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Session 1: Word List

ancient

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

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

sow

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

synonym : plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

grain

n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

synonym : seed, piece, cereal

(1) a **grain** of sand, (2) flour made from **grain**

Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen **grains**.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym : acclaimed, notable, prominent

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

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

goddess

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

synonym: deity, divinity, idol

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

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

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

morsel

n. a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something

synonym: bit, bite, fragment

(1) mouth-watering **morsel**, (2) tiny **morsel**

I only had a small **morsel** of cake while trying to watch my weight.

sustenance

n. food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

synonym: nourishment, livelihood, nutrition

(1) scanty **sustenance**, (2) **sustenance** allowance

A regular job is often a spiritual **sustenance**.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym: lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

beloved

adj. loved very much

synonym: adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people
I am here to save my **beloved**.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

shadowy

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

synonym : dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

frolic

v. to play and move around happily and energetically

synonym : play, romp, gambol

(1) **frolic** underwater, (2) **frolic** with friends

Children **frolicked** in the park on a sunny day.

meadow

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

synonym : pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**

The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

freshwater

adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt

(1) **freshwater** area, (2) **freshwater** aquatic bird

This microbe is a parasite of **freshwater** fish.

nymph

n. (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform

synonym : sprite, fairy, pixie

(1) **nymph** of the woods, (2) water **nymph**

The sea **nymphs** were said to lure sailors with their seductive voices.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym: esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

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**.

narcissus

n. a type of flower that is yellow, white, or orange; a person who is excessively self-absorbed or self-admiring

(1) tazetta **narcissus**, (2) **narcissus** flower

The daffodil belongs to the genus **narcissus**.

tremble

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

synonym: shiver, flutter, quaver

(1) **tremble** in fear, (2) **tremble** violently with emotion

When I heard the news, my whole body **trembled** with excitement.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym: break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

underworld

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

synonym: hell, netherworld, underworld

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

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

wrench

v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

synonym: twist, turn, bend

(1) **wrench** off the lock, (2) **wrench** my back

A deep sigh was **wrenched** from his chest.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

inky

adj. resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance

synonym: dark, ink-stained

(1) **inky** fingerprints, (2) **inky** pen

The **inky** shadows created a spooky atmosphere in the room.

- chariot** *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
(1) **chariot** builder, (2) **chariot** race
The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating **chariot** races.
- blast** *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
synonym : blow, burst, explosion
(1) a **blast** of wind, (2) an icy **blast**
The **blast** shattered the laboratory equipment.
- weep** *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
synonym : cry, sob, mourn
(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy
I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.
- dissolve** *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
synonym : disband, disappear, liquefy
(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage
The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.
- abduction** *n.* the act of taking someone away by force or deception; kidnapping
synonym : kidnapping, snatching, capture
(1) **abduction** case, (2) attempted **abduction**
The police launched an investigation into the **abduction** of the wealthy businessman.
- crater** *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
synonym : cavity, hole, pit
(1) **crater** lake, (2) lunar **crater**
An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic

explosion occurred.

mount

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

synonym: climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym: humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

consent

n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

synonym: approval, authorization, concession

(1) **consent** for surgery, (2) give silent **consent**

She gave her **consent** to the company's proposal.

plea

n. an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication

synonym : petition, appeal, entreaty

(1) **plea** bargaining, (2) emotional **plea**

The defendant entered a **plea** of not guilty during his trial.

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.

grief

n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

synonym : anguish, desperation, dismay

(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**

Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym : dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

neglect

v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

synonym : delinquency, carelessness, decay

(1) **neglect** to call, (2) **neglect** ethical issues

He **neglected** his health to make the project a success.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym : hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

synonym : epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

mortal

adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

synonym : deathly, perishable, non-eternal

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

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

wary

adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

synonym : cautious, suspicious, leery

(1) a **wary** statesman, (2) **wary** of marriage

She was **wary** of meeting new people because of past experiences.

worship

v. to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

synonym : adore, idolize

(1) **worship** god, (2) absolutely **worship**

They traditionally **worship** their guru.

tribute

n. a payment, gift, or other forms of recognition made in honor of or submission to another person or entity

synonym : honor, accolade, recognition

(1) pay **tribute**, (2) **tribute** album

The statue was built as a **tribute** to the soldiers who died in the war.

