerged, 5. hint, 6. committed, 7. spot, 8. benign,

9. Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate _____ for their country.
n. the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
10. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.
adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
11. There is not a _____ of evidence that he is guilty.
v. to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
12. The mountain was _____ with snow.
v. to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
13. His abusive words made me _____.
adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
14. I found her assertion pretty _____.
adj. able to make someone believe that something is true
15. We need to _____ our relationship after our argument.
v. to establish again or anew; to restore something that was lost or disrupted, often relating to an organization, relationship, or system
16. 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
17. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 9. autonomy, 10. moral, 11. shred, 12. splashed, 13. uncomfortable, 14. convincing, 15. reestablish, 16. magical, 17. suppose

18. The _____ of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.
n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
19. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
20. She had a master's degree in _____.
n. the scientific study of mind and behavior
21. The CEO's decision was _____ in the success of the company's expansion plans.
adj. relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
22. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
23. The street _____ was known for its violent behavior.
n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
24. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
25. That painter kept his _____ spirit even in old age.
adj. typical of young people; vigorous and fresh

ANSWERS: 18. flavor, 19. destroyed, 20. psychology, 21. pivotal, 22. colleague, 23. gang, 24. bully, 25. youthful

26. The shredder in the print room often has paper _____.
n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
27. This blog offers a variety of tips for _____ everyday life.
v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
28. The budget _____ forced them to make difficult decisions.
n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
29. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.
n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
30. The art museum is hosting an _____ of contemporary paintings next month.
n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
31. How did he _____ to your idea?
v. to take action in response to something
32. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
33. She stayed up all night _____ her favorite TV show.
n. a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

ANSWERS: 26. jams, 27. hacking, 28. constraint, 29. quotation, 30. exhibition, 31. react, 32. frame, 33. binge-watching

34. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
35. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.
- n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
36. The _____ between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.
- n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
37. This artist always packs the _____ halls.
- n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
38. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
39. The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by _____.
- n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
40. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
41. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
42. The judge banged the _____ to signify the end of the trial.
- n.* a small mallet or hammer used by a judge or presiding officer to signal for attention or to announce a decision in a court or other formal setting

ANSWERS: 34. bunch, 35. league, 36. confrontation, 37. concert, 38. consequences, 39. self-interest, 40. modern, 41. violent, 42. gavel

43. They entered into _____ with the member of the ruling party.
n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
44. It was _____ of him to betray his friend.
adj. extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad
45. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.
n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
46. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
47. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
48. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
49. The _____ sunset took everyone's breath away.
adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
50. The _____ witch cast a spell on the kingdom.
adj. morally bad or evil
51. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 43. controversy, 44. foul, 45. proportion, 46. threatening, 47. propose, 48. instances, 49. stunning, 50. wicked, 51. involves

52. The government imposed economic _____ on the country.
n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization
53. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.
n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
54. The people got angry with the government's _____ economic policies.
adj. clumsy, insensitive, or overly forceful
55. The satellite _____ slowly ascended into the sky.
n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
56. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
57. The judge was taken aback by the defendant's _____ even after all the evidence was presented.
n. the quality or state of being intentionally contrary or difficult to deal with; a tendency to behave in a way that is improper, unacceptable, or unreasonable
58. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.
adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
59. Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a _____.
n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

ANSWERS: 52. sanctions, 53. corruption, 54. heavy-handed, 55. balloon, 56. dictator, 57. perversity, 58. irrational, 59. laboratory

60. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
61. The cancellation of the concert was a huge _____ for the fans.
- n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
62. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.
- n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
63. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
64. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.
- adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
65. His _____ sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.
- adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
66. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
67. Videos documenting the process of creating this pencil _____ have been popular worldwide.
- n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.

ANSWERS: 60. norms, 61. disappointment, 62. motivation, 63. insisted, 64. predictable, 65. perverse, 66. wealth, 67. artwork

68. The developer's _____ of the old factory into a modern loft apartment complex was a major success.
- n.* the act or process of changing something from one thing to another; the state of being changed
69. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.
- adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
70. He made a frightful _____ in his room.
- n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
71. The personal _____ announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.
- n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
72. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.
- n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
73. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
- n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
74. The freshwater _____ was home to many different types of fish and was a popular spot for fishing.
- n.* a small, shallow lake

ANSWERS: 68. conversion, 69. awful, 70. mess, 71. butler, 72. chaos, 73. plot, 74. pond

75. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.

