

# Englist.me



## Vocabulary Builder Reference from...

*Bevy Smith: How to discover your authentic self -- at any age | TED Talk*

[https://www.ted.com/talks/bevy\\_smith\\_how\\_to\\_discover\\_your\\_authentic\\_self\\_at\\_any\\_age](https://www.ted.com/talks/bevy_smith_how_to_discover_your_authentic_self_at_any_age)

### All Words

#### IMPORTANT

This material is a commentary and does not contain any copyrighted material of the reference source. We strongly recommend accessing/buying the reference source at the same time.

## Session 1: Word List

### bloom

*n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

*synonym* : blossom, flush, flower

(1) **bloom** in autumn, (2) black-and-white **blooms**

The cherry blossoms in the park were in full **bloom**.

### snide

*adj.* derogatory or mocking indirectly or subtly, often with a tone of contempt or disapproval

*synonym* : sarcastic, mocking, derisive

(1) **snide** criticism, (2) **snide** attitude

His **snide** remarks toward his coworkers showed his lack of respect for them.

### revelry

*n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

*synonym* : festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

### curve

*n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

*synonym* : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

## heel

*n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

*synonym* : hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler

She wore high **heels** to the party.

## qualified

*adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

*synonym* : eligible, skillful, accomplished

(1) a **qualified** doctor, (2) **qualified** in medicine

We seek a person **qualified** for the post.

## church

*n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

*synonym* : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

## fashion

*n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

*synonym* : style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

## advertise

*v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

*synonym* : publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media  
We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

## jet

*n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

*synonym*: plane, aircraft, flier

(1) private **jet**, (2) commercial **jet**

The **jet** flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

## globe

*n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

*synonym*: Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

## pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym*: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## prime

*adj.* main or most important; basic

*synonym*: excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

## settle

*v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

*synonym*: inhabit, occupy, decide

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

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

- Don** *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge  
(1) the **don** of the university, (2) **Don** Giovanni  
He could never go against what **Don** Carlos said.
- glamorous** *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people  
*synonym*: alluring, bewitching, enchanting  
(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes  
The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.
- humdrum** *adj.* lacking in excitement or variety; repetitive; monotonous  
*synonym*: monotonous, dull, boring  
(1) **humdrum** routine, (2) **humdrum** day  
My **humdrum** job is boring and unfulfilling.
- stereotype** *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense  
(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**  
Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- equate** *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous  
*synonym*: associate, liken, relate  
(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility  
It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.
- quitter** *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started  
*synonym*: coward, deserter, surrender  
(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**  
He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project

halfway.

## intention

*n.* something you want to do and are going to do  
*synonym*: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**  
Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

## adventure

*n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous  
*synonym*: experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film  
He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

## scare

*v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened  
*synonym*: frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away  
We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

## buck

*n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention  
*synonym*: dollar, money, currency

(1) **buck** the trend, (2) extra **buck**  
I spotted a majestic **buck** with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

## quo

*n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue  
*synonym*: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto  
The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

## 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**.

## invariably

*adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception  
*synonym* : consistently, always, uniformly

(1) **invariably** polite, (2) **invariably** correct

She **invariably** arrived at the office early each day.

## confidence

*n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

*synonym* : self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

## compliment

*n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

*synonym* : praise, acclamation, tribute

(1) a backhanded **compliment**, (2) accept a **compliment**

Her **compliment** made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

## shady

*adj.* characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight

*synonym* : shadowy, dubious, questionable

(1) **shady** business, (2) **shady** deal

The tree provided some **shady** relief from the scorching sun.

## silent

*adj.* without any or little sound

*synonym* : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

## judgment

*n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

*synonym*: conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

## 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.

## poet

*n.* a person who writes poetry

*synonym*: versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

## epitome

*n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

*synonym*: embodiment, apotheosis

(1) an **epitome** of history, (2) world's **epitome**

He was the **epitome** of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.

## maid

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

*synonym*: servant, housekeeper, domestic

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

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

## back-to-back

*adj.* situated close to each other and facing in opposite directions; arranged or scheduled consecutively without a break in between; (adverb) consecutively

*synonym*: consecutive, continuous, successive

(1) **back-to-back** meetings, (2) win two games  
**back-to-back**

The restaurant received **back-to-back** awards for its exceptional cuisine and service.

## refuse

*v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something  
*synonym*: turn down, deny, decline

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

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

## behold

*v.* to look at and observe with attention

*synonym*: see, observe, watch

(1) **behold** the sunrise, (2) a joy to **behold**

His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to **behold**.

## bet

*v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

*synonym*: stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

## extravaganza

*n.* a spectacular or extravagant show, event, or celebration; a lavish or excessive display of wealth, talent, or creativity

*synonym*: spectacle, pageant, show

(1) holiday **extravaganza**, (2) music **extravaganza**

The fashion show was a lavish, glittering **extravaganza** of style and glamour.

## amazing

*adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

*synonym*: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.



## virtue

*n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

*synonym* : integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

## widow

*n.* a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried

*synonym* : bereaved

(1) **widow** pension, (2) a war **widow**

She became a **widow** after her husband passed away.

## carving

*n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

*synonym* : sculpture, engraving, sculpture

(1) a wood **carving**, (2) **carving** instrument

The intricate **carving** on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym* : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## 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.

## maintain

*v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

*synonym* : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

## champagne

*n.* a type of sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, or any similar wine produced elsewhere

*synonym* : sparkling wine, prosecco, cava

(1) **champagne** toast, (2) **champagne** celebration

They opened a bottle of **champagne** to celebrate their success.

## glamour

*n.* an attractive or exciting quality that makes people feel admiration or fascination; the attractive and exciting quality that people often associate with the fashion, entertainment, and beauty industries

*synonym* : glitz, allure, charisma

(1) **glamour** model, (2) Hollywood **glamour**

Her shimmering dress added **glamour** to the evening party.

## appeal

*n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

*synonym* : request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

## independence

*n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

*synonym* : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

## rub

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

*synonym* : scrub, massage, stroke

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

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

## crack

*v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

*synonym* : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

## coy

*adj.* deliberately shy, evasive, or modest, often in a way that is seen as flirtatious or coquettish; unwilling to commit to a course of action or express an opinion

*synonym* : bashful, shy, demure

(1) **coy** smile, (2) **coy** behavior

The **coy** mannerisms of the actress only added to her allure on and off the screen.

## subscribe

*v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

*synonym* : sign up, enroll, register

(1) **subscribe** to the service, (2) **subscribe** a petition

I want to **subscribe** to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.

## wardrobe

*n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

*synonym* : clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

## glove

*n.* a piece of clothing worn on the hand and wrist for protection against cold, dirt, etc., with separate parts for

each finger

*synonym* : mitt

(1) a right-hand **glove**, (2) 5-finger **glove**

She was wearing a black **glove**.

## turtleneck

*n.* a sweater or jersey with a high close-fitting collar

*synonym* : polo-neck

(1) a **turtleneck** sweater, (2) **turtleneck** undershirts

I want to buy a new **turtleneck** tomorrow.

## compulsive

*adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

*synonym* : compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable

(1) **compulsive** gambling, (2) **compulsive** behavior

He had a **compulsive** need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

## craze

*n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

*synonym* : mania, fad, agitation

(1) **craze** for speculation, (2) fitness **craze**

We experienced a **craze** for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.

## angst

*n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general

*synonym* : anxiety, worry, stress

(1) an endless stream of **angst**, (2) with no **angst**

He felt a sense of **angst** about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.