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.

crusade

n. a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

synonym : holy war, religious war, expedition

(1) a **crusade** against smoking, (2) environmental **crusade**
During the **Crusade** period, many European Christians went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

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**.

frigid

adj. extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive

synonym : frosty, icy, glacial

(1) **frigid** climate, (2) **frigid** air
I had to wear multiple layers to survive the **frigid** temperatures outside.

wage

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

synonym : payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**
His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**
He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

rebuff

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

synonym : reject, decline, repel

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

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

advance

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

synonym: progress, boost, come along

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

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

laughter

n. the act or sound of laughing

synonym: laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**

Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym: please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

crisp

adj. hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating

synonym: breakable, brittle, flaky

(1) the **crisp** air of winter, (2) **crisp** manner

Every day he wears a **crisp** white shirt to the office.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym: ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

pomegranate

n. red fruit with a tough outer layer and sweet, juicy, edible seeds inside; a bitter white membrane surrounds the seeds

(1) delicious **pomegranate** dessert, (2) **pomegranate** juice

I love adding **pomegranate** seeds to my salads.

branch

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

synonym: limb, twig, bough

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

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

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

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.

ray *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
synonym : beam, light, glimmer

(1) opaque to X- **rays**, (2) effect of cosmic **rays**

Gamma **rays** penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

crop *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym : output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

sympathy *n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions

synonym : compassion, empathy, understanding

(1) **sympathy** card, (2) feel **sympathy**

I expressed my **sympathy** to my friend after her cat passed away.

betray *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym : fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

furious *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage

synonym : angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

heartbreak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym : grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**
They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue
He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym: descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality
As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

ravenous

adj. extremely hungry or famished; greedy or voracious in appetite or desire

synonym: hungry, famished, voracious

(1) **ravenous** hunger, (2) **ravenous** wolf
After running a marathon, I felt **ravenous** and ate an entire pizza.

meager

adj. small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

synonym: scanty, sparse, insufficient

(1) **meager** salary, (2) **meager** resources
The refugee family had to survive on a **meager** amount of food and water daily.

ensnare

v. to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally

synonym: entangle, trap, ensnarl

(1) **ensnare** victims, (2) **ensnare** a suspect

The spider used its web to **ensnare** its prey.

swear

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

synonym : declare, assert, curse

(1) **swear** an oath, (2) **swear** a blue streak

I **swear** I didn't mean to break your vase.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym : reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

fertile

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

synonym : fruitful, productive, rich

(1) **fertile** ground, (2) **fertile** market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

distinction

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

synonym : eminence, noteworthiness, excellence

(1) important **distinction**, (2) draw a **distinction**

I can't see any **distinction** between these two concepts.

pact

n. a formal agreement between two or more parties

synonym : agreement, treaty, covenant

(1) a nonaggression **pact**, (2) aviation **pact**

The two countries made a **pact** to reduce their carbon emissions.

remainder

n. the part of something that is left over when the rest has been used or taken

synonym : balance, leftover, residue

(1) division with **remainder**, (2) the **remainder** of my life

The **remainder** of the cake was put in the fridge for

tomorrow.

ascend

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

synonym: rise, climb, go up

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

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

rejoice

v. to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event

synonym: enjoy, delight, celebrate

(1) **rejoice** over a victory, (2) **rejoice** at the moment

We should all **rejoice** in the good things life has to offer.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

arrival

n. the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

synonym: reaching, appearance, coming

(1) **arrival** and departure gate, (2) **arrival** at a conclusion

Weather forecasters are predicting the **arrival** of a heatwave.