- v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

76. Five of the six provinces will become _____ regions under the new federal system of government.

- adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs

77. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

- adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

78. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.

- v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

79. If you file a complaint, you may face _____ from your employer.

- n.* an act of retaliation or revenge for a perceived wrong, often involving violence or other hostile actions

80. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

81. She wore her best dress for the special _____.

- n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

82. He covered up his failure with _____ laughter.

- adj.* funny, especially in a strange or absurd way

ANSWERS: 75. motivate, 76. autonomous, 77. frightening, 78. disturb, 79. reprisal, 80. incredibly, 81. occasion, 82. comical

83. The antique furniture was sold at _____ for a high price.
- n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding
84. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide _____.
- n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
85. I am _____ committed to this project and will work hard to bring it to fruition.
- adv.* completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation
86. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
87. This sprinter _____ the world with his speed.
- v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
88. The mediated settlement brought _____ to both sides.
- n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
89. She has been practicing an ice _____ routine for months
- n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
90. He could _____ his opponents with his quick thinking and strategic planning.
- v.* to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic

ANSWERS: 83. auction, 84. sins, 85. wholly, 86. disrupt, 87. stunned, 88. satisfaction, 89. skate, 90. outsmart

91. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
92. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
- v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
93. We would _____ an early reply.
- v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
94. The event pretty much converted him from his _____ views.
- n. a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary
95. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
- v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
96. It was the most _____ storm in decades.
- adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
97. Will you _____ on the result of the fight?
- v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
98. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 91. decide, 92. rejected, 93. appreciate, 94. anarchist, 95. unleash, 96. destructive, 97. gamble, 98. mentioned

99. The _____ from the mountain was steep and rocky.

n. the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins

100. The famous restaurant stands _____ up the hill.

adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

101. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.

v. to shock or disgust greatly

102. 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

103. It is _____ to cheat on a test.

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

104. The gospel _____ sang beautifully at the church service.

n. a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

105. it is _____ that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

106. Despite his many achievements, he remained _____ and down-to-earth.

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

107. The _____ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

ANSWERS: 99. descent, 100. halfway, 101. horrify, 102. urged, 103. immoral, 104. choir, 105. paradoxical, 106. modest, 107. incident

108. He found my English sentences are _____.

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

109. The farmer owns an _____ where he grows apples, pears, and plums.

n. a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries

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

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

111. She found fault with the _____ of politicians.

n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior

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

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

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

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

114. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

115. The bomb blast spread _____ among the people.

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

116. The _____ of whales swam gracefully through the water.

n. a seed case, especially of a leguminous plant such as a pea or bean; a detachable container of something, especially on an airplane

ANSWERS: 108. incorrect, 109. orchard, 110. knight, 111. morality, 112. desire, 113. tide, 114. consumption, 115. terror, 116. pod

117. They collected a _____ specimen for urinalysis.
- n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
118. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
119. Her _____ with the political party helped her to win the election.
- n.* the act of joining or associating with a particular group or organization; a connection or relationship with a particular group or organization
120. I use environmentally friendly _____ when I wash my clothes and dishes.
- n.* a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively
121. My husband never _____ with other women.
- v.* to talk or behave as if sexually attracted to someone, without serious intentions; (noun) a seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men
122. He runs a _____ delivery company.
- n.* something wrapped in paper so that it can be carried or sent by post
123. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
124. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 117. urine, 118. creative, 119. affiliation, 120. detergent, 121. flirts, 122. parcel, 123. stick, 124. decision

125. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.

- n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

126. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.

- n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

127. We are always happy to _____ a discount.

- v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

128. 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

129. The mischievous ____ caused trouble wherever it went.

- n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

130. The church considers _____ desires to be sinful.

- adj.* relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones

131. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

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

132. The _____ scientist won the Nobel Prize for his groundbreaking work.

- adj.* famous, respected, and honored

ANSWERS: 125. boom, 126. liberty, 127. negotiate, 128. fountain, 129. imp, 130. carnal, 131. consume, 132. illustrious

133. It is _____ to see criminal behavior even though it is minor.

adj. not enjoyable or comfortable

134. We need to _____ the computer screen, and it's been frozen for hours.

v. to thaw or unfrost something that has been frozen; to release or remove a restriction or limitation that had been in place, allowing something to move forward or progress

135. The _____ of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.

n. a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

ANSWERS: 133. unpleasant, 134. unfreeze, 135. ambassador