## yell

*v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way

*synonym* :

shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

## insidious

*adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

*synonym*: sly, cunning, subtle

(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior

The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

## string

*n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

*synonym*: line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

## elusive

*adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

*synonym*: mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

## miraculous

*adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

*synonym*: amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

## tutelage

*n.* the act or process of providing guidance, instruction, or protection to someone, especially someone who is young or inexperienced; the relationship between a mentor or teacher and their student or protégé

*synonym*: mentoring, guidance, apprenticeship

(1) **tutelage** of young learners, (2) provide **tutelage**  
The student was under the **tutelage** of a well-known scholar.

## **mingle**

*v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner

*synonym* : mix, blend, merge

(1) **mingle** with colleagues, (2) **mingle** with the locals  
I decided to **mingle** with the crowd and converse with some new people.

## **entrepreneur**

*n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

*synonym* : founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**  
**Entrepreneurs** willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

## **revenue**

*n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

*synonym* : earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**  
This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

## **stream**

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

*synonym* : flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars  
Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

## **solo**

*adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone

*synonym* : alone

(1) a **solo** vocal recital, (2) a **solo** flight  
I would love to **solo** camping someday.

## sepia

*n.* a reddish-brown color reminiscent of old photographs; a photographic process or technique that produces prints in this color

*synonym*: brownish, rust-colored, tan

(1) **sepia** filter, (2) **sepia** photograph

The old photograph had a beautiful **sepia** tone.

## pray

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

*synonym*: implore, supplicate, entreat

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

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

## continent

*n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

*synonym*: landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

## 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.

## sinister

*adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

*synonym*: ominous, foreboding, evil

(1) **sinister** look, (2) in **sinister** terms

The dark clouds in the sky gave off a **sinister** feeling.

## toss

*v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion

*synonym*: throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can  
It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

## instill

*v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually  
*synonym*: implant, ingrain, inculcate

(1) **instill** confidence, (2) **instill** medication into my eye  
The teacher attempted to **instill** the importance of hard work in her students.

## alas

*adv.* (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing

*synonym*: alack, regrettably, unluckily

(1) **alas**, we did not win the game, (2) **alas**, I cannot attend the party

**Alas**, I realized I had left my keys at home and couldn't enter the building.

## regard

*v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

*synonym*: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

## bevy

*n.* a large group or collection of people or things, particularly a group of birds or women

*synonym*: group, flock, cluster

(1) **bevy** of options, (2) **bevy** of beauties

A **bevy** of birds was flying together in formation.

## assistant

*n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

*synonym*: aide, helper, associate

(1) an unwilling **assistant**, (2) **assistant** professor

An executive **assistant** director administers each branch.



## toxic

*adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous  
*synonym* : poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

## attitude

*n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something  
*synonym* : mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

## initially

*adv.* at the beginning; at first

*synonym* : originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## trajectory

*n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space

*synonym* : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

## burden

*n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

*synonym* : obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

## impersonate

*v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire

*synonym* : imitate, mimic, copy

(1) **impersonate** a government official, (2) **impersonate** a character

The comedian is famous for his ability to **impersonate** famous politicians.

## allegedly

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

*synonym* : supposedly, reputedly

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

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

## progression

*n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

*synonym* : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

## snark

*n.* sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain

*synonym* : criticism, sarcasm, irony

(1) media **snark**, (2) political **snark**

She couldn't resist adding a little **snark** to her online comment.

## montage

*n.* a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion

*synonym* : collage, mosaic, compilation

(1) **montage** sequence, (2) photographic **montage**

The film used a **montage** of images to show the progress of the character's journey over time.

## yoga

*n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation

*synonym*: meditation, exercise, spiritual practice

(1) aerial **yoga**, (2) **yoga** teacher

Many people find that regular **yoga** practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.

## guru

*n.* a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area

*synonym*: sage, mentor, master

(1) **guru** meditation, (2) spiritual **guru**

He was considered a **guru** in economics and consulted by many leaders.

## limber

*v.* to make or become more flexible, particularly with exercise or stretching; to prepare oneself mentally or physically for a task or activity

*synonym*: stretch, warm up, flex

(1) **limber** up with some stretching exercises, (2) **limber** my body

You need to **limber** up before starting to exercise to prevent injury.

## insecure

*adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

*synonym*: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

## peruse

*v.* to read or examine something carefully and thoroughly

*synonym*: examine, scrutinize, study

(1) **peruse** every page of a book, (2) **peruse** the document

She **perused** the menu before ordering her meal.

## excel

*v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something  
*synonym* : outdo, shine, surpass

(1) **excel** in description, (2) **excel** at communication

The company **excels** in customer service.

## traditionally

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

*synonym* : conventionally, commonly, generally

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

**Traditionally**, the ceremony was held outdoors.

## hell

*n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

*synonym* : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

## universe

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

*synonym* : cosmos, macrocosm

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

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

## intellect

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

*synonym* : mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

## evolve

*v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

*synonym* : develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade  
Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

## emotional

*adj.* relating to people's feelings

*synonym*: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

## petty

*adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

*synonym*: minor, insignificant, trivial

(1) **petty** crime, (2) **petty** cash

The **petty** arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.

## junction

*n.* a point where two or more things meet or come together, particularly roads, railways, or rivers; a place or time of joining or combining

*synonym*: intersection, convergence, connection

(1) **junction** box, (2) **junction** point

The **junction** between these two roads is a common site of traffic accidents.

## grip

*n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

*synonym*: grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**

He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

## assess

*v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

*synonym*: estimate, evaluate, consider

(1) **assess** a tax of 10 pounds, (2) **assess** the quality

Our company needs to **assess** the business impact of

climate change.

## 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.

## ritual

*n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

*synonym*: tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

## deserve

*v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

*synonym*: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

## suited

*adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances

*synonym*: appropriate, fitting, suitable

(1) **suited** for the job, (2) well- **suited** personality

The job offer was perfectly **suited** to her skills and experience.

## doe

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym*: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure

stags.

## conspire

*v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

*synonym*: plot, scheme, collude

(1) **conspire** his ruin, (2) **conspire** to corner the market

The group of friends **conspired** to pull a prank on their teacher.

## breath

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

*synonym*: air, puff, whiff

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

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

## congratulation

*n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

*synonym*: praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

## kudos

*n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment

*synonym*: acclaim, praise, congratulations

(1) gain **kudos**, (2) **kudos** to the team

She received **kudos** from her boss for her exceptional work on the project.

## instantly

*adv.* immediately

*synonym*: immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

## extended

*adj.* longer than usual or anticipated

*synonym* : extensive, prolonged, elongated

(1) **extended** vacation, (2) **extended** payment

The **extended** airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

## grace

*n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

*synonym* : charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

## malice

*n.* the intention or desire to do evil or harm towards someone; ill will or spite

*synonym* : spite, animosity, venom

(1) personal **malice**, (2) speak without **malice**

The defendant's **malice** towards the victim was evident in the testimony.

## frown

*v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

*synonym* : scowl, glare, disapprove

(1) people with **frown** faces, (2) a worried **frown**

Thinking always made him **frown**.

## wrinkle

*n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

*synonym* : crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**

This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

## 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.

## disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

*synonym*: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week  
They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

## extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

*synonym*: prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line  
Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

## defend

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

*synonym*: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat  
International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

## authentic

*adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

*synonym*: genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

## quandary

*n.* a state of uncertainty or confusion, particularly when one is unsure of what to do; a dilemma

*synonym*: dilemma, uncertainty, predicament

(1) **quandary** situation, (2) financial **quandary**  
I was in a **quandary** over which job offer to accept.