herald

v. to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

synonym: announce, proclaim, declare

(1) **herald** the news, (2) **herald** a new era

The sound of the trumpet **heralded** the arrival of the king.

descent

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

synonym: fall, drop, family

(1) **descent** from nobility, (2) **descent** of family
The **descent** from the mountain was steep and rocky.

mourn

v. to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

synonym: grieve, lament, weep

(1) **mourn** with deep grief, (2) **mourn** death

We **mourned** the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.

unyielding

adj. rigid or inflexible in attitude, behavior, or opinion; not willing to compromise or change; resistant to pressure or persuasion

synonym: adamant, stubborn, inflexible

(1) **unyielding** determination, (2) **unyielding** resistance

The **unyielding** negotiations led to a stalemate between the two countries.

usher

n. a person who shows people to their seats in a theater or church or who guides them through a building

synonym: guide, escort, conductor

(1) act as **usher**, (2) **usher** theater

The uniformed **usher** showed the guests to their seats.

rouse

v. to awaken or stir up from sleep, inactivity, or apathy; to excite or stimulate one's feelings or interests; to provoke or incite someone to action or reaction

synonym: stir, awaken, arouse

(1) **rouse** much interest, (2) **rouse** to action

I tried to **rouse** my sleepy child from bed for school.

stoke

v. to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict

synonym: stir up, fuel, ignite

(1) **stoke** a fire, (2) **stoke** passions

The artist used bright colors and bold brushstrokes to **stoke** a

sense of vibrancy in their painting.

await

v. to wait or stay ready for something; to expect or anticipate something

synonym: expect, wait for, anticipate

(1) **await** your reply, (2) **await** a decision

We **await** the results of the election with bated breath.

transit

n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

synonym: transportation, passage, transfer

(1) a **transit** visa, (2) mass **transit**

Public **transit** is an essential service for many cities.

gradual

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

synonym: incremental, gradational, piecemeal

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

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

bittersweet

adj. having a mixture of both positive and negative emotions or experiences; simultaneously pleasant and painful

synonym: semisweet, ambivalent, mixed

(1) **bittersweet** ending, (2) a **bittersweet** memory

The graduation ceremony was **bittersweet** as the students said goodbye to their classmates and teachers.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym: agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

Session 2: Spelling

1. nu____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
2. be____d by many people *adj.* loved very much
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10. re____e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
11. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating

ANSWERS: 1. nurture, 2. beloved, 3. wary, 4. sustenance, 5. meager, 6. meadow, 7. sustenance, 8. mount, 9. pave, 10. refuse, 11. terrifying

12. wr___h my back *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
13. flour made from gr__n *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
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21. have gr__f and sorrow *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
22. di_____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
23. deadly pl___e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

ANSWERS: 12. wrench, 13. grain, 14. crater, 15. permanent, 16. despair, 17. ensnare, 18. inherit, 19. crisp, 20. gradual, 21. grief, 22. dissolve, 23. plague

24. aw__t your reply *v.* to wait or stay ready for something; to expect or anticipate something
25. cel_____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
26. an icy bl__t *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
27. sw__r a blue streak *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
28. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
29. act as us__r *n.* a person who shows people to their seats in a theater or church or who guides them through a building
30. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
31. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
32. en_____e victims *v.* to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally
33. a gr__n of sand *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
34. the re_____er of my life *n.* the part of something that is left over when the rest has been used or taken
35. p__a bargaining *n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication

ANSWERS: 24. await, 25. celebrated, 26. blast, 27. swear, 28. decline, 29. usher, 30. despair, 31. compromise, 32. ensnare, 33. grain, 34. remainder, 35. plea

36. a silent pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
37. bl__m in autumn *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
38. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
39. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
40. re_____e at the moment *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
41. mass tr_____t *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
42. fe_____e market *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
43. ro__e to action *v.* to awaken or stir up from sleep, inactivity, or apathy; to excite or stimulate one's feelings or interests; to provoke or incite someone to action or reaction
44. water ny__h *n.* (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform
45. bring la_____er *n.* the act or sound of laughing