## bard

*n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song

*synonym*:

poet, minstrel, troubadour

(1) medieval **bard**, (2) a famous **bard**

The **bard's** performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.

## suppress

v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

*synonym*: subdue, bury, stifle

(1) **suppress** a yawn, (2) **suppress** a revolt

The doctor prescribed medication to **suppress** the patient's appetite.

## core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

*synonym*: center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

## identity

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

*synonym*: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

## 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?

## squelch

v. to make a sucking sound like that made by walking heavily through mud; to suppress or silence something completely; to crush or quash something, especially through force or authority

*synonym*: squish, slosh, splash

(1) **squelch** a rumor, (2) **squelch** a rebellion

She had to **squelch** her anger before she spoke to her boss

about the issue.

## excavate

*v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

*synonym* : dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

## perceive

*v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

*synonym* : sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

## cursory

*adj.* hasty and superficial; not detailed or thorough

*synonym* : superficial, hasty, quick

(1) **cursory** reading, (2) **cursory** inspection

I only had time for a **cursory** look at the report before the meeting.

## interaction

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

*synonym* : dealings, exchange, relations

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

(2) **interaction** among human beings

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

## adventurous

*adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

*synonym* : daring, risk-taking, bold

(1) lead an **adventurous** life, (2) **adventurous** pioneers

He has an **adventurous** spirit and is unafraid of risks.

## nickname

*n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name

*synonym* :

moniker, sobriquet, handle

(1) endearing **nickname**, (2) **nickname** for a person

The team has a **nickname** for their star player: "The Ace."

## 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.

## isolate

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

*synonym*: separate, sequester, insulate

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

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

## spirit

*n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

*synonym*: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym*: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

## nerd

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

*synonym*: geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck  
He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

## **pursue**

*v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

*synonym*: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

## **architecture**

*n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

*synonym*: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

## **shift**

*n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

*synonym*: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

## **bravado**

*n.* a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere

*synonym*: boldness, swagger, arrogance

(1) lose my **bravado**, (2) heroic **bravado**

The show of **bravado** by the bully only served to mask his insecurity and fear.

## **avenue**

*n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

*synonym*: artery, roadway, street

(1) an **avenue** of poplars, (2) an **avenue** to success

They explored every **avenue** they could think of.

## hamlet

*n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church  
*synonym*: village, settlement, community

(1) **hamlet** village, (2) historic **hamlet**

The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small **hamlet**.

## award

*n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

*synonym*: prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

## actress

*n.* a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies

*synonym*: performer, player, star

(1) an **actress** of real quality, (2) a well-known **actress**

The acclaimed **actress** received an Oscar for her outstanding performance in the film.

## 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**.

## consultant

*n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice

*synonym*: expert, advisor, specialist

(1) **consultant** firm, (2) chief **consultant**

We hired a management **consultant** to help us improve our business strategy.

## definitely

*adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

*synonym*: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

## vibrant

*adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

*synonym* : animated, dynamic, deep

(1) a city **vibrant** with life, (2) variety of **vibrant** colors

A **vibrant** private sector is crucial for economic growth.

## boisterous

*adj.* characterized by high energy, noise, or excitement; exuberant; rowdy

*synonym* : rowdy, loud, uproarious

(1) **boisterous** crowd, (2) **boisterous** children

The children's **boisterous** laughter could be heard from down the street.

## pep

*n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness

*synonym* : energy, enthusiasm, liveliness

(1) **pep** me up, (2) have a lot of **peps**

The coach gave a **pep** talk to the team before the game to boost their spirits.

## heave

*v.* to lift or hoist something heavy with effort; to throw or hurl something, often with force; to rise or fall with a rhythmic motion, as in the heaving of the sea

*synonym* : lift, hoist, tug

(1) **heave** a sigh, (2) **heave** a boulder

The workers had to **heave** the heavy equipment up the staircase to the top floor.

## cleavage

*n.* a division or gap between two parts, particularly a split in rocks or the separation of the breasts in clothing; the sexual attraction of a person's breasts

*synonym* : split, division, separation

(1) **cleavage** shirt, (2) **cleavage** area

The surgical procedure involved making an incision along the natural **cleavage** lines of the skin.

## tell-it-like-it-is

*adj.* straightforward and direct in speech or communication, often characterized by honesty and bluntness in

expressing opinions or ideas

*synonym* : frank, straightforward, outspoken

(1) **tell-it-like-it-is** approach, (2) **tell-it-like-it-is** honesty

Her **tell-it-like-it-is** attitude sometimes makes her come across as blunt, but people appreciate her honesty.

## ladle

*n.* a large, long-handled spoon used for serving liquids, particularly soups or stews

*synonym* : spoon, scoop, dipper

(1) wooden **ladle**, (2) **ladle** gravy

She used a **ladle** to pour soup into the bowls.



## Session 2: Spelling

- |                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. chief con_____nt                 | <i>n.</i> a person who provides professional or expert advice  |
| 2. an endless st____m of cars       | <i>n.</i> a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.   |
| 3. imp_____te a government official | <i>v.</i> to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire |
| 4. di_____ar after a week           | <i>v.</i> to cease to exist or be visible  |
| 5. carry a bu____n                  | <i>n.</i> a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry   |
| 6. ex____d the warranty             | <i>v.</i> to broaden in scope, range, or area  |
| 7. pe_____ve a threat               | <i>v.</i> to become aware or conscious of something through the senses   |
| 8. walk-in wa_____be                | <i>n.</i> a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings       |
| 9. cl_____ge area                   | <i>n.</i> a division or gap between two parts, particularly a split in rocks or the separation of the breasts in clothing; the sexual attraction of a person's breasts     |

ANSWERS: 1. consultant, 2. stream, 3. impersonate, 4. disappear, 5. burden, 6. extend, 7. perceive, 8. wardrobe, 9. cleavage

10. tu\_\_\_\_ge of young learners      *n.* the act or process of providing guidance, instruction, or protection to someone, especially someone who is young or inexperienced; the relationship between a mentor or teacher and their student or protégé
11. a tur\_\_\_\_\_ck sweater      *n.* a sweater or jersey with a high close-fitting collar
12. commercial j\_t      *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
13. 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
14. de\_\_\_\_\_e this prize      *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
15. negative ste\_\_\_\_\_pes      *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
16. p\_\_y devoutly      *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
17. participation aw\_\_d      *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
18. annual re\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

ANSWERS: 10. tutelage, 11. turtleneck, 12. jet, 13. spot, 14. deserve, 15. stereotype, 16. pray, 17. award, 18. revenue

19. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s      *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
20. a matter for con\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
21. ku\_\_s to the team      *n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
22. lose my g\_\_p      *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
23. minimalist wa\_\_\_\_\_be      *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
24. diagnosed in\_\_\_\_\_ly as a tumor      *adv.* at the beginning; at first
25. sp\_\_\_\_t and the letter of the law      *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
26. yield cu\_\_e      *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
27. h\_\_l wrestler      *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

ANSWERS: 19. obvious, 20. congratulation, 21. kudos, 22. grip, 23. wardrobe, 24. initially, 25. spirit, 26. curve, 27. heel

28. y\_\_l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
29. an av\_\_\_e to success *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
30. an emotional ju\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
31. lead an adv\_\_\_\_\_us life *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
32. b\_\_y of options *n.* a large group or collection of people or things, particularly a group of birds or women
33. a p\_\_t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
34. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
35. a mir\_\_\_\_\_us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
36. aw\_\_d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
37. aerial y\_\_a *n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
38. p\_\_y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
39. well-su\_\_\_d personality *adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances

ANSWERS: 28. yell, 29. avenue, 30. judgment, 31. adventurous, 32. bevy, 33. poet, 34. intellect, 35. miraculous, 36. award, 37. yoga, 38. pray, 39. suited

40. say a gr\_\_e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
41. re\_\_\_d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
42. hu\_\_\_\_m day *adj.* lacking in excitement or variety; repetitive; monotonous
43. con\_\_\_\_\_ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
44. financial ind\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
45. Doppler sh\_\_t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
46. pu\_\_\_e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
47. a famous b\_\_d *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
48. mi\_\_\_e with the locals *v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
49. an ep\_\_\_\_\_e of history *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

ANSWERS: 40. grace, 41. regard, 42. humdrum, 43. confidence, 44. independence, 45. shift, 46. pursue, 47. bard, 48. mingle, 49. epitome

50. a court p\_\_t *n.* a person who writes poetry
51. se\_\_\_e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
52. the sets were meticulously  
au\_\_\_\_\_ic *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
53. mi\_\_\_e with colleagues *v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
54. cast gl\_\_\_\_\_us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
55. medieval b\_\_d *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
56. su\_\_\_\_\_be a petition *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
57. inc\_\_\_\_\_ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
58. he\_\_e a sigh *v.* to lift or hoist something heavy with effort; to throw or hurl something, often with force; to rise or fall with a rhythmic motion, as in the heaving of the sea
59. h\_\_l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 50. poet, 51. settle, 52. authentic, 53. mingle, 54. glamorous, 55. bard, 56. subscribe, 57. incredibly, 58. heave, 59. hell

60. re\_\_\_e the company      *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
61. di\_\_\_\_\_ar without a trace      *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
62. ad\_\_\_\_\_re film      *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
63. status q\_o politician      *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
64. c\_y behavior      *adj.* deliberately shy, evasive, or modest, often in a way that is seen as flirtatious or coquettish; unwilling to commit to a course of action or express an opinion
65. al\_\_\_\_\_ly behind the plot      *adv.* according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly
66. pe\_\_y cash      *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
67. a joy to be\_\_\_d      *v.* to look at and observe with attention
68. b\_\_k the trend      *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
69. h\_\_l bone      *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

ANSWERS: 60. refuse, 61. disappear, 62. adventure, 63. quo, 64. coy, 65. allegedly, 66. petty, 67. behold, 68. buck, 69. heel

70. with an unc\_\_\_\_\_ble face      *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
71. ex\_\_\_d a line      *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
72. inv\_\_\_\_\_ly polite      *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
73. t\_\_\_s the bottle into a trash can      *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
74. Hollywood gl\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* an attractive or exciting quality that makes people feel admiration or fascination; the attractive and exciting quality that people often associate with the fashion, entertainment, and beauty industries
75. cu\_\_\_\_\_y inspection      *adj.* hasty and superficial; not detailed or thorough
76. 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
77. 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
78. personal ma\_\_\_e      *n.* the intention or desire to do evil or harm towards someone; ill will or spite
79. in\_\_\_\_\_l medication into my eye      *v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
80. ma\_\_\_\_\_in order      *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

ANSWERS: 70. uncomfortable, 71. extend, 72. invariably, 73. toss, 74. glamour, 75. cursory, 76. quotation, 77. decide, 78. malice, 79. instill, 80. maintain



81. n\_\_d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
82. ju\_\_\_\_\_on point *n.* a point where two or more things meet or come together, particularly roads, railways, or rivers; a place or time of joining or combining
83. draw out your ap\_\_\_l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
84. a waiting m\_\_d *n.* a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work
85. variety of vi\_\_\_\_\_t colors *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
86. wooden la\_\_e *n.* a large, long-handled spoon used for serving liquids, particularly soups or stews
87. de\_\_\_\_\_on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
88. in\_\_\_\_\_ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
89. arc\_\_\_\_\_ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
90. new fa\_\_\_\_\_n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
91. 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

ANSWERS: 81. nerd, 82. junction, 83. appeal, 84. maid, 85. vibrant, 86. ladle, 87. decision, 88. initially, 89. architecture, 90. fashion, 91. decision

92. end of the gr\_\_e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
93. a tra\_\_\_\_\_ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
94. al\_\_\_\_\_ly guilty *adv.* according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly
95. ca\_\_\_\_\_g instrument *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
96. ex\_\_\_\_\_ed vacation *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
97. boi\_\_\_\_\_us crowd *adj.* characterized by high energy, noise, or excitement; exuberant; rowdy
98. a successful ent\_\_\_\_\_eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
99. ma\_\_\_\_\_in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
100. classic arc\_\_\_\_\_ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
101. at\_\_\_\_\_de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
102. win two games bac\_\_\_\_\_ack *adj.* situated close to each other and facing in opposite directions; arranged or scheduled consecutively without a break in between; (adverb) consecutively

ANSWERS: 92. grace, 93. trajectory, 94. allegedly, 95. carving, 96. extended, 97. boisterous, 98. entrepreneur, 99. maintain, 100. architecture, 101. attitude, 102. back-to-back

103. an in\_\_\_\_\_re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
104. financial qu\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a state of uncertainty or confusion, particularly when one is unsure of what to do; a dilemma
105. in\_\_\_\_\_re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
106. cr\_\_k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
107. pe\_\_\_e the document *v.* to read or examine something carefully and thoroughly
108. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
109. the inland of a co\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
110. a\_\_s, I cannot attend the party *adv.* (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing
111. em\_\_\_\_\_al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
112. cl\_\_\_\_\_ge shirt *n.* a division or gap between two parts, particularly a split in rocks or the separation of the breasts in clothing; the sexual attraction of a person's breasts
113. bl\_\_m in autumn *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

ANSWERS: 103. insecure, 104. quandary, 105. insecure, 106. crack, 107. peruse, 108. obvious, 109. continent, 110. alas, 111. emotional, 112. cleavage, 113. bloom

114. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
115. hu\_\_\_\_\_m routine *adj.* lacking in excitement or variety; repetitive; monotonous
116. give si\_\_\_\_t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
117. tra\_\_\_\_\_lly accepted concept *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
118. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
119. an endless stream of an\_\_t *n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
120. com\_\_\_\_\_ve gambling *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
121. people with fr\_\_n faces *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
122. id\_\_\_\_\_ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

ANSWERS: 114. pretension, 115. humdrum, 116. silent, 117. traditionally, 118. progression, 119. angst, 120. compulsive, 121. frown, 122. identity

123. def\_\_\_\_\_ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
124. cu\_\_\_\_\_y reading *adj.* hasty and superficial; not detailed or thorough
125. pe\_\_\_e every page of a book *v.* to read or examine something carefully and thoroughly
126. r\_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
127. easy qu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
128. p\_p me up *n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness
129. he\_\_e a boulder *v.* to lift or hoist something heavy with effort; to throw or hurl something, often with force; to rise or fall with a rhythmic motion, as in the heaving of the sea
130. the d\_n of the university *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
131. ex\_\_\_\_\_ed payment *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
132. a cr\_\_k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
133. b\_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

ANSWERS: 123. definitely, 124. cursory, 125. peruse, 126. rub, 127. quitter, 128. pep, 129. heave, 130. Don, 131. extended, 132. crack, 133. bet