ANSWERS: 36. protest, 37. bloom, 38. grant, 39. pave, 40. rejoice, 41. transit, 42. fertile, 43. rouse, 44. nymph, 45. laughter

46. ch____t builder *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
47. br____h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
48. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
49. a lot of gr__f *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
50. st____e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
51. pom____te juice *n.* red fruit with a tough outer layer and sweet, juicy, edible seeds inside; a bitter white membrane surrounds the seeds
52. a cr____e against smoking *n.* a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end
53. i__y pen *adj.* resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance
54. opaque to X-r_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

ANSWERS: 46. chariot, 47. branch, 48. crop, 49. grief, 50. starve, 51. pomegranate, 52. crusade, 53. inky, 54. ray

55. attempted ab_____on *n.* the act of taking someone away by force or deception; kidnapping
56. ab_____on case *n.* the act of taking someone away by force or deception; kidnapping
57. de_____t from nobility *n.* the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins
58. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
59. na_____us flower *n.* a type of flower that is yellow, white, or orange; a person who is excessively self-absorbed or self-admiring
60. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
61. lowland me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
62. wr___h off the lock *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
63. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
64. 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
65. ar_____l at a conclusion *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
66. us___r theater *n.* a person who shows people to their seats in a theater or church or who guides them through a building

ANSWERS: 55. abduction, 56. abduction, 57. descent, 58. compromise, 59. narcissus, 60. heartbreak, 61. meadow, 62. wrench, 63. confront, 64. appeal, 65. arrival, 66. usher

67. ch____t race *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
68. fr___c underwater *v.* to play and move around happily and energetically
69. a nonaggression p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
70. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
71. winged go____s of victory *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
72. fu____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
73. mo__n death *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
74. be____d author *adj.* loved very much
75. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
76. wa___r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
77. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
78. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
79. black-and-white bl__ms *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

ANSWERS: 67. chariot, 68. frolic, 69. pact, 70. wit, 71. goddess, 72. furious, 73. mourn, 74. beloved, 75. wit, 76. wander, 77. famine, 78. heartbreak, 79. bloom

80. ra____us hunger *adj.* extremely hungry or famished; greedy or voracious in appetite or desire
81. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
82. re_____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
83. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
84. w__y of marriage *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
85. he____d the news *v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
86. division with re_____er *n.* the part of something that is left over when the rest has been used or taken
87. tr_____e in fear *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
88. ro__e much interest *v.* to awaken or stir up from sleep, inactivity, or apathy; to excite or stimulate one's feelings or interests; to provoke or incite someone to action or reaction
89. a go_____s of beauty *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
90. as____d to power *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

ANSWERS: 80. ravenous, 81. terrifying, 82. reunite, 83. permanent, 84. wary, 85. herald, 86. remainder, 87. tremble, 88. rouse, 89. goddess, 90. ascend

91. absolutely wo_____p	v.	to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
92. mo__t a counterattack	v.	to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
93. a mo___l combat	adj.	subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
94. hold a pr_____t	n.	a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
95. a br___h pipe	n.	a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
96. 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
97. a fu_____s sea	adj.	extremely angry; full of rage
98. sh_____y doorway	adj.	dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
99. mo__n with deep grief	v.	to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
100. fe_____e ground	adj.	capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

ANSWERS: 91. worship, 92. mount, 93. mortal, 94. protest, 95. branch, 96. appeal, 97. furious, 98. shadowy, 99. mourn, 100. fertile

101. ad____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
102. i__y fingerprints *adj.* resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance
103. aw__t a decision *v.* to wait or stay ready for something; to expect or anticipate something
104. pay tr____e *n.* a payment, gift, or other forms of recognition made in honor of or submission to another person or entity
105. la_____er all around *n.* the act or sound of laughing
106. de____t of family *n.* the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins
107. a gr____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
108. give si____t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
109. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
110. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
111. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
112. ar____l and departure gate *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
113. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible

ANSWERS: 101. advance, 102. inky, 103. await, 104. tribute, 105. laughter, 106. descent, 107. gradual, 108. silent, 109. suddenly, 110. ancient, 111. ancient, 112. arrival, 113. disappear

114. sw__r an oath v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
115. give silent co_____t n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
116. organic agr_____re n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
117. catch the pl___e n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
118. fr___d climate *adj.* extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive
119. d__g a chair over v. to pull or haul with force
120. this mo___l life *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
121. environmental cr_____e n. a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end
122. st___e for a victory v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
123. ad_____e a cooperative relationship v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

ANSWERS: 114. swear, 115. consent, 116. agriculture, 117. plague, 118. frigid, 119. drag, 120. mortal, 121. crusade, 122. starve, 123. advance

124. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
125. ra____us wolf *adj.* extremely hungry or famished; greedy or voracious in appetite or desire
126. as___d the ladder *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
127. officially di____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
128. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
129. increase in the minimum w__e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
130. a bit_____et memory *adj.* having a mixture of both positive and negative emotions or experiences; simultaneously pleasant and painful
131. fre_____er area *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
132. ny__h of the woods *n.* (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform
133. re____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
134. tr____e album *n.* a payment, gift, or other forms of recognition made in honor of or submission to another person or entity

ANSWERS: 124. hunt, 125. ravenous, 126. ascend, 127. dissolve, 128. refuse, 129. wage, 130. bittersweet, 131. freshwater, 132. nymph, 133. reunite, 134. tribute

135. st__e a fire *v.* to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
136. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
137. wa___r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
138. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
139. criminal und_____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
140. ne_____t to call *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
141. he___d a new era *v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
142. co_____t for surgery *n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
143. sy_____hy card *n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
144. delicious pom_____te dessert *n.* red fruit with a tough outer layer and sweet, juicy, edible seeds inside; a bitter white membrane surrounds the seeds

ANSWERS: 135. stoke, 136. famine, 137. wander, 138. disappear, 139. underworld, 140. neglect, 141. herald, 142. consent, 143. sympathy, 144. pomegranate

145. ad___e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
146. draw a dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
147. fre_____er aquatic bird *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
148. emotional p__a *n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication
149. tazetta na_____us *n.* a type of flower that is yellow, white, or orange; a person who is excessively self-absorbed or self-admiring
150. lunar cr___r *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
151. aviation p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
152. fr___c with friends *v.* to play and move around happily and energetically
153. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
154. cel_____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
155. me___r salary *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

ANSWERS: 145. admire, 146. distinction, 147. freshwater, 148. plea, 149. narcissus, 150. crater, 151. pact, 152. frolic, 153. contemplate, 154. celebrated, 155. meager

156. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
157. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
158. sa____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
159. re__f the attack *v.* to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely
160. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
161. re__f an offer *v.* to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely
162. be__y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
163. god of the und_____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
164. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
165. unpaid w__es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
166. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
167. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

ANSWERS: 156. suddenly, 157. split, 158. satisfy, 159. rebuff, 160. split, 161. rebuff, 162. betray, 163. underworld, 164. nurture, 165. wage, 166. grant, 167. confront

168. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
169. effect of cosmic r_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
170. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
171. uny_____ng determination *adj.* rigid or inflexible in attitude, behavior, or opinion; not willing to compromise or change; resistant to pressure or persuasion
172. re_____e over a victory *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
173. w__p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
174. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
175. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
176. sa_____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
177. the cr__p air of winter *adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
178. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
179. ne_____t ethical issues *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

ANSWERS: 168. sow, 169. ray, 170. agriculture, 171. unyielding, 172. rejoice, 173. weep, 174. admire, 175. decline, 176. satisfy, 177. crisp, 178. inherit, 179. neglect

180. tiny mo___l *n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something
181. a tr_____t visa *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
182. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
183. tr_____e violently with emotion *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
184. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
185. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
186. feel sy_____hy *n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
187. mouth-watering mo___l *n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something
188. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
189. w__p bitter tears *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
190. important dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people