134. media sn__k	<i>n.</i> sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain
135. ev___e	<i>v.</i> to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
136. sc__e off her attacker by screaming	<i>v.</i> to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
137. spiritual g__u	<i>n.</i> a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area
138. career tra_____ry	<i>n.</i> the curved path followed by an object moving through space
139. fitness cr__e	<i>n.</i> an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
140. retie the st___g and make it strong	<i>n.</i> long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
141. am_____g advances	<i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
142. a city vi_____t with life	<i>adj.</i> full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
143. su_____e beforehand	<i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
144. a__s, we did not win the game	<i>adv.</i> (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing

ANSWERS: 134. snark, 135. evolve, 136. scare, 137. guru, 138. trajectory, 139. craze, 140. string, 141. amazing, 142. vibrant, 143. suppose, 144. alas

145. tur\_\_\_\_\_ck undershirts *n.* a sweater or jersey with a high close-fitting collar
146. eq\_\_\_e to legal responsibility *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
147. a fine wr\_\_\_\_\_e on a fabric *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
148. de\_\_\_d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
149. su\_\_\_d for the job *adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances
150. world's ep\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type
151. bu\_\_\_n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
152. se\_\_a photograph *n.* a reddish-brown color reminiscent of old photographs; a photographic process or technique that produces prints in this color
153. d\_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
154. cr\_\_\_\_\_ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 145. turtleneck, 146. equate, 147. wrinkle, 148. defend, 149. suited, 150. epitome, 151. burden, 152. sepia, 153. doe, 154. creative

155. endearing ni\_\_\_\_me *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
156. sq\_\_\_\_h a rumor *v.* to make a sucking sound like that made by walking heavily through mud; to suppress or silence something completely; to crush or quash something, especially through force or authority
157. an unc\_\_\_\_\_ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
158. ha\_\_\_t village *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
159. de\_\_\_e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
160. em\_\_\_\_\_al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
161. in si\_\_\_\_\_er terms *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
162. provide tu\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* the act or process of providing guidance, instruction, or protection to someone, especially someone who is young or inexperienced; the relationship between a mentor or teacher and their student or protégé
163. extra b\_\_k *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

ANSWERS: 155. nickname, 156. squelch, 157. uncomfortable, 158. hamlet, 159. define, 160. emotional, 161. sinister, 162. tutelage, 163. buck



164. in\_\_\_\_\_on behind his decision      *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
165. track down an el\_\_\_\_\_e fact      *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
166. learning cu\_\_e      *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
167. an el\_\_\_\_\_e criminal      *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
168. mo\_\_\_\_\_e sequence      *n.* a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion
169. wi\_\_w pension      *n.* a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried
170. pe\_\_y crime      *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
171. su\_\_\_\_\_ss a revolt      *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
172. ex\_\_\_\_\_te a deep hole      *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
173. as\_\_\_\_\_nt professor      *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
174. is\_\_\_\_\_e a patient      *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

ANSWERS: 164. intention, 165. elusive, 166. curve, 167. elusive, 168. montage, 169. widow, 170. petty, 171. suppress, 172. excavate, 173. assistant, 174. isolate

175. festival re\_\_\_\_y *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
176. q\_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
177. a right-hand gl\_\_e *n.* a piece of clothing worn on the hand and wrist for protection against cold, dirt, etc., with separate parts for each finger
178. 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
179. the most am\_\_\_\_g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
180. black-and-white bl\_\_ms *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
181. vi\_\_\_e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
182. ch\_\_\_h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
183. the st\_\_\_m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
184. ch\_\_\_\_\_ne celebration *n.* a type of sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, or any similar wine produced elsewhere

ANSWERS: 175. revelry, 176. quo, 177. glove, 178. spot, 179. amazing, 180. bloom, 181. virtue, 182. church, 183. stream, 184. champagne

185. hold your br\_\_\_h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
186. ind\_\_\_\_\_nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
187. boi\_\_\_\_\_us children *adj.* characterized by high energy, noise, or excitement; exuberant; rowdy
188. accept a com\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
189. a facial wr\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
190. boost my con\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
191. sq\_\_\_\_\_h a rebellion *v.* to make a sucking sound like that made by walking heavily through mud; to suppress or silence something completely; to crush or quash something, especially through force or authority
192. at\_\_\_\_\_de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
193. the int\_\_\_\_\_on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
194. g\_\_u meditation *n.* a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area

ANSWERS: 185. breath, 186. independence, 187. boisterous, 188. compliment, 189. wrinkle, 190. confidence, 191. squelch, 192. attitude, 193. interaction, 194. guru

195. se\_\_\_e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
196. a well-known ac\_\_\_\_s *n.* a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies
197. theory of the un\_\_\_\_se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
198. an indomitable sp\_\_\_t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
199. su\_\_\_\_ss a yawn *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
200. li\_\_\_r up with some stretching exercises *v.* to make or become more flexible, particularly with exercise or stretching; to prepare oneself mentally or physically for a task or activity
201. buck and d\_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
202. y\_\_a teacher *n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
203. expansion of the un\_\_\_\_se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 195. settle, 196. actress, 197. universe, 198. spirit, 199. suppress, 200. limber, 201. doe, 202. yoga, 203. universe

204. be killed in\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* immediately
205. cr\_\_e for speculation *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
206. major paradigm sh\_\_t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
207. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
208. is\_\_\_\_\_e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
209. gain ku\_\_s *n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
210. li\_\_\_r my body *v.* to make or become more flexible, particularly with exercise or stretching; to prepare oneself mentally or physically for a task or activity
211. an ac\_\_\_\_\_s of real quality *n.* a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies
212. avoid ste\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
213. billionaire ent\_\_\_\_\_eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

ANSWERS: 204. instantly, 205. craze, 206. shift, 207. pretension, 208. isolate, 209. kudos, 210. limber, 211. actress, 212. stereotype, 213. entrepreneur

214. acquire a vi\_\_\_e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
215. ex\_\_l at communication *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
216. an unwilling as\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
217. the c\_\_e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
218. imp\_\_\_\_\_te a character *v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire
219. ad\_\_\_\_\_se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
220. sh\_\_y deal *adj.* characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight
221. to\_\_c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
222. tel \_\_\_\_\_-is approach *adj.* straightforward and direct in speech or communication, often characterized by honesty and bluntness in expressing opinions or ideas
223. a war wi\_\_w *n.* a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried

ANSWERS: 214. virtue, 215. excel, 216. assistant, 217. core, 218. impersonate, 219. advertise, 220. shady, 221. toxic, 222. tell-it-like-it-is, 223. widow

224. adv \_\_\_\_\_ us pioneers *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
225. exposure to to\_\_c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
226. an ap\_\_\_l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
227. co\_\_\_\_\_re his ruin *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
228. c\_\_e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
229. serial qu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
230. say def\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
231. a worried fr\_\_n *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
232. a wood ca\_\_\_\_\_g *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
233. b\_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

ANSWERS: 224. adventurous, 225. toxic, 226. appeal, 227. conspire, 228. core, 229. quitter, 230. definitely, 231. frown, 232. carving, 233. bet

234. m\_\_d service *n.* a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work
235. mistaken id\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
236. go through a mir\_\_\_\_\_us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
237. private j\_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
238. c\_y smile *adj.* deliberately shy, evasive, or modest, often in a way that is seen as flirtatious or coquettish; unwilling to commit to a course of action or express an opinion
239. sh\_\_y business *adj.* characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight
240. a s\_\_o flight *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
241. b\_\_y of beauties *n.* a large group or collection of people or things, particularly a group of birds or women
242. con\_\_\_\_\_nt firm *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
243. de\_\_\_\_\_e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

ANSWERS: 234. maid, 235. identity, 236. miraculous, 237. jet, 238. coy, 239. shady, 240. solo, 241. bevy, 242. consultant, 243. deserve



244. 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
245. co\_\_\_\_\_re to corner the market *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
246. co\_\_\_\_\_nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
247. int\_\_\_\_\_on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
248. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
249. go out of fa\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
250. in\_\_\_\_\_us behavior *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
251. deliver a ju\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
252. in\_\_\_\_\_us plot *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
253. tax re\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
254. y\_\_l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way

ANSWERS: 244. quotation, 245. conspire, 246. continent, 247. interaction, 248. progression, 249. fashion, 250. insidious, 251. judgment, 252. insidious, 253. revenue, 254. yell

255. as\_\_\_s a tax of 10 pounds *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
256. an av\_\_\_e of poplars *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
257. as\_\_\_s the quality *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
258. gastronomic ad\_\_\_\_\_res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
259. re\_\_\_d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
260. heroic br\_\_\_\_\_o *n.* a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere
261. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
262. an au\_\_\_\_\_ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
263. with no an\_\_\_t *n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
264. se\_\_a filter *n.* a reddish-brown color reminiscent of old photographs; a photographic process or technique that produces prints in this color

ANSWERS: 255. assess, 256. avenue, 257. assess, 258. adventure, 259. regard, 260. bravado, 261. determinant, 262. authentic, 263. angst, 264. sepia

265. barren of cr\_\_\_\_ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
266. sn\_\_e attitude *adj.* derogatory or mocking indirectly or subtly, often with a tone of contempt or disapproval
267. clear in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
268. a s\_\_o vocal recital *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
269. pu\_\_\_e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
270. de\_\_\_d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
271. inv\_\_\_\_\_ly correct *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
272. gl\_\_\_\_\_us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
273. a qu\_\_\_\_\_ed doctor *adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
274. qu\_\_\_\_\_ed in medicine *adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
275. con\_\_\_\_\_ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

ANSWERS: 265. creative, 266. snide, 267. intention, 268. solo, 269. pursue, 270. defend, 271. invariably, 272. glamorous, 273. qualified, 274. qualified, 275. congratulation

276. in\_\_\_\_\_l confidence      *v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
277. get inc\_\_\_\_\_ly insecure      *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
278. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields      *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
279. D\_n Giovanni      *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
280. sn\_\_e criticism      *adj.* derogatory or mocking indirectly or subtly, often with a tone of contempt or disapproval
281. a backhanded com\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
282. qu\_\_\_\_\_ry situation      *n.* a state of uncertainty or confusion, particularly when one is unsure of what to do; a dilemma
283. si\_\_\_\_t reading      *adj.* without any or little sound
284. com\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior      *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
285. si\_\_\_\_\_er look      *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
286. lose my br\_\_\_\_\_o      *n.* a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere

ANSWERS: 276. instill, 277. incredibly, 278. determinant, 279. Don, 280. snide, 281. compliment, 282. quandary, 283. silent, 284. compulsive, 285. sinister, 286. bravado

287. la\_\_e gravy *n.* a large, long-handled spoon used for serving liquids, particularly soups or stews
288. deputy pr\_\_e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic
289. ch\_\_\_\_\_ne toast *n.* a type of sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, or any similar wine produced elsewhere
290. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
291. re\_\_\_\_\_y in the streets *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
292. eq\_\_\_e mistakes with failure *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
293. br\_\_\_h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
294. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
295. re\_\_\_e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
296. tense piano st\_\_\_gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
297. photographic mo\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion

ANSWERS: 287. ladle, 288. prime, 289. champagne, 290. decide, 291. revelry, 292. equate, 293. breath, 294. intellect, 295. refuse, 296. string, 297. montage

298. music ext\_\_\_\_\_nza *n.* a spectacular or extravagant show, event, or celebration; a lavish or excessive display of wealth, talent, or creativity
299. ex\_\_l in description *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
300. ev\_\_\_e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
301. de\_\_\_e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
302. small ch\_\_\_h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
303. have a lot of p\_ps *n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness
304. be\_\_\_d the sunrise *v.* to look at and observe with attention
305. holiday ext\_\_\_\_\_nza *n.* a spectacular or extravagant show, event, or celebration; a lavish or excessive display of wealth, talent, or creativity
306. su\_\_\_\_\_e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
307. speak without ma\_\_\_e *n.* the intention or desire to do evil or harm towards someone; ill will or spite
308. pe\_\_\_\_\_ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

ANSWERS: 298. extravaganza, 299. excel, 300. evolve, 301. define, 302. church, 303. pep, 304. behold, 305. extravaganza, 306. suppose, 307. malice, 308. perceive

309. gl\_\_\_\_r model *n.* an attractive or exciting quality that makes people feel admiration or fascination; the attractive and exciting quality that people often associate with the fashion, entertainment, and beauty industries
310. around the gl\_\_e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
311. bac\_\_\_\_ack meetings *adj.* situated close to each other and facing in opposite directions; arranged or scheduled consecutively without a break in between; (adverb) consecutively
312. a ri\_\_\_l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
313. political sn\_\_k *n.* sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain
314. su\_\_\_\_be to the service *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
315. pr\_\_e number *adj.* main or most important; basic
316. t\_\_s a coin *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
317. in\_\_\_\_ly cope with *adv.* immediately

ANSWERS: 309. glamour, 310. globe, 311. back-to-back, 312. ritual, 313. snark, 314. subscribe, 315. prime, 316. toss, 317. instantly

318. 5-finger gl\_\_e *n.* a piece of clothing worn on the hand and wrist for protection against cold, dirt, etc., with separate parts for each finger
319. ad\_\_\_\_\_se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
320. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
321. ni\_\_\_\_\_me for a person *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
322. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
323. morning ri\_\_\_l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
324. historic ha\_\_\_t *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
325. tra\_\_\_\_\_lly sung at a banquet *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
326. tel\_\_\_\_\_is honesty *adj.* straightforward and direct in speech or communication, often characterized by honesty and bluntness in expressing opinions or ideas
327. r\_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
328. run like h\_\_l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 318. glove, 319. advertise, 320. industrious, 321. nickname, 322. industrious, 323. ritual, 324. hamlet, 325. traditionally, 326. tell-it-like-it-is, 327. rub, 328. hell



329. g\_\_p of fear *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
330. ex\_\_\_\_\_te soil *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
331. ju\_\_\_\_\_on box *n.* a point where two or more things meet or come together, particularly roads, railways, or rivers; a place or time of joining or combining
332. sc\_\_e the birds away *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
333. a computer n\_\_d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
334. terrestrial gl\_\_e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

ANSWERS: 329. grip, 330. excavate, 331. junction, 332. scare, 333. nerd, 334. globe

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.  
*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
2. She couldn't resist adding a little \_\_\_\_\_ to her online comment.  
*n.* sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain
3. Could you help me \_\_\_\_\_ some furniture?  
*n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
4. The battlefield became \_\_\_\_\_ on earth.  
*n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
5. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.  
*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
6. Our company needs to \_\_\_\_\_ the business impact of climate change.  
*v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
7. He won the \_\_\_\_\_ for best actor at the film festival.  
*n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
8. The woman of the house does the holy \_\_\_\_\_ of lighting two candles.  
*n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

ANSWERS: 1. pretensions, 2. snark, 3. shift, 4. hell, 5. obvious, 6. assess, 7. award, 8. ritual