ANSWERS: 180. morsel, 181. transit, 182. sow, 183. tremble, 184. hunt, 185. contemplate, 186. sympathy, 187. morsel, 188. drag, 189. weep, 190. distinction

191. a bl__t of wind *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
192. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
193. fr___d air *adj.* extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive
194. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
195. wo_____p god *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
196. uny_____ng resistance *adj.* rigid or inflexible in attitude, behavior, or opinion; not willing to compromise or change; resistant to pressure or persuasion
197. st__e passions *v.* to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
198. sh_____y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
199. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
200. bit_____et ending *adj.* having a mixture of both positive and negative emotions or experiences; simultaneously pleasant and painful

ANSWERS: 191. blast, 192. silent, 193. frigid, 194. crop, 195. worship, 196. unyielding, 197. stoke, 198. shadowy, 199. betray, 200. bittersweet

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.
adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
2. A deep sigh was _____ from his chest.
v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
3. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.
adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes
4. My initial reaction was to _____.
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
5. The sea _____ were said to lure sailors with their seductive voices.
n. (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform
6. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
7. I can't see any _____ between these two concepts.
n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people
8. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
9. 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

ANSWERS: 1. gradual, 2. wrenched, 3. celebrated, 4. refuse, 5. nymphs, 6. branch, 7. distinction, 8. disappear, 9. appeal

10. I had to wear multiple layers to survive the _____ temperatures outside.

adj. extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive

11. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

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

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

13. Herbs require _____ soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

14. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

15. The festival was held in honor of the harvest _____.

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

16. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

17. The _____ negotiations led to a stalemate between the two countries.

adj. rigid or inflexible in attitude, behavior, or opinion; not willing to compromise or change; resistant to pressure or persuasion

ANSWERS: 10. frigid, 11. protest, 12. underworld, 13. fertile, 14. dissolved, 15. goddess, 16. silent, 17. unyielding

18. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
19. The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating _____ races.
n. a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
20. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.
v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
21. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
22. During the _____ period, many European Christians went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.
n. a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end
23. The _____ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.
adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
24. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.
v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
25. She was _____ of meeting new people because of past experiences.
adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

ANSWERS: 18. Agriculture, 19. chariot, 20. sowed, 21. nurture, 22. Crusade, 23. shadowy, 24. confront, 25. wary

26. I am here to save my _____.

adj. loved very much

27. I only had a small _____ of cake while trying to watch my weight.

n. a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something

28. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

29. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

30. The daffodil belongs to the genus _____.

n. a type of flower that is yellow, white, or orange; a person who is excessively self-absorbed or self-admiring

31. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

32. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

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

33. When I heard the news, my whole body _____ with excitement.

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

ANSWERS: 26. beloved, 27. morsel, 28. meadow, 29. wander, 30. narcissus, 31. suddenly, 32. mounted, 33. trembled

34. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
35. The two countries made a _____ to reduce their carbon emissions.
n. a formal agreement between two or more parties
36. Children _____ in the park on a sunny day.
v. to play and move around happily and energetically
37. This microbe is a parasite of _____ fish.
adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
38. Every day he wears a _____ white shirt to the office.
adj. hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
39. The _____ of the cake was put in the fridge for tomorrow.
n. the part of something that is left over when the rest has been used or taken
40. She tried to flirt with him but was _____ with a cold shoulder.
v. to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely
41. I love adding _____ seeds to my salads.
n. red fruit with a tough outer layer and sweet, juicy, edible seeds inside; a bitter white membrane surrounds the seeds
42. Did this response _____ your request?
v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

ANSWERS: 34. contemplated, 35. pact, 36. frolicked, 37. freshwater, 38. crisp, 39. remainder, 40. rebuffed, 41. pomegranate, 42. satisfy