9. The stages of the play were meticulously \_\_\_\_\_  
*adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
10. The company has shown an excellent growth \_\_\_\_\_ over the years.  
*n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
11. The teacher attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ the importance of hard work in her students.  
*v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
12. The city is known for its impressive \_\_\_\_\_ and beautiful old buildings.  
*n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.  
*adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
14. Flight across the \_\_\_\_\_ was a daring adventure in its day.  
*n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
15. This suit is made of \_\_\_\_\_ material.  
*n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
16. The old photograph had a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ tone.  
*n.* a reddish-brown color reminiscent of old photographs; a photographic process or technique that produces prints in this color
17. A \_\_\_\_\_ private sector is crucial for economic growth.  
*adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 9. authentic, 10. trajectory, 11. instill, 12. architecture, 13. extended, 14. continent, 15. wrinkle-proof, 16. sepia, 17. vibrant

18. The \_\_\_\_\_ is about 13.8 billion years old.
- n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
19. She used a \_\_\_\_\_ to pour soup into the bowls.
- n.* a large, long-handled spoon used for serving liquids, particularly soups or stews
20. He felt a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.
- n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
21. My initial reaction was to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
22. He was considered a \_\_\_\_\_ in economics and consulted by many leaders.
- n.* a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area
23. 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
24. Her \_\_\_\_\_ are consistently rational and sensible.
- n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
25. The fashion show was a lavish, glittering \_\_\_\_\_ of style and glamour.
- n.* a spectacular or extravagant show, event, or celebration; a lavish or excessive display of wealth, talent, or creativity

ANSWERS: 18. universe, 19. ladle, 20. angst, 21. refuse, 22. guru, 23. decision, 24. judgments, 25. extravaganza

26. My \_\_\_\_\_ job is boring and unfulfilling.

*adj.* lacking in excitement or variety; repetitive; monotonous

27. The \_\_\_\_\_ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

*n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

28. He had a firm \_\_\_\_\_ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

*n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

29. Human \_\_\_\_\_ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

*adj.* relating to people's feelings

30. She is a talented \_\_\_\_\_ who has been recognized for her work.

*n.* a person who writes poetry

31. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ of pearls around her neck.

*n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

32. It would be best if you \_\_\_\_\_ out all those old magazines.

*v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion

33. Her \_\_\_\_\_ selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

*n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

ANSWERS: 26. humdrum, 27. congratulations, 28. grip, 29. emotional, 30. poet, 31. string, 32. tossed, 33. wardrobe

34. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.  
*v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
35. Australia is widely \_\_\_\_\_ as having low levels of corruption.  
*v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
36. The street was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ on New Year's Eve.  
*n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
37. He was the \_\_\_\_\_ of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.  
*n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type
38. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.  
*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
39. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.  
*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
40. The old oak tree stood with \_\_\_\_\_ and majesty in the park's center.  
*n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
41. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ spirit and is unafraid of risks.  
*adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

ANSWERS: 34. maintain, 35. perceived, 36. revelry, 37. epitome, 38. determinant, 39. intellect, 40. grace, 41. adventurous

42. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
43. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ our company through your media.
- v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
44. Skill and \_\_\_\_\_ are an unconquered army.
- n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
45. We hired a management \_\_\_\_\_ to help us improve our business strategy.
- n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
46. The doctor prescribed medication to \_\_\_\_\_ the patient's appetite.
- v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
47. Her visit will \_\_\_\_\_ from Monday to Friday.
- v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
48. She intends to \_\_\_\_\_ a political career.
- v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
49. The student was under the \_\_\_\_\_ of a well-known scholar.
- n.* the act or process of providing guidance, instruction, or protection to someone, especially someone who is young or inexperienced; the relationship between a mentor or teacher and their student or protégé

ANSWERS: 42. spirit, 43. advertise, 44. confidence, 45. consultant, 46. suppress, 47. extend, 48. pursue, 49. tutelage

50. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
51. The \_\_\_\_\_ between these two roads is a common site of traffic accidents.
- n.* a point where two or more things meet or come together, particularly roads, railways, or rivers; a place or time of joining or combining
52. The \_\_\_\_ mannerisms of the actress only added to her allure on and off the screen.
- adj.* deliberately shy, evasive, or modest, often in a way that is seen as flirtatious or coquettish; unwilling to commit to a course of action or express an opinion
53. Changing \_\_\_\_\_ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
54. The company has been successful in maintaining the status \_\_\_\_.
- n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
55. The physicist who found the \_\_\_\_\_ particle won the Nobel Prize.
- adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
56. A \_\_\_\_ of birds was flying together in formation.
- n.* a large group or collection of people or things, particularly a group of birds or women
57. Jet \_\_\_\_\_ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
- n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

ANSWERS: 50. adventures, 51. junction, 52. coy, 53. stereotypes, 54. quo, 55. elusive, 56. bevy, 57. streams



58. Children in an unstructured environment often feel \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
59. The acclaimed \_\_\_\_\_ received an Oscar for her outstanding performance in the film.
- n.* a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies
60. They opened a bottle of \_\_\_\_\_ to celebrate their success.
- n.* a type of sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, or any similar wine produced elsewhere
61. The archaeologists \_\_\_\_\_ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.
- v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
62. The paper is \_\_\_\_\_ worth reading thoroughly.
- adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
63. Many people find that regular \_\_\_\_\_ practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.
- n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
64. Her shimmering dress added \_\_\_\_\_ to the evening party.
- n.* an attractive or exciting quality that makes people feel admiration or fascination; the attractive and exciting quality that people often associate with the fashion, entertainment, and beauty industries
65. His final goal is to sail around the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

ANSWERS: 58. insecure, 59. actress, 60. champagne, 61. excavated, 62. definitely, 63. yoga, 64. glamour, 65. globe

66. I \_\_\_\_ that you know it.

- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

67. I spotted a majestic \_\_\_\_ with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

- n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

68. We experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.

- n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

69. The film used a \_\_\_\_\_ of images to show the progress of the character's journey over time.

- n.* a sequence of images, sounds, or clips that are combined to convey a particular message or emotion

70. 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

71. International law allows each nation to \_\_\_\_\_ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

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

72. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.

- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 66. bet, 67. buck, 68. craze, 69. montage, 70. creative, 71. defend, 72. industrious

73. The \_\_\_\_\_ arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.  
*adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
74. He that would eat the kernel must \_\_\_\_\_ the nut.  
*v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
75. She received \_\_\_\_\_ from her boss for her exceptional work on the project.  
*n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
76. The show of \_\_\_\_\_ by the bully only served to mask his insecurity and fear.  
*n.* a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere
77. She had the \_\_\_\_\_ that work was fun.  
*n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
78. Frugality and industry are still \_\_\_\_\_ as virtues.  
*v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
79. He bated his \_\_\_\_\_ when talking about this affair.  
*n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
80. The group of friends \_\_\_\_\_ to pull a prank on their teacher.  
*v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

ANSWERS: 73. petty, 74. crack, 75. kudos, 76. bravado, 77. attitude, 78. regarded, 79. breath, 80. conspired

81. I want to buy a new \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow.

*n.* a sweater or jersey with a high close-fitting collar

82. The employee \_\_\_\_\_ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

*v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

83. \_\_\_\_\_ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

*n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

84. The tree provided some \_\_\_\_\_ relief from the scorching sun.

*adj.* characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight

85. His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to look at and observe with attention

86. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

*adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

87. He could never go against what \_\_\_\_ Carlos said.

*n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge

88. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and \_\_\_\_\_ at me.

*v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way

ANSWERS: 81. turtleneck, 82. deserved, 83. Entrepreneurs, 84. shady, 85. behold, 86. compulsive, 87. Don, 88. yelled

89. Eyeless fish \_\_\_\_\_ in dark caves.

- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

90. She \_\_\_\_\_ the menu before ordering her meal.

- v.* to read or examine something carefully and thoroughly

91. We hit the ground to \_\_\_\_\_ out the rabbits.

- v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

92. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.