43. We _____ the results of the election with bated breath.

v. to wait or stay ready for something; to expect or anticipate something

44. We should all _____ in the good things life has to offer.

v. to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event

45. A regular job is often a spiritual _____.

n. food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

46. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

47. The spider used its web to _____ its prey.

v. to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally

48. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

49. The _____ shattered the laboratory equipment.

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

50. The police launched an investigation into the _____ of the wealthy businessman.

n. the act of taking someone away by force or deception; kidnapping

ANSWERS: 43. await, 44. rejoice, 45. sustenance, 46. declines, 47. ensnare, 48. plague, 49. blast, 50. abduction

51. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would _____ in sympathy if I saw that movie.
v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
52. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
53. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
54. I expressed my _____ to my friend after her cat passed away.
n. the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
55. Some doctor says _____ is the best medicine.
n. the act or sound of laughing
56. The statue was built as a _____ to the soldiers who died in the war.
n. a payment, gift, or other forms of recognition made in honor of or submission to another person or entity
57. Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen _____.
n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
58. The sound of the trumpet _____ the arrival of the king.
v. to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

ANSWERS: 51. weep, 52. paved, 53. advance, 54. sympathy, 55. laughter, 56. tribute, 57. grains, 58. heralded

59. All humans are _____ and will eventually die.

adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

60. The refugee family had to survive on a _____ amount of food and water daily.

adj. small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

61. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

62. Each person has a unique _____ experience.

n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

63. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

64. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

v. to pull or haul with force

65. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

66. Gamma _____ penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

n. a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

67. The uniformed _____ showed the guests to their seats.

n. a person who shows people to their seats in a theater or church or who guides them through a building

ANSWERS: 59. mortal, 60. meager, 61. wages, 62. grief, 63. split, 64. dragged, 65. hunt, 66. rays, 67. usher

68. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.

- v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

69. We _____ the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.

- v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

70. I tried to _____ my sleepy child from bed for school.

- v.* to awaken or stir up from sleep, inactivity, or apathy; to excite or stimulate one's feelings or interests; to provoke or incite someone to action or reaction

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

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

72. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.

- n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

73. She gave her _____ to the company's proposal.

- n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

74. His friend's death drove him to _____.

- n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

75. Sow early for an early _____.

- n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

ANSWERS: 68. starve, 69. mourned, 70. rouse, 71. ancient, 72. famine, 73. consent, 74. despair, 75. crop

76. Weather forecasters are predicting the _____ of a heatwave.
n. the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
77. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
78. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
79. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
adj. extremely angry; full of rage
80. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
v. to agree to give or allow somebody
81. She is searching for a _____ residence.
adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
82. He has the ____ to keep talking about this topic.
n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
83. After running a marathon, I felt _____ and ate an entire pizza.
adj. extremely hungry or famished; greedy or voracious in appetite or desire
84. They traditionally _____ their guru.
v. to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

ANSWERS: 76. arrival, 77. compromised, 78. betrayed, 79. furious, 80. granted, 81. permanent, 82. wit, 83. ravenous, 84. worship

85. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.

- v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

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

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

87. The artist used bright colors and bold brushstrokes to _____ a sense of vibrancy in their painting.

- v.* to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict

88. The band will _____ only for this show.

- v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

89. The defendant entered a _____ of not guilty during his trial.

- n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication

90. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

- adj.* very frightening or intimidating

91. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.

- n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

92. He _____ his health to make the project a success.

- v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

93. The plane began to _____ into the sky.

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

ANSWERS: 85. admire, 86. descent, 87. stoke, 88. reunite, 89. plea, 90. terrifying, 91. transit, 92. neglected, 93. ascend

94. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

95. The graduation ceremony was _____ as the students said goodbye to their classmates and teachers.

adj. having a mixture of both positive and negative emotions or experiences; simultaneously pleasant and painful

96. The _____ shadows created a spooky atmosphere in the room.

adj. resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance

97. The cherry blossoms in the park were in full _____.

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

98. An enormous _____ marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

99. I _____ I didn't mean to break your vase.

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

100. After his death, his sons _____ his business.

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

ANSWERS: 94. heartbreak, 95. bittersweet, 96. inky, 97. bloom, 98. crater, 99. swear, 100. inherited