- v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

93. \_\_\_\_\_ I realized I had left my keys at home and couldn't enter the building.

- adv.* (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing

94. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ recovery.

- adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

95. The cherry blossoms in the park were in full \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

96. The company \_\_\_\_\_ in customer service.

- v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

97. That style is no longer in \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

ANSWERS: 89. evolved, 90. perused, 91. scare, 92. subscribe, 93. Alas, 94. miraculous, 95. bloom, 96. excels, 97. fashion

98. I would love to \_\_\_\_\_ camping someday.

*adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone

99. I only had time for a \_\_\_\_\_ look at the report before the meeting.

*adj.* hasty and superficial; not detailed or thorough

100. 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

101. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an \_\_\_\_\_ directly.

*n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

102. She wore high \_\_\_\_\_ to the party.

*n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

103. They watched the train \_\_\_\_\_ into the distance.

*v.* to cease to exist or be visible

104. His \_\_\_\_\_ remarks toward his coworkers showed his lack of respect for them.

*adj.* derogatory or mocking indirectly or subtly, often with a tone of contempt or disapproval

105. The workers had to \_\_\_\_\_ the heavy equipment up the staircase to the top floor.

*v.* to lift or hoist something heavy with effort; to throw or hurl something, often with force; to rise or fall with a rhythmic motion, as in the heaving of the sea

ANSWERS: 98. solo, 99. cursory, 100. spot, 101. appeal, 102. heels, 103. disappear, 104. snide, 105. heave

106. His abusive words made me \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
107. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.  
*adj.* without any or little sound
108. The live-in \_\_\_\_\_ came in to clean the room every day.  
*n.* a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work
109. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?  
*v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
110. The job offer was perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ to her skills and experience.  
*adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances
111. The restaurant received \_\_\_\_\_ awards for its exceptional cuisine and service.  
*adj.* situated close to each other and facing in opposite directions; arranged or scheduled consecutively without a break in between; (adverb) consecutively
112. The team has a \_\_\_\_\_ for their star player: "The Ace."  
*n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
113. The coach gave a \_\_\_\_\_ talk to the team before the game to boost their spirits.  
*n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness

ANSWERS: 106. uncomfortable, 107. silent, 108. maid, 109. suppose, 110. suited, 111. back-to-back, 112. nickname, 113. pep

114. They explored every \_\_\_\_\_ they could think of.

- n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

115. She was wearing a black \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a piece of clothing worn on the hand and wrist for protection against cold, dirt, etc., with separate parts for each finger

116. She had many good \_\_\_\_\_ and few faults.

- n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

117. She \_\_\_\_\_ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

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

118. The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church

119. It isn't very reasonable to \_\_\_\_\_ money with happiness.

- v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

120. He \_\_\_\_\_ stole money from the company.

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

121. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

- n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

122. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ up before starting to exercise to prevent injury.

- v.* to make or become more flexible, particularly with exercise or stretching; to prepare oneself mentally or physically for a task or activity

ANSWERS: 114. avenue, 115. glove, 116. virtues, 117. rubbed, 118. hamlet, 119. equate, 120. allegedly, 121. curve, 122. limber



123. The terrorist's \_\_\_\_\_ remains unknown.

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

124. We seek a person \_\_\_\_\_ for the post.

*adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

125. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

*n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

126. \_\_\_\_\_ the ceremony was held outdoors.

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

127. The defendant's \_\_\_\_\_ towards the victim was evident in the testimony.

*n.* the intention or desire to do evil or harm towards someone; ill will or spite

128. The comedian is famous for his ability to \_\_\_\_\_ famous politicians.

*v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire

129. 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

130. To advance this discussion, we must \_\_\_\_\_ "success" rigorously.

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

ANSWERS: 123. identity, 124. qualified, 125. church, 126. Traditionally, 127. malice, 128. impersonate, 129. quotation, 130. define

131. I remembered that person \_\_\_\_\_ and never forgot.

*adv.* immediately

132. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ her anger before she spoke to her boss about the issue.

*v.* to make a sucking sound like that made by walking heavily through mud; to suppress or silence something completely; to crush or quash something, especially through force or authority

133. The disease has an \_\_\_\_\_ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

*adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

134. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

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

135. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

136. That car has a low environmental \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

137. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something

138. I decided to \_\_\_\_\_ with the crowd and converse with some new people.

*v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner

ANSWERS: 131. instantly, 132. squelch, 133. insidious, 134. interaction, 135. toxic, 136. burden, 137. cores, 138. mingle

139. There is nothing more valuable than \_\_\_\_\_ and freedom.  
*n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
140. She closed her eyes and \_\_\_\_\_ for strength to overcome difficult times.  
*v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
141. Several cities are experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ high unemployment rates.  
*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
142. Our CEO's \_\_\_\_\_ are always transparent and straightforward.  
*n.* something you want to do and are going to do
143. She \_\_\_\_\_ arrived at the office early each day.  
*adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
144. 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
145. An executive \_\_\_\_\_ director administers each branch.  
*n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
146. The intricate \_\_\_\_\_ on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.  
*n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
147. The children's \_\_\_\_\_ laughter could be heard from down the street.  
*adj.* characterized by high energy, noise, or excitement; exuberant; rowdy

ANSWERS: 139. independence, 140. prayed, 141. incredibly, 142. intentions, 143. invariably, 144. decide, 145. assistant, 146. carving, 147. boisterous

148. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the \_\_\_\_\_ suspect.

*adj.* main or most important; basic

149. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ them from the community.

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

150. The company has made great strides in its \_\_\_\_\_ toward sustainability.

*n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

151. The dark clouds in the sky gave off a \_\_\_\_\_ feeling.

*adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

152. This train departed later than \_\_\_\_\_ scheduled.

*adv.* at the beginning; at first

153. I don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ for second best.

*v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

154. The \_\_\_\_\_ performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.

*n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song

155. He was labeled as a \_\_\_\_\_ after he abandoned the project halfway.

*n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

156. Her \_\_\_\_\_ made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

*n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

ANSWERS: 148. prime, 149. isolate, 150. progression, 151. sinister, 152. initially, 153. settle, 154. bard's, 155. quitter, 156. compliment

157. This graph indicates the city's tourism \_\_\_\_\_ over five years.

*n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

158. The \_\_\_\_ flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

*n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

159. Her \_\_\_\_\_ attitude sometimes makes her come across as blunt, but people appreciate her honesty.

*adj.* straightforward and direct in speech or communication, often characterized by honesty and bluntness in expressing opinions or ideas

160. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.

*adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

161. The surgical procedure involved making an incision along the natural \_\_\_\_\_ lines of the skin.

*n.* a division or gap between two parts, particularly a split in rocks or the separation of the breasts in clothing; the sexual attraction of a person's breasts

162. He was, by nature, a cyber \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

163. The south coast is less \_\_\_\_\_ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

*adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

164. Thinking always made him \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

ANSWERS: 157. revenue, 158. jet, 159. tell-it-like-it-is, 160. amazing, 161. cleavage, 162. nerd, 163. glamorous, 164. frown

165. She became a \_\_\_\_\_ after her husband passed away.

*n.* a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried

166. I was in a \_\_\_\_\_ over which job offer to accept.

*n.* a state of uncertainty or confusion, particularly when one is unsure of what to do; a dilemma

167. Hunters use a whistle that makes the \_\_\_\_ sound to lure stags.

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 165. widow, 166. quandary, 167. doe